



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half of the Autumn term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a great start to the new academic year. The past eight weeks (yes eight weeks!) have flown by, filled with lots of exciting learning.

First of all, we were delighted to welcome our new pupils and staff members who joined us September. It has been lovely to see how quickly everyone has settled in and become part of our Viridis family. Our new teachers and support staff have brought fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and creativity to classrooms across the school, and our new pupils have already made fantastic contributions both in lessons and around school.

Each week the headteachers in the federation take a tour of one of the three school sites. Walking around the schools this term, it's been great to see our learning spaces full of colour, creativity, and excellent work on displays. Classrooms and corridors celebrate the hard work and imagination of our pupils. Our high quality learning environments are one of the things that make our schools the special places that they are.

This half term has been packed with enriching learning experiences. As well as World Week and International Evening, our pupils have also taken part in a wide range of workshops on topics such as dance, music and gardening. Our Key Stage 1 pupils enjoyed their historical trip to St Pauls, learning all about how the Great Fire spread and impacted the city, while Key Stage 2 explored Epping Forest and the British and Science Museums as part of their history and Science topics. These experiences help bring learning to life and create lasting memories.

Looking ahead to the second half of the Autumn term, highlights will include our annual Christmas performances and sing-alongs (more information to follow!) and lots more opportunities for parents to get into school to see the fantastic learning taking place. A little reminder to complete your child's holiday homework project with them and to remember to read lots of the coming week. We wish you a happy and safe half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8:55am on Monday 3rd November.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

Reminders

Reading

Reading for 15 minutes each day helps improve reading fluency, vocabulary and concentration!



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.



Making Chapatis

This week, EYFS children had a fantastic time making chapatis! They explored different shapes in the dough, they also shared stories from home, bringing lots of laughter and connection to the activity. It's always wonderful to see learning through play, storytelling and shared experiences.



Library Visit

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the local library. The visit began with a story read aloud by one of the librarians, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Afterwards, each pupil carefully selected a book of their own to borrow, using their library card. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore books beyond the classroom!



British Museum

As part of their History topic, Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the British Museum to explore Ancient Greek artefacts. Pupils were thrilled to recognise some of the items from their classroom learning. Inspired by what they saw, the children created their own Ancient Greek vases!





Peer Mediators

Newly appointed peer mediators from all three Viridis schools came together at Hoxton Garden for their first training session. They began developing key skills in communication, empathy and conflict resolution - ready to support their peers and promote positive relationships within the playground. A wonderful start to their important new role!



Democracy Day

On Democracy Day, each class took part in the exciting process of electing their School Councillors for the year. Candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl delivered inspiring speeches during assembly, sharing their visions and pledges. In the afternoon, pupils completed their ballot papers and cast their votes. A big well done to all who took part!



Key Dates

Individual School Photographs

Tuesday 11th November

Anti-Bullying Day (Children can wear blue)

Friday 14th November

'Knowing more and remembering more' Parent / Carer Morning (Classrooms)

Thursday 27th November at 8:55am

Winter Fayre

Friday 5th December at 3:30pm

EYFS 'Shine Star Shine' Show

Monday 8th December at 2:30pm - Top Hall

EYFS 'Shine Start Shine' Show

Tuesday 9th December at 9:30am - Top Hall

Year 4 Seasonal Sing-Along

Tuesday 9th December 2:45pm - Top Hall

EYFS and KS1 in-school Pantomime

Wednesday 10th December

Year 5 Seasonal Sing-Along

Wednesday 10th December at 2:45pm - Top Hall

Parents Evening

Thursday 11th December

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Middle or Lower 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 7 th November	<u>Handwriting</u> : How can I develop my child's handwriting?
Friday 5 th December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event</u> for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 12 th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Date	EYFS Workshop
Tuesday 18 th November	<u>Fine Motor Skills and Handwriting</u> : How can I support my child to develop their handwriting?

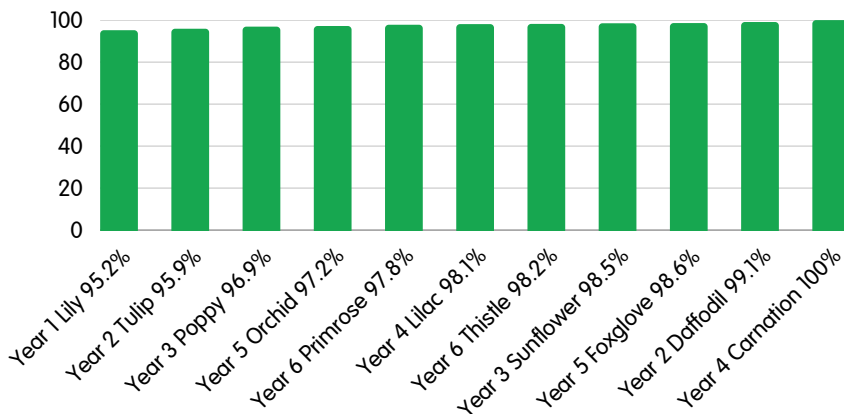
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 97.1%

Well done to Year 4 Carnation 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 second half of the autumn term starts on Monday 3rd November 2025 at 8:55am.

Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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