

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Bien venidos a la escuela *Welcome to School...*

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

NEWSLETTER WELCOME

Welcome to the first LEAP newsletter of 2026/27. For those who are new to our schools, the LEAP federation sends out a weekly newsletter to all our families, which is made up of two sections:

- **LEAP NEWS** celebrates stories and events from across our schools which we think all our families would enjoy reading about and shares information that may be relevant or useful to all our families.
- **GAYHURST/ MANDEVILLE/ KINGSMEAD/ GRASMERE NEWS**, which carries stories and information that is specifically relevant to each individual school, including a Key Dates section.

Further information about each of the schools in our federation can be found on each school's dedicated website:

Gayhurst - www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

Mandeville - www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk

Kingsmead - www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

Grasmere - www.grasmere.hackney.sch.uk

LEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

A huge thank you to the staff teams who ran the Kingsmead & Mandeville and Gayhurst & Grasmere Summer Holiday camps for the first three weeks of the summer break. These were very successful, with children enjoying a wide range of different sports and creative activities, including lovely sessions cooking and gardening at the Hackney School of Food.

At Kingsmead and Mandeville's camp, the cycling sessions that were offered two days a week, led by qualified cycling instructors, were very popular, as were the ice skating trips and sessions at the Olympic Park Adventure Playground.

At Gayhurst and Grasmere children enjoyed swimming at London Fields Lido and ice skating trips as well as all the creative and sports activities that were on offer.

Special mention to the Summer Camp kitchen team based in Kingsmead's school Kitchen, (**Shernnett, Ana, Sulania, Elliot and Shugri**) who prepared delicious lunches everyday for the children at both Summer Camps.

LEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS CONTINUED.....





AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: 03.09.26 - 23.10.26

Half term: 26 - 30 October 2026

2nd half of term: 02.11.26 - 18.12.26

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)			
Phase 2			
Phase 3			

WELCOME BACK!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to Mandeville this week and to see the school full of energy, smiles and excitement again. The children have settled back into school life incredibly well and we have been really proud of the positive way they have started the new year.

As families will know, our return this year has also included remembering John following his very sad death during the summer. We knew how important it was that we handled this carefully and sensitively. Before the children returned, all staff received training and guidance on how to talk with and support children in an honest, reassuring and age appropriate way. We have also been supported throughout by our Educational Psychologist, School Counsellor and Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner.

We spoke about John together during our whole school assembly and children were then given opportunities within their classes to talk, ask questions and share their memories if they wanted to. We have been incredibly proud of the maturity and resilience they have shown. Importantly, we have also begun looking forward, giving the children the opportunity to think about how we can remember and celebrate John and the contribution he made to Mandeville.

We also want to say a huge thank you to our families. The kindness, understanding and overwhelming support you have shown to our staff and to the school has meant a great deal to us.

There is lots to look forward to this year and, after such a positive start, we are excited about the year ahead and everything we will achieve together.

WELCOME TO SOME NEW STAFF

Please join us in extending a warm Mandeville welcome to our new members of staff: Lucy, Reception Teacher; Annabelle & Tei-Ann, Reception Team; Malyum, Year 1 Teacher; and Jacob, Year 3 Teacher.



Malyum



Jacob



Lucy



Tei-Ann



Annabelle

BREAKFAST CLUB, PLAY CENTRE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club is available Mon to Fri, term time only, starting at 7:45am and running until 8.50.

Breakfast will be served up until 8:30am. Breakfast club is open to all children, from Nursery to Yr 6. The cost is £1 per child per day (or 50p per child per day for children who are registered for Free School Meals). Bookings can be made on Arbor. Breakfast Club is free between 8:20-8:50am.

After School Play Centre: The Play Centre will be available Mon to Fri, term time only, starting at 3:30 and ending at 5:30pm. It is available for children from Nursery, (if they can cope with the longer day) to Yr 6.

Play Centre costs: 1 hour is £5.00 (3.30-4.30pm or 4.30-5.30pm) or 2 hours is £10.00 (3.30-5.30pm). Free School Meals children: £5 for any session.

Both Breakfast Club and After School Play Centre started on the first day of term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: After school activity clubs will begin **w/c Monday 21st Sept** and will run for eleven weeks, finishing on Friday 11th Dec. Club information will be sent out to all children on Monday 14th Sept. To book and secure a place for your child, please log into your Arbor online account.

After School Club costs: From this term, the cost of our after school clubs will increase slightly from £20 to £30 per club, per term, payable in advance. Children eligible for Pupil Premium are entitled to one free after school club each term. To book a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) space, please contact the school office directly. If you are unsure whether your child qualifies for PPG, the office will be happy to advise.

More information on our Wraparound Care offer including Tax Free Childcare scheme payments can be found [here](#).

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Thurs 17 Sept Meet Anna, our Mental Health Practitioner
Parent meeting 9 - 10am

w/c Mon 21 Sept After School Clubs start

Mon 5 Oct School Photographer in for individual & sibling photos

Thurs 8 Oct Year 6 class assembly 3pm

Fri 9 Oct World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - option to wear something yellow to school

Thurs 13 Oct Mental Health parent workshop with Dr Natalie Bailey 9 - 10am

Thurs 22 Oct Year 5 class assembly 3pm

Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct Half term break

Fri 13 Nov Children in need day—option to wear PJs

Mon 16 Nov Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference

Thurs 19 Nov Year 4 class assembly 3pm

Friday 18 Dec Last day of Autumn Term

School closes early at 1.30pm for children