



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

12th December 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming to meet with your child's class teacher this week. It is so important that children get to share their learning with you. If you were unable to attend and have not managed to meet the class teacher since then, please contact the school office so that they can make a new appointment for you. We hope also that the new 'report card' which was sent home was helpful in knowing how best to support your child at home. Don't forget that we run a number of themed drop-in sessions for parents to support knowledge of learning in school. Events planned for the Spring Term will be found on the 'Parent Dates' document which will go out at the end of term.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have attended end of term events including the Sing-Alongs and the Winter Fayre. Events like this wouldn't be possible without our fantastic school community, so thank you for helping to make them such a success. Whilst on the subject of parent events, we would like to remind families that schools, are bound by a legal and professional duty to remain politically impartial. We respectfully request that parents remain sensitive to others in our community who may hold different views, and support us in promoting harmony, mutual respect, and inclusion for all members of our school community.

Our three-school choir has performed at various events including a Hackney wide celebration at the Town Hall. We are very proud of the commitment to music in our school and the many talented musicians we have. A huge thank you to our music teachers, Ms Davison and Ms Isik for their preparation and hard work. Instrumental lessons start again in the Spring Term and if you would like your child to gain from the many benefits of learning a musical instrument, please ask at our reception desk for an application form. Some lessons have a waiting list but learning an instrument not only brings a lot of pleasure, but it also helps develop concentration, listening skills, patience, social skills and memory. We subsidise all lessons with an even cheaper rate for those eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and loan instruments to allow practise at home.

Children will be starting new topics in the Spring Term and we will be sending home homework packs and activities to help preparation. We have seen some fantastic research and creative homework projects made in previous holidays and hope that some time can be made during this holiday also.

Thank you for your support this term, we wish you a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new year. Children return to school for the Spring Term on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 8.55am.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

Reminders

End of Term

Term finishes on Friday
19th December at 1.00pm.
School re-opens for all
children on Tuesday 6th
January at 8.55am.



Nativity

After weeks of preparation, our Christmas festivities began with EYFS' Shine Star Shine show. Families, children and staff gathered to watch them take to the stage with confidence, proudly performing their songs and line they have been practising.



Local Walk

Year 1 had a fantastic time showcasing their geographical skills during their parent learning morning. They set off on a local walk, using a map to follow a route, and identified a range of features in the local environment. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share their learning with their families.



IntoUniversity

Thistle Class spent an exciting week with IntoUniversity, exploring different university courses and taking part in a range of engineering projects. On Friday, they visited Oxford University for their IntoUniversity graduation. It was an inspirational and memorable week for Year 6 children!



Apollo Fundraising Event

This week, children in the bursary string group performed alongside the Apollo String Quartet at the Apollo Music Fundraising Event at Cannon Place. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their skills that they have been learning all term. They showed impressive confidence, well done to all who took part!



School Council

School Council enjoyed a visit from our local councillor, Anya Sizer who answered their questions about supporting the local environment and how we can use our voices within the community. Afterwards, our Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy gave Anya a tour of the school, proudly showcasing our wonderful learning environments.



Key Dates

Year 3 Seasonal Sing-Along

Monday 15th December at 2:45pm - Top Hall

Year 1 Season Sing-Along

Tuesday 16th December at 2:45pm - Top Hall

Year 2 Seasonal Sing-Along

Wednesday 17th December - Top Hall

KS2 Pantomime at Hackney Empire

Thursday 18th December (tickets only)

Break up for the school holidays

Friday 19th December - School closes at 1pm

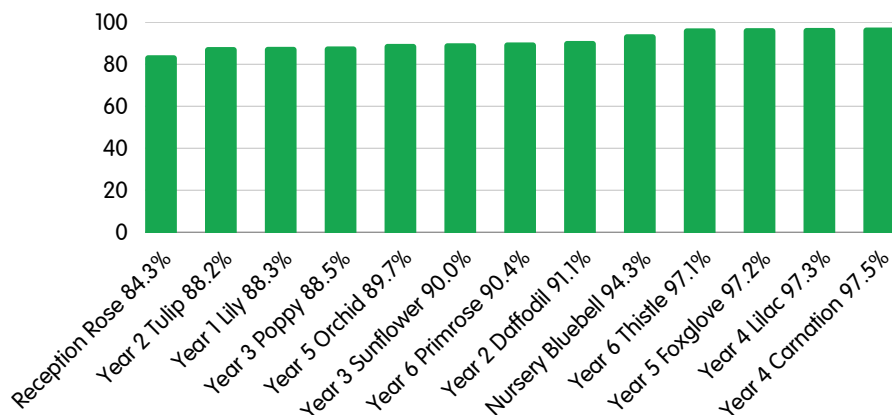
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 91.1%

Well done to Year 4 Carnation Class, last week's winners with 97.5%

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 19th 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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