



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful extended Easter holiday break.

This Summer Term is very busy again this year with celebration assemblies, Year 6 leavers assemblies, secondary school transition days, instrumental concerts, Families Week and Keeping Healthy Week. We look forward to sharing the news with you through this newsletter. We also update our website regularly with news and dates as well as post to Facebook page.

This week, classes across the school celebrated the holiday homework projects which were completed in preparation for the new topics this half term. As part of our teaching pedagogy we regularly revisit prior learning in order to help children make connections and to know more and remember more over time, this includes reviewing the research children have done outside of school as well as revisiting learning covered in previous school years. Thank you for the time and support given to your child in undertaking the homework set! In recognition of their efforts, all children who completed a holiday homework project will have received a certificate.

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a platform to know how to raise their issues and to have a say in how key aspects of our curriculum and enrichment plans are developed. Our pupil teams continue to meet across our three school sites (and three Hackney post codes) including our School Councillors, Peer Mediators and Eco Team, working together on shared agendas. Our recent cross-site timestable event was supported by our Timestables Ambassadors who were keen to raise the profile of competition. A huge well done to Southwold, who won the event!

As a school, we are very committed to ensuring that children are in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. We are also very committed to working with families to remove any potential barriers to children being in school. We would like to say a big thank you to all families who are supporting our drive of taking attendance to 97% and above by ensuring that children attend school every day on time.

Many thanks for all your support.

Charlotte Houchin - Interim Headteacher Rachael Carr - Interim Executive Headteacher

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Reminders

School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children arrive on time to line up and enter the school with their class teacher when the bell goes.



PE Kit

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



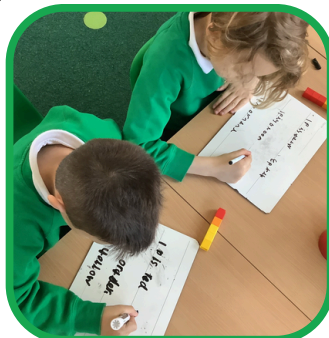
Farm Shop

Children in EYFS have been exploring imaginative play inspired by the Diddy Squat Farm Shop. They have been busy taking on roles as customers and shopkeepers, buying and selling items. They have also enjoyed cutting and weighing produce, helping them build confidence and teamwork!



Fractions

Year 2 began the term by starting their new Maths unit on fractions, exploring how different parts can come together to make a whole. Through practical activities and visual representations, the children developed their understanding of halves, quarters, and other simple fractions.



Habitats

As part of their Science topic, Year 4 enjoyed a visit to Shoreditch Park to search for minibeasts in their natural habitat. The children observed a variety of creatures and considered the conditions they need to survive and thrive!





Easter Bonnet Competition

Last term, we held an Easter Bonnet Competition where children created and designed their own Easter bonnets inspired by Easter and the spring season. They were showcased during a special assembly where the most creative bonnets won prizes and children all received certificates for their efforts!



National Gardening Day

As part of National Gardening Day, children explored a variety of edible plants growing in the school garden, learning about how they are cultivated and the different ways they can be used. They also observed pollinators hard at work, spotting bees, butterflies, and other insects as they moved from plant to plant!



Key Dates

Bring a Mum / Significant Female Morning

Wednesday 22nd April at 8:55am - 9:55am

Year 5 PGL Residential

Monday 27th April - Wednesday 29th April

Families Week

wb Monday 27th April

Grandparent Afternoon Tea

Friday 1st May at 2:15pm - Booking required

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 4th May - School closed

Year 6 SATs Week

wb Monday 11th May

Science Day

Thursday 21st May

Science Fayre

Thursday 21st May at 3:30pm - Lower 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 1 st May	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week)
Friday 22 nd May	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend)

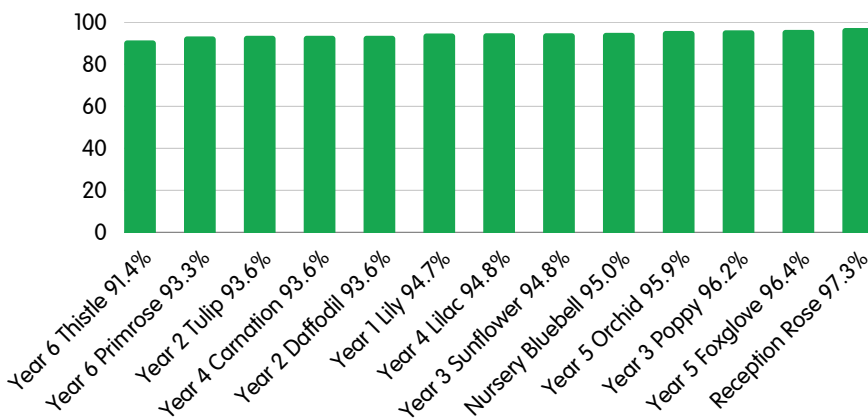
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 94.5%

Well done to Reception Rose Class, last week's winners with 97.3%

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 ends on Friday 22nd May at 3:30pm. 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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