

# Hoxton Garden Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

14th February 2025

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### Reminders

#### Reading

Reading for 15 minutes each day supports fluency, comprehension and vocabulary development. Making this part of a daily routine at home also ensures children develop a love of reading!



#### Punctuality

School starts at 8.55am and we expect all children to be on time in order that learning time is not lost.



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Since we returned to school in January, there have been some fabulous trips and events taking place. These have included a breadmaking workshop to support children in Year 3 to become immersed in their Science topic and Reception exploring the Science Museum to learn even more about their topic on transport. Most of all we have enjoyed inviting our parents/carers into the school to talk about their careers during 'Work and Enterprise Week', as well as those who have attended our interactive coffee mornings and class assemblies. We would like to thank you for your continued support. Please have a look at the published parent dates or the school website to stay up-to-date with everything that has been happening in school and all that we have planned for our pupils.

You will often hear our staff saying that 'reading is the gateway to all learning'. We aim to change home reading books at least once a week (more often for younger children), and returning home readers to school will help us to do this. We make sure that children have a wide selection of books to choose from but the breadth of books available reduces when these are left at home. Please could you check for any school home reading books that may have slipped behind the sofa or under the bed, pop them in your child's book bag or give them directly to any member of staff during morning drop off.

Children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables by the end of Year 4 and they will benefit hugely from any help that you can give from home. We have given all children in Years 3 to 6 a password to access an online programme to help them learn their times tables called Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage them to use this, as well as practise with you when you see the opportunity.

It just leaves us to wish you a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing the children returning with their holiday homework projects in just over a week. Please remember that school will reopen at the usual time of 8.55am on Monday 24th February.

Many thanks for all of your support.

**Ms Rachael Carr - Headteacher | Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher**

### Science Museum

This week, Reception enjoyed a visit to the Science Museum. They saw a range of clocks from the past and present and saw what life was like for an engineer during the First World War. They also had the opportunity to stand in a real cockpit of a plane!



### Clay Sculptures

As part of their Art unit on clay sculptures, Year 1 spent a morning exploring the different statues and sculptures found right on their doorstep at Spitalfields Market. Their favourite statues by far were the numerous baby elephants!



### String Quartet

Year 4 enjoyed listening to Apollo string quartet. They listened to music from composers such as Dvorak and John Williams. The music was very dramatic and wonderful to listen to. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit and are looking forward to the next session!





## Pop Up Library

This week, the playground was buzzing with excited readers as the Librarians stocked the first sets of books into the Hoxton pop up library. These free books are for children to either keep or swap and have already been a hit with KS2 children!



## Debate Mate

This week, the Debate Mate team took part in the Urban Debate League. With two unprepared debates, they argued that break time is more important than class time and that people should pay for not recycling. All the speakers showed growing confidence and resilience in the face of challenging arguments!



## Key Dates

**Children break up for half term**  
Friday 14th February at 3:30pm

**Children return to school**  
Monday 24th February

**World Book Day**  
Thursday 6th March

**Parents Evening**  
Thursday 27th March - School closes at 1pm

## Term End and Start

The second half of the spring term starts on Monday 24th February 2025 at 8:55am. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 -

2025 term dates.



## School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



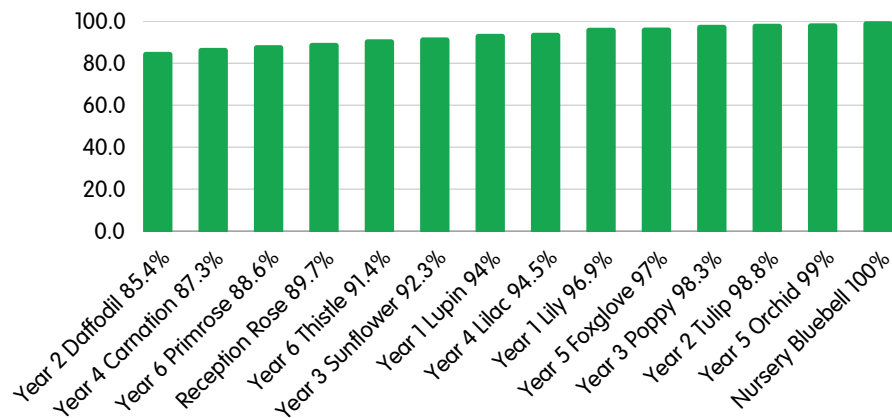
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93%

Well done to Nursery Bluebell Class, last week's winners with 100%

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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