

LEAP NEWS

Friday 11th September 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Estamos felices con nuestros amigos.... We are happy with our friends....

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

LEAP PUPIL IS A WATERWAYS DESIGN CHALLENGE WINNER!

Last term children were invited to take part in the Mayor of London's Clean and Healthy Waterways Design Challenge.

This creative competition encouraged young people to think about the future of our environment. London's waterways are part of what makes our city special. From the Thames to canals, wetlands and smaller rivers, these spaces connect communities, support wildlife, and help people enjoy nature close to home. The design challenge encouraged children to explore what rivers and waterways mean to them—from wildlife and adventure to wellbeing, community, and the future of our city. The theme was 'River of Life', and winning designs would be painted onto picnic benches and placed in four London boroughs, including Hackney.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the fantastic achievement of Kingsmead's former Year 6 pupil, **Ali Ulger**, who created one of the winning designs in the Mayor of London's Clean and Healthy Waterways Design Challenge!

Ali's creative entry impressed the judges, who particularly loved his vision of nature and people coexisting together and imagining a thriving future for London's waterways.

Even more excitingly, Ali's winning design is now being transferred onto a bench, bringing his artwork to life and allowing others to enjoy his creative vision.

We are so proud of Ali's creativity and imagination and look forward to seeing his winning design on the finished bench.



Ali's design

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers to make sure you visit as many secondary schools as possible, before making your secondary school choices. You can find a list of Hackney's Secondary school open events and their dates [here](#).

Please note **City Academy** have just released two additional open morning dates due to high demand:

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd October, 2026

Both from 9:00am to 10:30am

HACKNEY FOODBANK OPEN DAY

Ever wondered about the logistics of feeding hundreds of people every week?

For the first time, Hackney Foodbank is opening the doors to its Homerton HQ with warehouse tours, a chance to meet the team, games, a bouncy castle, crafts and a cake sale. The Open Day (on **Saturday September 26th** between **10am and 3pm**) is free, with any donations of **long-life food gratefully received!**

Guests can also book to take part in the food bank's legendary Supermarket Sweep Challenge, which sets off at 10am.

Jenna Fansa, Head of Fundraising at Hackney Foodbank, said: "Feeding hundreds of people every week takes a lot of organising and we'd love the chance to show people around. Our caseworkers will be there talking about the work they do and the difference that makes and we'll have some lovely activities for children."

"The Open Day is free, but we'd welcome any donations of long-life food. We're also inviting guests to sign up for our Supermarket Sweep challenge. Working in teams of up to six people, they'll head to the Supermarket with trolleys and shopping lists and will compete to bring back the most food with a £100 budget. There are other challenges along the way and bonus points on our fun inflatables at the end. The winner will walk away with our coveted supermarket trolley trophy!"

Places for the Sweep are limited and can be purchased by clicking on this link.

The Open Day takes place at the **Wally Foster Community Centre, Homerton Road, Hackney, E9 5QB.**





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)	Squirrel	78	
Phase 2	River	105	
Phase 3	Mercury	246	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Evalina
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Clara
Squirrel class (Rec) Whole class
Owl class (Rec) Whole class
Ocean class (Yr 1) Whole class

River class (Yr 2) Whole class
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Ayah & Safwan
Mercury class (Yr 4) Whole class
Mars class (Yr 5) Raha & Dave
Venus class (Yr 6) Whole class

RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

This year's Reception Class have all joined the Mandeville family bringing new energy and fresh ideas. The children have settled into their new environment well and are getting to know each other and the adults. They have already experienced Forest School music, gymnastics, PE, great food and so much more.

We can't wait to see what they get up to this year!



SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME TO THE YEAR AHEAD

We are excited to invite families to our Welcome to the Year Ahead event on **Wednesday 23rd September, 4 - 5:30pm**. This will be an informal opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other members of the Mandeville team, connect with other parents and families, explore what your child will be learning this year and ask questions. The focus will be on welcoming families, building relationships and discussing the curriculum and the year ahead. More information will follow soon- for now, please save the date!

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 17 Sept** Coffee Morning: Meet Anna, our Mental Health Practitioner 9 - 10am
- w/c Mon 21 Sept** After School Clubs start
- Wed 23 Sept** Welcome to the Year Ahead (Meet the teacher)- 4 - 5:30pm
- Tues 29 Sept** Coffee Morning: Empowerment Framework 9-10am
- Mon 5 Oct** School Photographer in for individual & sibling photos
- Tues 6 Oct** Coffee Morning: Reception families Phonics workshop 9-10am
- 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
- Tues 20 Oct** Coffee Morning: Year 1 families Phonics workshop 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

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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

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

Cost: Clubs cost £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. Please see below for club timetable.

Day	Club Name & Year Group	Time	Leader
Mon	Dance (Auditions)	3:45 – 4:45	STS
Mon	Football Years 2,3,4	3:30 – 5:00	Freddy
Mon	Multi-Sports Reception	3:30 – 4:30	TGI
Mon	Lego Years 1 & 2	3:30 – 4:30	Lisa J
Mon	Piano Years 5 & 6	3:30 – 4:30	Jacob
Tue	Football Years 5 & 6	3:30 – 5:00	Freddy
Tue	Forest school Reception	3:30-4:30	Annabel
Tue	Steel Pan Year 4	3:30-4:30	Millie
Tue	Art Years 1 & 2	3:30-4:30	Tracy
Tue	Lego Reception	3:30-4:30	Lisa J
Tue	Ceramics Years 5 & 6	3:30-4:30	Izzy
Wed	Roller Skating Year 3,4,5 & 6	3:30-4:30	Outside agency
Wed	Gymnastics Reception	3:30 – 4:30	Autumn
Wed	Reading club Years 1 & 2	3:30-4:30	Lisa J
Thu	Table Tennis Years 3,4,5 & 6	3:30 – 4:30	Freddy
Thu	Running club Years 3,4,5 & 6	3:30 – 4:30	Natalie & Ellie
Thu	Multi-Sports Year 1 & 2	3:30 – 4:30	TGI

COFFEE MORNING:

THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 9am



Hello Mandeville Community
I'm Anna, an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) from City & Hackney Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

I will be working collaboratively with Mandeville Primary School, including pupils, teachers and parents, to support children who may be experiencing common, low-level mental health difficulties. I will be offering support and

guidance around anxiety, low mood and behaviour difficulties, helping children and families to better understand their emotions and develop strategies to support their mental health and wellbeing.

I will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 17th September, where I can introduce myself, meet members of the Mandeville community and share more about the support available through the Mental Health Support Team

I look forward to meeting you and working together to support the wellbeing of our Mandeville children and families.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are looking for donations to help us develop our continuous provision. These are resources that children can independently access throughout the day to support, practise and extend their learning through play.

If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations. Thank you so much for helping us create an exciting and enriching learning environment for our children.

- Lego
- Wooden blocks
- Stickle Bricks
- Magnetic tiles
- Duplo

