

LEAP NEWS

Friday 10th July 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Gracias maestro/ maestra! *Thank you teacher!*...

Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere Primary Schools working in partnership

SCIENCE @ LEAP

Our children have had a busy and exciting summer term in science, with pupils across the LEAP Federation asking thoughtful questions, carrying out practical investigations and developing their scientific understanding through hands-on enquiry.



At Gayhurst, Year 3 unearthed the secrets of rocks, fossils and soils before discovering what plants need to thrive. Year 4 became budding electrical engineers through their work on electricity, while Years 5 and 6 explored animals, including humans and living things and their habitats.



At Grasmere, Year 3 investigated rocks and plants, Year 5 learned about animals, including humans, and Year 6 developed their understanding of habitats and classification, learning how scientists organise the living world.



At Kingsmead, Year 3 explored forces and magnetism before studying plants, while Year 4 investigated states of matter and sound through a range of engaging experiments. Older pupils continued their learning about the human body, habitats and ecosystems.

Meanwhile, at Mandeville, Year 3 also explored rocks, fossils and soils and plants, while Year 5 studied animals, including humans and Year 6 investigated how organisms survive and interact within ecosystems.



Across the federation, our youngest scientists explored life cycles, plants, habitats and seasonal change, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm as they made sense of the world around them.

"I loved learning about electricity because we got to build circuits!" – **Gayhurst**

"Studying habitats and classification helped me understand how scientists group living things and how everything in nature is connected." – **Grasmere**

"My favourite science lesson was learning about magnets. I was surprised by how strong they were and enjoyed testing what they could attract." – **Kingsmead**

"Learning about the human body was really interesting because it helped me understand how exercise and healthy choices affect our bodies." - **Mandeville**

KINGSMEAD REPORTING FOR BBC NEWSROUND

We are delighted to be able to share a link to the BBC newsround clip featuring reporters **Evan, Cormac and Aylan** from Kingsmead's Year 4 interviewing Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson with questions about his up-coming film **Moana**, which the children saw at a special press screening.

You can watch their interview [here](#).



FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

Thanks to Better who are funding free Swimming Lessons **for Year 5 & 6 students** in Hackney in the summer holidays 2026, at Britannia Leisure Centre or London Fields Lido. Children must currently be in school year 5 or 6. They must be available to attend at least 80% of lessons in the two weeks at either Britannia Leisure Centre or London Fields Lido. Lessons will be 30 minutes long and take place in the mornings. Apply using [this form](#).

LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

Don't forget to book for the Kingsmead & Mandeville or Gayhurst and Grasmere holiday camps running for three weeks this summer. The camps will run from **Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August** from 10—2pm daily and are open to children from Reception to Year 6. The camps will be staffed by adults from our schools who know the children, and everyone attending will be offered a hot meal freshly prepared every day. There will be plenty of great activities for children to choose from at both camps including lots of sports and physical games, arts and crafts, gardening and Forest School fun and cooking at the School of Food, as well as some trips which are being planned. Don't forget to book your child's place.



SUMMER TERM 2026

1st half of term: 13.04.26 - 22.05.26

Half term: 25 - 29 May 2026

2nd half of term: 02.06.26 - 17.07.26

INSET days - Mon 1 June &
Mon 20 July

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Owl	101	Oceean 98.5% Mars 98.3%
Phase 2	River	292	
Phase 3	Venus	316	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Evalina
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Therese
Squirrel class (Rec) Jaylen
Owl class (Rec) Zayn
Ocean class (Yr 1) Tyler M & Akuol

River class (Yr 2) Hamzah & D'Zai
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Resharn & Millie
Mercury class (Yr 4) Huseyin & Raha
Mars class (Yr 5) Kara & Tezayn
Venus class (Yr 6) Amadou & Mary-Theresa

MANDEVILLE'S SUMMER BBQ

We had a fantastic time at our Summer BBQ yesterday! The sun was shining and, despite the heat, our families came out in great numbers. The atmosphere was full of joy, laughter, and excitement from start to finish.

Our incredible staff pulled out all the stops to put on a brilliant day for our families. We enjoyed fantastic performances from **our talented choir**, led by **James**, amazing **steel pan music**, and a surprise visit from dancing mascots, which the children absolutely loved. It was so lovely to see both familiar and new faces coming together to enjoy the day. The children had a great time with face painting, the bouncy castle, and roller skating, while parents and carers relaxed, caught up with one another, and enjoyed the sunshine.

A real highlight of the day was the delicious new menu created by **Sergio and his amazing kitchen team**, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep everyone well fed and happy. We're also incredibly grateful to all the volunteers who helped set everything up, especially **Latoya**, and to our **fantastic PTA**, who did a brilliant job organising the raffle. Days like this remind us what a special community we have here at Mandeville. A huge thank you to **our wonderful staff, volunteers, PTA, and families** for making the day such a success. We're already looking forward to doing it all again next year!

"This is the best BBQ I have ever been to! This is not like a school BBQ at all. Thank you to the staff who organised it.

I am looking forward to it next year." - **new Reception parent**



"I think this was the best BBQ we've ever had! It was lovely to see so many happy faces. Thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to make the day such a success, especially in the heat." - **Kaltum**

"I had the best time ever. I loved everything, especially the dancing mascots." - **Suri, year 4**

"Imagine having a headteacher who is also a DJ! Marc is the best, and last night was so fun." - **Lulu, year 3**





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SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The School Councillors have been working incredibly hard this term alongside members of the Senior Leadership Team, monitoring and celebrating the many successes taking place in the playground. They have shown great responsibility, encouraging positive behaviour, recognising acts of kindness, and helping to make playtimes enjoyable for everyone. Their enthusiasm and commitment have made a real difference, and they have been excellent role models for the rest of the school.

As we come to the end of the year, we would like to thank all of our School Councillors for their dedication and hard work. Throughout the year, they have worked closely with the kitchen team, sharing the views of their classmates and helping to improve the lunchtime experience. They have also developed valuable leadership skills, including public speaking, teamwork, and strategic decision-making. We are incredibly proud of how well they have worked together, represented our school with maturity, and made such a positive contribution to our school community. Well done, School Councillors!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 13 July** Drumming & dance performance
Year 3, 4 & 5- 1:45 pm and Year 1 & 2- 2:45 pm
- Tues 14 July** Sports Day for Rec to Y6
- Weds 15 July** Reception Graduation 2:30 pm +
Y6 production, 5pm
- Thurs 16 July** Class parties +
Y6 leavers disco (after 3.30, exact timings TBC)
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term -
school closes early for children at 1.30pm