Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS 13th November 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed the half term break. Thank you to all parents who supported children with the homework projects in preparation for the upcoming learning this half term, particularly learning important topic-based words. A broad, rich vocabulary; the words we recognise and know how to use allows a child to understand and enjoy the things they read, to learn about the world around them, and to express themselves and their thoughts so that people will listen. Research suggests that a strong vocabulary in childhood is linked to future success and happiness, both at school and in later life. Look out for the curriculum newsletter which was sent home in book bags last term for an overview of the curriculum coverage. This will help you to continue talking about school learning with your child at home.

Next week we are celebrating 'Anti-Bullying Week' across our schools. This is an important time for our pupils to celebrate kindness, respect, and friendship. It helps everyone understand that bullying, whether in person or online, is never okay, and that small actions can make a big difference. Throughout the week, pupils will take part in activities that encourage empathy, teamwork and inclusion, reminding us all that we each have a role in making our school a safe and happy place for everyone. We feel proud of the school environment we have created where every child feels valued and supported.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder, please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are not safe when they are moving around the school and in the playground. If you would like your children to wear boots when travelling to and from school then they must also bring their school shoes to change into when they arrive. At different points in the day, children may remove jumpers which can easily be misplaced in busy classrooms. As well as making sure all uniform has your child's full name, please can you also check that items belong to your child and have not been picked up by accident. We ask that any items that are not yours be returned to class and to their rightful owners the next school day.

This half term you will receive your child's 'Autumn Report Card' at Parents' Evening on Thursday 10th December 2026. This will give more information about achievements so far, as well as learning targets for the upcoming term. Letters inviting you to parents' evening along with details of the online Arbor booking system will be sent home in the coming weeks. We are keen to make sure that all parents meet with class teachers and discuss their child's progress, as well as take up the opportunity to look through their workbooks and celebrate their hard work. If you are finding it difficult to make an appointment, please call the school office who will be happy to help you. School contact details can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Charlotte Houchin - Interim Headteacher | Ms Rachael Carr - Interim Executive Headteacher

Reminders

School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please. School uniform items can be purchased from Mapac. To order, please scan the QR code on the next page or visit our school website for the link.



Book Bags & Reading Diaries

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



Mud Kitchen

EYFS children have been busy exploring the mud kitchen using natural materials such as leaves, sticks, stones, petals and mud to create their own imaginative recipes and concoctions! Through this hands-on play, the children are developing their creativity, curiosity and imagination.



Library Visit

Year 2 were model students on their trip to the library, showing off how respectful they are to other library users while enjoying some of the fiction books together. They selected a few books to bring back to class to share during Friday Parent Reading!



IntoUniversity

Year 6 took part in a project studying Zoology. The children experienced learning through lectures and seminars, complemented by hands-on experiences including a visit from ZooLab to handle live animals and an evolution workshop at the Natural History Museum!



Debate Mate

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic time at the Debate Mate Launch this week! They enjoyed watching live debates and gaining lots of inspiration for the year ahead. Everyone came away feeling enthusiastic and excited, and they can't wait for our first Debate Mate session at school next week!



School Council

School Council held their first meeting this week, where they worked collaboratively to create their first agenda and discuss their hopes and goals for the year ahead. It was a great opportunity to introduce themselves, share ideas and officially receive their School Council badges!



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

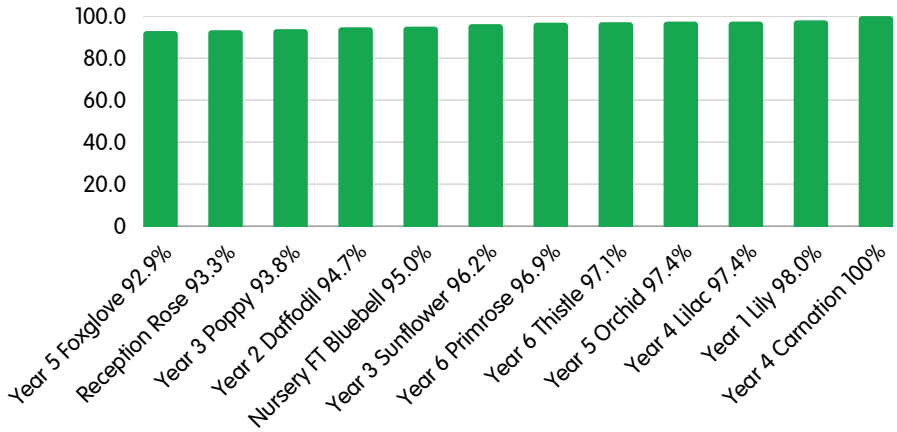
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.9%

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.



Key Dates

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

Year 4 Seasonal Sing-Along
Friday 4th December at 2:45pm

Winter Fayre
Friday 4th December at 3:30pm

EYFS and KS1 in-school Pantomime
Monday 7th December

Year 5 Seasonal Sing-Along
Tuesday 8th December at 2:45pm

Year 6 Seasonal Sing-Along
Wednesday 9th December at 2:45pm

Parents Evening
Thursday 10th December

Christmas Jumper / Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 11th December

Year 3 Seasonal-Sing Along
Friday 11th December at 2:45pm

Year 1 Seasonal Sing-Along
Monday 14th December at 2:45pm

Year 2 Seasonal Sing-Along
Tuesday 15th December at 2:45pm

Term End and Start

The second half of the autumn term ends on Thursday 17th December at 1:00pm. 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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