

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.

We also celebrated Democracy Day across the school! Each class voted for their new class and school council representatives. Year 6 pupils worked especially hard, creating posters and flyers and giving speeches as they campaigned to become Head Boy and Head Girl. It was a brilliant example of democracy in action, showing one of the key British Values we learn about in school. Pupils learned the importance of having a voice, making fair choices and respecting others' opinions. Well done to everyone who took part and voted!

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 2nd November.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Charlotte Houchin - Interim Headteacher | Ms 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.



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.



Bollywood Dance

As part of World Week, children had a fantastic time taking part in a Bollywood dance workshop! The children explored traditional Bollywood dance, learning new rhythms and movements. It was a wonderful way to learn about another culture while staying active!



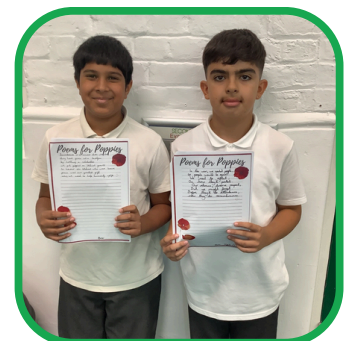
Habitats

Year 2 enjoyed their first guided session in the garden this week! They explored the different roles of animals and discovered more about their habitats. They enjoyed learning about the wildlife around them and developing their understanding of how different creatures contribute to the garden ecosystem.



Poetry Workshop

Year 6 took part in an engaging online poetry workshop focused on remembrance, linking beautifully with their World War II history topic. They explored the theme through the poet's own work and creative activities, bringing their history learning to life through poetry.





International Evening

Last week, we celebrated International Evening, a wonderful celebration of different cultures! We enjoyed face painting, delicious food from around the world and children came to school in cultural dress. Thank you to everyone who generously donated and helped make our event such a success!



Reading Champions

Hoxton Garden's newly appointed Reading Champions met with their peers from across the borough at Hackney Town Hall this week. They discussed reading for pleasure, shared their favourite books and even had the opportunity to meet children's author Eric Huang.



Key Dates

School Photographs
Tuesday 10th November

Anti-bullying Day
Monday 16th November

EYFS 'Inn keeper's breakfast' Show
Wednesday 2nd December at 9:30am

EYFS 'Inn keeper's breakfast' Show
Thursday 3rd December at 2:30pm

Winter Fayre
Friday 4th December at 3:30pm

EYFS and KS1 in-school Pantomime
Monday 7th December

Parents Evening
Thursday 10th December

Christmas Jumper / Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 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 6 th December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2</u>
Friday 11 th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Thursday 17 th December	Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2
Date	EYFS Workshop
Tuesday 17 th November	<u>Phonics</u> : How can I support my child to develop their phonics skills?

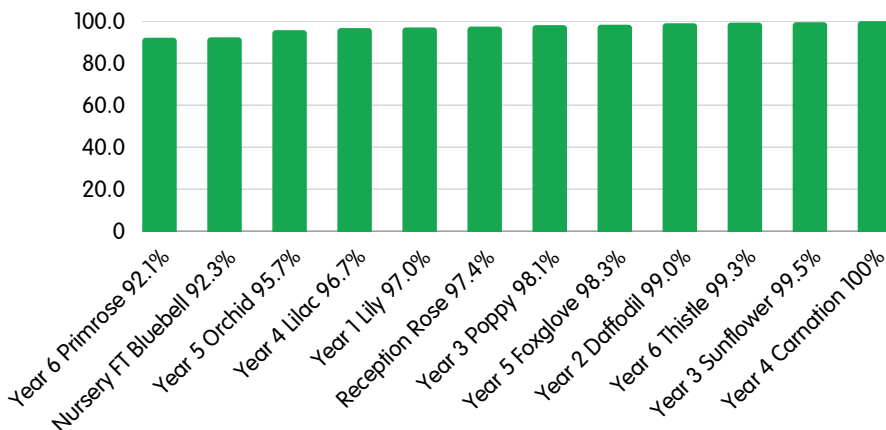
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 97.3%

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 2nd November at 8:55am. Please scan the QR code to view our 2026 -2027 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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