

# Hoxton Garden Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

21st March 2025

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

Making sure that everybody is safe is always a very high priority in our schools. We have regular lesson themes on safety including keeping safe online, being safe in the community, water safety and road safety. Please help us by making sure that you show your children how to cross the road safely by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic before and whilst crossing. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not with them.

When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

A daily healthy lunch will make sure that children can get all the vitamins and energy they need to learn without getting tired in the afternoon. If your child brings a packed lunch please make sure that they have a good balance of fruit and vegetables as well as protein such as meat or cheese. We do not allow children to have crisps, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks for their lunch as part of our healthy schools' ambition to teach children the importance of a healthy diet. Carrot sticks, raisins and yoghurts are all good alternatives. Children can also bring a healthy snack for morning break to keep them going.

By now you will have received an invitation to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at parents' evening on Thursday 27th March. You can choose appointment slots either using our online system or by calling the school office. We ask that all parents make a commitment to come in so that they can see their child's workbooks and share with them how important learning is. We hope that your child's termly report and termly targets will be useful to you in knowing how you can further support them from home.

Many thanks for all your support.

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

### Reminders

#### Punctuality

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



#### 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!



### Library Visit

This week, children in Reception enjoyed a visit to Shoreditch Library. They particularly liked listening to a story about Gary the Pigeon and his exciting journeys around the city. They then had the opportunity to explore the library and pick their own books!



### Gardening

This week, Year 2 enjoyed being gardeners! They watered flowers and edible plants and planted some potato seeds too. They even got to sample some of the kale, fennel and lettuce that they have been growing in preparation of the upcoming produce sale.



### Itsu Workshop

This week, children in Year 3 were fortunate enough to enjoy a cooking workshop with Itsu! Staff came in and taught children how to cut peppers, carrots and courgettes. They also taught them valuable skills such as how to use a variety of kitchen tools safely!





## Produce Sale

This term, pupils at Hoxton Garden have been working hard to nurture and grow their own produce! After a successful harvest, they had a produce sale, selling everything from herbs to kale and salad. Well done to the keen gardeners and thank you to everyone who came along to help raise money for the school!



## World Book Day

Last week, children at Hoxton enjoyed a range of activities in celebration of World Book Day, including peer reading across year groups! Staff and children dressed up as their favourite book characters and it was a wonderful opportunity for them all to share conversation about stories and the importance of reading!



## Key Dates

### Easter Bonnet Competition

Tuesday 25th March

### Lupin Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th March at 9:15am - Middle Hall

### Lily Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th March at 9:15am - Top Hall

### Parents Evening

Thursday 27th March - School closes at 1pm

### Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Design & Technology Day

Tuesday 1st April at 1:40pm

### Nursery AM, FT & Reception Design & Technology Day

Thursday 3rd April at 8:55am

### Nursery PM Design & Technology Day

Thursday 3rd April at 12:30pm

### Year 1 and Year 2 Design & Technology Day

Thursday 3rd April at 2:00pm

### Children break up for the Easter Holidays

Friday 4th April at 1:00pm

## 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 28th March	<u>Parent Reading</u> : EYFS and Key Stage 1 Parent Reading Celebration Assembly
Friday 4th April	<u>Easter Holiday Activities</u> : What is the Hackney 10 x 10 initiative? (Children can attend this coffee morning)

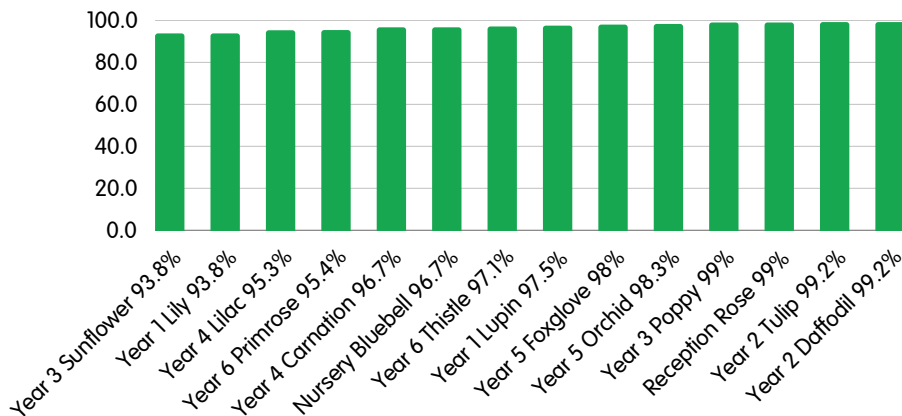
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 97%

Well done to Year 2 Daffodil Class, last week's winners with 99.2%

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.



### Term End and Start

The second half of the spring term ends on Friday 4th April 2025 at 1:00pm.

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



### School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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