



# Hoxton Garden Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

13th December 2024

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### Reminders

#### End of Term

Term finishes on Friday 20th December at 2.00pm. School re-opens for all children on Tuesday 7th January at 8.55am.



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who have attended end of term events including the Winter Fayre and Sing Alongs. Our three school choir has been performing at various events including a Hackney wide celebration at the Town Hall. We are very proud of the commitment to music in our school and the many talented musicians we have. A huge thank you to our music team, Ms Davidson and Ms Ilk for their preparation and hard work. Instrumental lessons start again in the Spring Term and if you would like your child to gain from the many benefits of learning a musical instrument then please ask at our reception desk for an application form. Learning an instrument not only brings a lot of pleasure, it helps develop concentration, listening skills, patience, social skills and memory. We subsidise all lessons with an even cheaper rate for those eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and loan instruments to allow practise at home.

We regard healthy eating education as a whole-school focus, and we believe that opportunities to teach about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle occur throughout the curriculum. Healthy eating education forms an important part of our school's curriculum. The importance of balanced nutrition and healthy food choices is explicitly taught through the Science, Design and Technology and the PSHE curriculum. Despite the many sweet treats around at this time of year, we continue to ask that if children bring a packed lunch to school, their lunch boxes contain a healthy and nutritious meal that will help them retain concentration in the afternoon. We ask that you provide healthy options such as low sugar juice, chopped vegetables and dried fruit.

Thank you to all parents who completed the parent survey during our recent parent consultation evening. Ensuring we capture the voice of our community is a very important part of what we do. Please don't forget, feedback at other times in the year can be shared with the school through our parent comment box situated in the school office. We will share more news on the survey outcomes in the new year with headlines in our newsletter and on our websites.

Please make sure that children continue to read and practise key maths and writing skills over the holidays, whether it is writing a letter to Santa or playing card games and adding up the scores.

**As always, thank you for your support. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday!**

**Ms Rachael Carr - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher**

### Church Visit

Reception visited St. Anne's Church this week. Vicar Andrew brought the Nativity Story to life, they saw some of the angels, kings and shepherd statues - just like the characters in their upcoming performance! Vicar Andrew showed them around the Church and what the different features are used for.



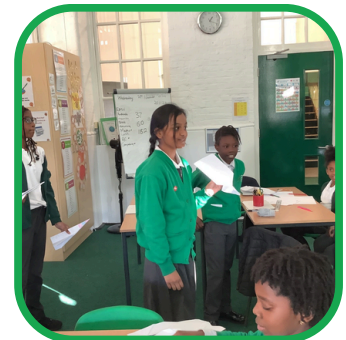
### William Morris

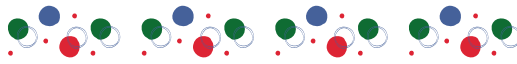
This term, Year 2 have been learning about William Morris. They spent the day exploring the gallery in Walthamstow. First, they learned about his early life and what inspired him to become a pioneering printer and designer. Then, they created their own versions of his work using wooden blocks.



### Science Club

Year 5 have had a great time at Science club this term. They have been learning about aerodynamics with the team from Turner & Townsend. During one of the sessions, they used what they had learned to create a paper airplane that was aerodynamic and had a competition to see whose could fly the furthest!





## Reading Champions

Reading champions have been extremely busy this week. In addition to attending a zoom meeting with fellow champions, they have been unboxing some fabulous new donated books! Their aim is to enable all children to read for pleasure. Thank you Hackney Education!



## Winter Fayre

Last week, the community came together to celebrate our Winter Fayre. Everyone enjoyed performances from the choir, festive food and drink and many won raffle prizes or visited Santa's grotto! Thank you to all the parents, carers and local businesses for their generous donations which helped raised money for our school.



## Key Dates

### Year 1 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'

Monday 16th December at 2:45pm - Middle Hall

### KS2 Pantomime at the Hackney Empire (tickets only)

Tuesday 17th December

### Christmas Jumper / Christmas Lunch Day

Thursday 19th December

### Break up for the school holidays

Friday 20th December at 2pm

### Term End and Start

The second half of the autumn term ends on Friday 20th December 2024 at 2:00pm.

Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



### School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Dinner Hall at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 20th December	Parent Reading Celebration for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

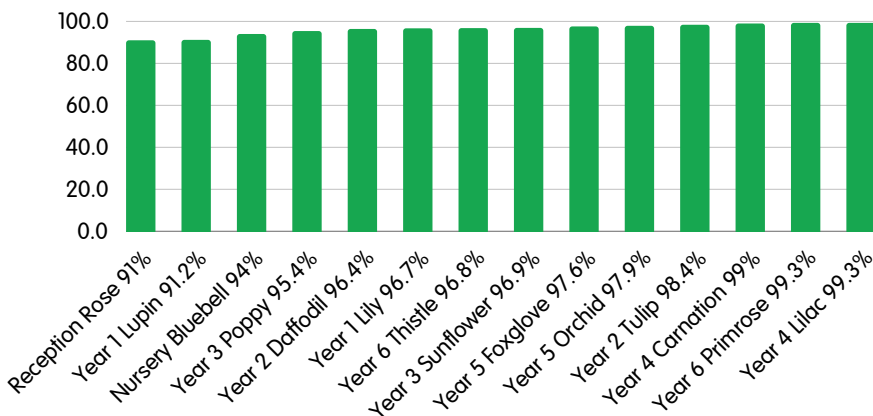
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.3%

Well done to Year 4 Carnation Class and Year 6 Primrose Class, last week's winners with 99.3%

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



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