



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look ahead to our Harvest Festival, we are excited to celebrate the season and most importantly, the spirit of giving back to our community. This year, we are asking families to support our Harvest Festival by donating non-perishable goods and essential items. All donations will be given to Hackney Foodbank, helping local families and individuals. Every contribution, big or small, can make a real difference. Thank you for helping us teach our children the importance of kindness, generosity and caring for others. Look out for more information on the school gates!

Next week is World Week across the federation. This is a special time at our schools when we come together to celebrate the many cultures, languages and traditions that make up our fantastic communities. It helps our pupils learn about the world, appreciate differences and show kindness and respect to everyone, no matter where they come from. Through music, dance, stories (and food!) our children gain a better understanding of global cultures while also sharing their own. Please be sure to come along to International Evening which will be on Thursday 15th October.

We were pleased to introduce Arbor this term, our new parent portal and app, which will help streamline a number of the systems and services parents use within school. Thank you for your patience as we transition to this new system and adjust to new ways of working. We will soon begin using Arbor's communication functions, which will replace our current text message system. Please make sure you have signed into your Arbor account so you do not miss out on any key information. If you experience any difficulties or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will always be happy to help.

Last of all... during these first few weeks of the school year, we have been focussing on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding, as well as building writing stamina. We have also been practising knowledge of key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10, 100, 1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise skills at home too, including the use of Mathletics, Timestable Rockstars and reading for 10 minutes each evening. There are some tips in home reading diaries on how you can support your child. You can also speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Reminders

Book Bags & Reading Diaries

Remember book bags and reading diaries need to be brought to school every day. This teaches both responsibility and independence.



Reading

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



Toothbrushing Sessions

Nursery children have been thoroughly enjoying their toothbrushing sessions! They are learning how to brush their teeth correctly while developing positive, healthy hygiene habits. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they learn how to look after their smiles!



Senses

This week in Science, Year 1 have been learning about their senses. The children had great fun exploring their sense of smell and touch through various activities but particularly enjoyed sampling the different flavours! Some were more pleasant than others!



Changing Pitch

Year 5 explored how to change the pitch of different instruments as part of their Science learning. The children experimented with a range of instruments, investigating how changing the length, tension and size of different materials affected the sounds they produced.





Apollo Orchestra

Children in KS2 were treated to a special performance by the Apollo Orchestra. The children had the wonderful opportunity to see and hear a range of classical instruments being played live. An inspiring experience that brought music to life and gave our children a chance to appreciate classical music.



Peer Mediator Training

This week, our new peer mediators from across the federation met at Hoxton Garden for their first training session. They engaged in activities that developed their teamwork and communication skills. They also explored conflict and the positive ways that this can be resolved in the playground.



Key Dates

World Week

wb Monday 12th October

Traditional / Cultural Dress Day

Thursday 15th October

International Evening

Thursday 15th October from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Democracy Day and School Council Elections

Friday 16th October

Break up for the half term holiday

Friday 23rd October at 3:30pm

Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 23rd October at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2026 -2027 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



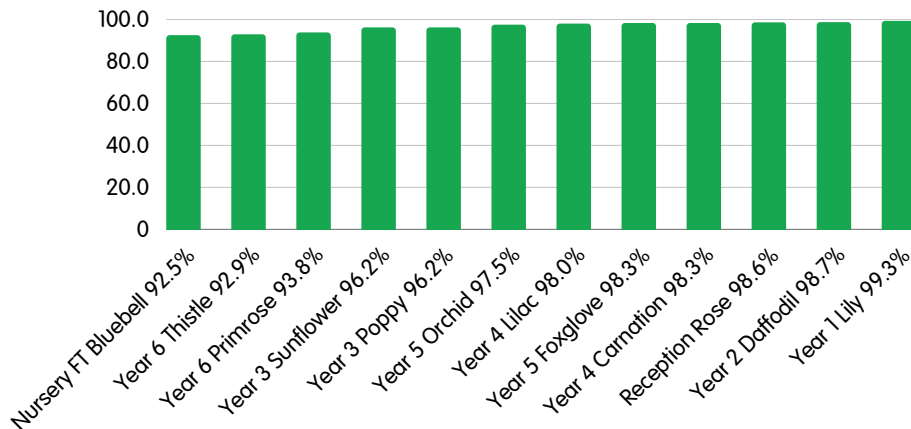
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.9%

Well done to Year 1 Lily Class, last week's winners with 99.3%

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.



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