

LEAP NEWS

Friday 18th September 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

No me gusta el viento..... *I don't like the wind....*

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

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?



If you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals your child is also entitled to a wide range of other free services including, free and discounted trips, clubs, music lessons, holiday playschemes, holiday lunches, holiday supermarket vouchers and even sometimes free uniform and all you have to do is fill in one form!

Apply online now, in confidence:
education.hackney.gov.uk/FSM
Working for every child

Across our LEAP schools, we are encouraging all eligible families to register for Free School Meals (FSM). Although ALL children are getting a free school lunch this year again, thanks to funding from the Mayor of London, there are still many other benefits for families that come with registering for Free School Meals.

BENEFITS TO YOU OF REGISTERING FOR FSM

- Free school uniform sweatshirt for every new Free School Meal sign up for Kingsmead, Mandeville & Gayhurst (Grasmere has no school uniform)
- May include offer of 1 free After School activity club per week per child if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Grant at school.
- For children in Year 6: a discount for cost of school journey as well as £100 secondary school uniform grant from Hackney Council
- Sometimes opportunities for special trips or activities become available for children registered for Free School Meals at school and in wider community

BENEFITS TO OUR SCHOOLS OF INCREASING THE NUMBERS REGISTERED FOR FSM

Additionally, the higher the number of children registered for Free School Meals, the more funding our schools will get from the Department for Education, which will impact the offer we can make to ALL children across the LEAP schools.

To be able to register for Free School Meals, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- ⇒ Universal Credit
- ⇒ support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ⇒ Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- ⇒ Guarantee element of State Pension

If you are a family with no recourse to public funds, you may still be entitled to FSM—[click here](#) for more info.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR FSM CONTINUED.....

If you are not sure whether you qualify to register for Free School Meals please speak to staff in your school's office who will help you. You can register for Free School Meals [here](#).



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SCHOOL OF FOOD FREE FAMILY COOK –A-LONG SESSIONS

Sign Up Now!

Join us at Hackney School of Food for our FREE Family Cook-a-Long programme, designed to help local families build confidence in cooking healthy, delicious and affordable meals together.

Across three fun, hands-on sessions, you'll cook alongside other families, learn practical skills from our experienced food educators and enjoy sharing a freshly prepared meal together.

Each session focuses on simple, nutritious recipes using just five key ingredients, making it easy to recreate meals at home without breaking the bank. You'll also pick up useful tips on meal planning, batch cooking, reducing food waste and getting children involved in the kitchen.

What's included?

- Three free, hands-on family cooking sessions, with all ingredients and equipment provided.
- Take-home recipe boxes after each session so you can continue cooking together.
- A Family Cooking Toolkit packed with recipes, budgeting tips and advice on batch cooking and freezing meals.
- The chance to meet other local families and enjoy cooking and eating together.

Session dates

Thursday 15 October, 12 November
& 10 December 2026

3:45–5:45pm

Hackney School of Food, E5 0BT

All three sessions are free!

Who can take part?

This programme is for families on low incomes who may be experiencing, or at risk of, food insecurity. Priority will be given to families who are eligible for Free School Meals or receiving income-related benefits.

Families must be available to attend all three sessions.

Register your interest

Places are limited, so we'd love to hear from you! Complete our expression of interest form and a member of our team will be in touch to let you know whether you've been allocated a place.

Express interest [here](#).



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD **THE SKINNERS' COMPANY**

FAMILY COOK-A-LONG SERIES

For families in receipt of **FSM** or other means-tested support

15:45-17:45
THURSDAY
15TH OCT, 12TH NOV, 10TH DEC



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	73	Ocean 99.2% Mars 98.7%
Phase 2	River	105	
Phase 3	Venus	301	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Jahmarl
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Freda
Squirrel class (Rec) Hatice
Owl class (Rec) Rio
Ocean class (Yr 1) Jake
Mountain class (Yr 1) Jaylen

River class (Yr 2) Paloma & Illiana
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Henry & Heleta
Mercury class (Yr 4) Starr & Destiny
Mars class (Yr 5) Xia & Ellie-May
Venus class (Yr 6) Jaspreet & River

YEAR 3'S EPPING FOREST ADVENTURE

Year 3 went on an exciting trip to Epping Forest as part of their learning about the Stone Age. Entering the forest, they were encouraged to step back in time to an era when bears and wolves would have roamed freely. The session was an opportunity to practice two essential Stone Age skills: fire making and shelter building. Everyone had a great time and left with a deeper understanding of what life might have been like for our prehistoric ancestors.

'I loved making fire and I was proud of myself for how hard I tried.' **Mason**

'I enjoyed making miniature shelters out of wood.' **Salma**

'My favourite part was making fire - it was so fun!' **Quban**

'Making dens was great because loads of creatures visited ours like beetles, ladybirds and snails.' **Issa**



YEAR 3's EPPING FOREST ADVENTURE CONTINUED....



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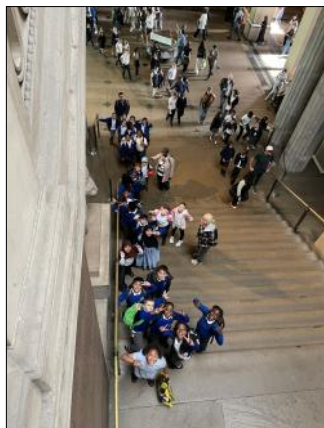


YEAR 5 VISIT BRITISH MUSEUM

Last week, year 5 visited the British Museum to explore the Anglo-Saxon artifacts as well as the Viking exhibit. They saw artifacts found at Sutton-Hoo including the famous Sutton-Hoo helmet. *"I liked the Sutton-Hoo helmet because it was quite scary!" - Taynara* *"I also liked looking at the artifacts from Sutton-Hoo."* – Suri.

The class had opportunities to ask loads of questions and find out more about what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain.

"My favourite part was finding the world's longest sword but it was only used for ceremonies, not fighting." -Deniz



WELCOME TO THE YEAR AHEAD EVENT

Mandeville hosted our Meet the Teacher Event this week and it was a great success! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the drop-in event. It was lovely to see parents meeting their class teachers and mingling with other parents. Families had the opportunity to learn and experience what their child would be learning throughout the coming year.

"It was good to feel like we had significant time to speak with the teachers. Seeing the weekly timetable, samples of books and having the opportunity to ask questions was really helpful. Hopefully this continues every year! And the poppyseed lemon cake was delicious!"

- Samantha, year 3 parent

"It was such a pleasure attending and having the opportunity to meet with Sam. She is kind, understanding and patient, and always takes the time to support my daughter and help her feel more confident."

- Latoya, Year 1 parent

"We found the event so pleasant and helpful. There was such a friendly atmosphere and it was lovely to meet the teacher. The Year 1 materials were really useful and it was great to talk to the senior leaders too!"

- Mrs Thanh Ton, Year 1 parent

"It was great to meet Malyum properly and hear about what my child will be learning this year. I'm always so impressed with the care and attention taken at Mandeville to organise events like this, and very appreciative."

— Stephen L, year 1 parent

"Thank you for organising the event. It was really fluid. I liked meeting the teacher in a relaxed environment."

Amber, year 2 parent

WELCOME TO THE YEAR AHEAD EVENT CONTINUED.....



EMPOWERMENT FRAMEWORK COFFEE MORNING

Please come and join us on **Tuesday 29th September**, from 9–10am, for our coffee morning. We'll be sharing an update on our Empowerment Framework.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

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| Tues 29 Sept | Coffee Morning: Empowerment Framework 9-10am |
| Fri 2 Oct | Mandeville Helping Hands AGM 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