



# Hoxton Garden

## Primary School

### HIGHLIGHTS

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have been able to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher and look at books at our parents' evening which is due to take place on Thursday 11th December. Sharing learning outcomes with children gives them a chance to feel proud of what they do in school and know that you value learning as much as they do. You can book an appointment online or through the school office.

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers from across the school to our special 'Parents into Learning' event. Families had the chance to step into the classroom and work alongside their children, exploring a range of fun and engaging learning activities. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the morning such a warm, positive, and memorable experience for our school community.

Now that it is getting dark much earlier in the evening, please make sure that you have made arrangements to pick up your child on time if they attend an after-school curriculum club or our after-school care club. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and you have given permission for them to walk home on their own, make sure that they know you are expecting them to walk straight home by the safest and most direct route, crossing the roads with care. Lots of jackets and bags have reflective strips and this will give some extra help and safety when negotiating the Hackney traffic. We are delighted that so many children arrive at school on scooters and bikes as this is an excellent way to get daily exercise. Our scooter and bike racks get full very quickly. Please help your child to show consideration to others by storing these safely and with care.

We have a number of end of term events approaching including sing-a-longs and for our Early Years children a traditional play. The dates for all seasonal events are displayed on gates, are on the school website and were sent home on the parent dates flier at the start of the half term. We had a high demand for pantomime tickets for Years 3 to 6 at the Hackney Empire and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are being visited by a professional pantomime theatre company in December so that they do not miss out. Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day will be taking place on the 12th December!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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#### Reminders

##### PE Kit

Please ensure children have the correct PE kit to take part in physical activity learning.



##### Lost Property & School Uniform

If you have misplaced a jumper, lunchbox or other item, please call into the school office who will show you to the lost property cupboard.



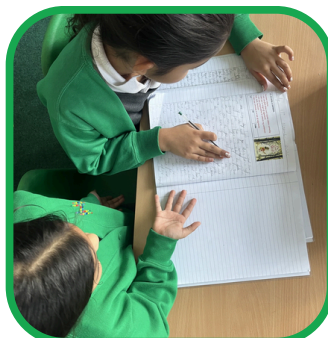
#### EYFS Parent Workshop

EYFS had a parent workshop where children enjoyed having their grown-ups join them in the classroom. Families worked together on activities designed to help children know more and remember more. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to see how we support learning in school.



#### The Last Wolf

This week, Year 2 wrote their own narratives inspired by Mini Grey's book, 'The Last Wolf'. They explored the characters, setting, and message of the story and used these ideas to create imaginative pieces of writing that showcased their growing confidence as storytellers.



#### Apollo String Quartet

This week Year 4 had their second visit from the Apollo String Quartet. They were able to see them perform live and learn firsthand how they communicate and collaborate with each other on stage. It was truly a magical experience to see these talented musicians in action.



## Federation Spelling Bee

Pupils from across the federation took part in the Viridis Spelling Bee hosted at Orchard. Competitors demonstrated excellent spelling ability as they tackled challenging words. Southwold won the Lower Key Stage 2 round, while Orchard claimed both the Upper Key Stage 2 title and the overall trophy. Congratulations to all those who took part!



## Art Ambassadors

The Art Ambassadors met for the first time this week to begin mapping out all the exciting creative projects they will be leading throughout the year. During the meeting, they also worked on designing a flyer for the Hackney T-Shirt Competition. They collaborated on ideas and produced an eye catching flyer!



## Key Dates

### Winter Fayre

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm

### EYFS 'Shine Star Shine' Show

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm - Top Hall

### EYFS 'Shine Start Shine' Show

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am - Top Hall

### Year 4 Seasonal Sing-Along

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2:45pm - Top Hall

### EYFS and KS1 in-school Pantomime

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

### Year 5 Seasonal Sing-Along

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm - Top Hall

### Parents Evening

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - School closes at 1pm

### Year 5 Seasonal Sing-Along

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm - Top Hall

### Year 6 Seasonal Sing-Along

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm - Top Hall

### Christmas Jumper / Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### Year 3 Seasonal Sing-Along

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm - Top Hall

### Year 1 Season Sing-Along

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm - Top Hall

## 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 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2</u>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Date	EYFS Workshop
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<u>Fine Motor Skills and Handwriting</u> : How can I support my child to develop their handwriting?

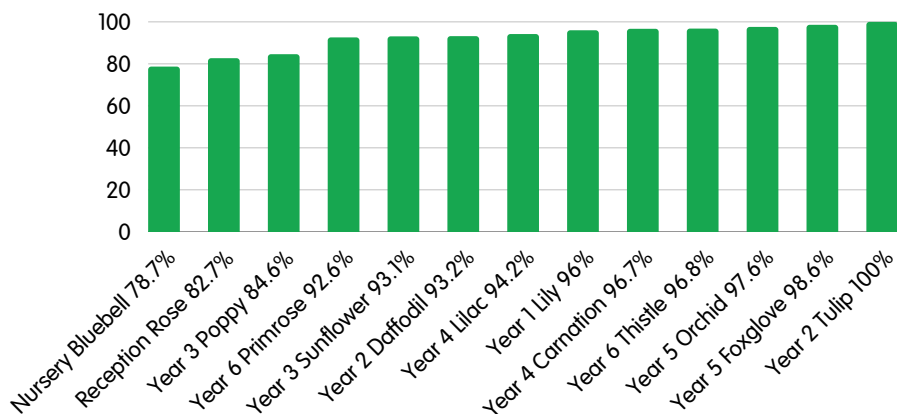
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.9%

Well done to Year 2 Tulip 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 ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1:00pm. 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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