



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

4th April 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you were able to meet with your child's class teacher at parents evening last week and enjoyed looking through your child's books. If you were not able to attend, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher, so that we can arrange a new meeting time for you. If you did not collect your child's termly report, this will be posted to you. Each child's report contains targets and areas to work on in the coming term. Please help us to help your child by encouraging them to learn their times tables (or if younger counting in steps of 1,2,5 and 10), practise spellings and read at home either with you, or on their own. Children achieve so much more if they are encouraged to learn these key skills at home as well as at school.

This week we undertook our annual pupil survey which all children in Year 1 to 6 were asked to take part in. Children had the opportunity to share their opinions about learning, personal development, wellbeing and behaviour. We will be sharing the headlines of the survey in the new term in our newsletter as well as on our website, so watch this space!

Attendance at school continues to be a national focus, a Hackney focus and a focus for our schools. Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is the understanding that pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. A big thank you to all parents who are supporting children to attend school every day and are punctual each morning. This has a positive impact on confidence, engagement in learning and progress. Top tips shared by parents to help children take responsibility for good timekeeping include giving children their own alarm clock, having a set morning routine and preparing things needed for the next day the night before.

Spring term ends today, Friday 4th April 2025. We have set holiday homework projects including research projects for the topics classes will be studying in the first half of the Summer term. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about and, of course, continue to encourage them to read, write and count every day. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at 8:55am. Last of all, we wish all our families a very safe and happy Easter break.

Many thanks for all your support.

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

Reminders

Term Start

School re-opens for all children
on Tuesday 22nd April at
8.55am.



Road Safety

Don't forget, if you walk to
school, to use this time to teach
children the green cross code.
Smart pedestrians are safe
pedestrians.



Jack and the Beanstalk

This week, Reception have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. They set up their own gardening shop and explored the different tools and seeds that they could buy. They talked about what they would grow from the seeds and then what they would need to help their plants grow big and strong!



Computing Workshop

This week, Year 1 took part in a computing workshop. Alan, from 3Discovery, showed them how to create digital posters using the PicCollage app. The children loved designing their own 'online safety' posters using the microphone to add important safety tips and changing the font, colour and background.



Investigating Light

This week in Science, Year 6 have been investigating how light travels in straight lines and which materials are the most efficient reflectors of light. They used a variety of materials to test their predictions and then made conclusions based on their findings.





Times Table Rockstars

This term, children in KS2 have been competing for the Times Table Rockstars trophy. Year 4 Lilac class retained the trophy for a second term with two pupils who achieved the most points in the school. Well done to both for setting a great example for their peers ahead of the upcoming multiplication check!



Easter Bonnet Competition

This week, children at Hoxton Garden have been preparing for the Easter Bonnet Parade. It was an amazing opportunity to see children showcase their creativity and imagination. There were special prizes for the most creative and festive bonnets, well done to all who took part!



Key Dates

Easter Monday - School Closed
Monday 21st April

Year 5 PGL Residential
Monday 28th April - Wednesday 30 April

Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 5th May

Families Week
wb Tuesday 6th May

Bring a Significant Female Morning
Wednesday 7th May at 8:55am

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (1)
Wednesday 7th May 2:15pm (booking required)

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (2)
Friday 9th May at 2:15pm (booking required)

VE Day 80
Thursday 8th May (children can wear red, white and blue)

Year 6 SATs Week
wb Monday 12th May

Science Day
Thursday 22nd May (pupils only)

Science Fayre
Thursday 22nd May at 3:30pm

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 2 nd May	<u>PSHE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families week)
Friday 16 th May	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with with child at home? (Children can attend this coffee morning)

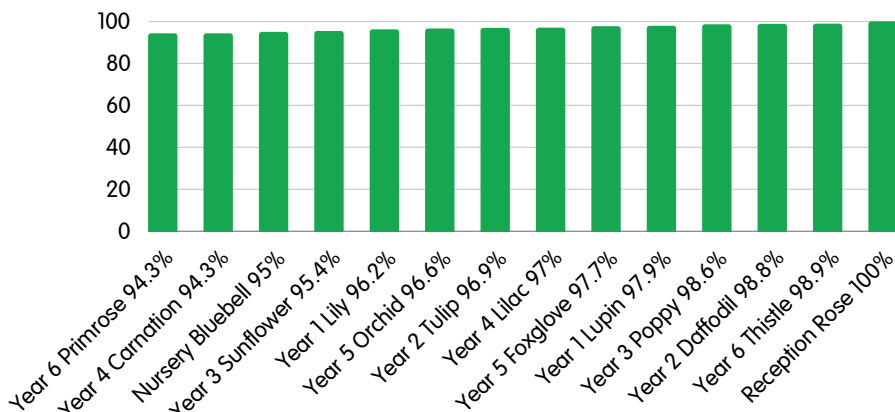
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.7%

Well done to Reception Rose 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.



Term End and Start

The first half of the summer term starts on Tuesday 22nd April 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.



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