

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for Sports Day last week. The children were delighted to have so many of our community join us. Children had the opportunity to compete in a wide variety of sporting activities and practise the skills of competitive play. It was wonderful to see so many of the adults (family members and teachers!) compete too.

The teaching of Spanish has a central place in our curriculum as a core offer for all children. We believe that early exposure through songs and interactive activities in the Early Years and KS1 supports children in being ready for formal learning of languages expected through KS2. The Hackney chosen language is Spanish and we have a dedicated team of two delivering lessons across our federation of schools. Hispanic Day will take place on the 9th July to celebrate language learning and Spanish culture across the world. During the day there will be a special assembly and dinner menu and the speaking of Spanish will be encouraged for all! Children are also invited to wear the red and yellow of the Spanish flag!

We are proud to be an inclusive school and to be identified as a 'flagship' school by the Inclusion Quality Mark team. This includes recognition of the relationships with our families, the provision for all children and the excellent progress all children make. Our teachers are highly skilled in adapting learning and alongside our teaching assistants and learning mentors provide regular intervention and support to ensure children who fall behind catch up quickly. We look forward to sharing our school attainment outcomes with you before the end of the year.

Thank you to everyone who has already booked parent consultation slots to meet the class teacher on the 11th July. If you have not already done so, you can do so online or by contacting the school office who will book an appointment slot for you. We will also be celebrating the many achievements of our children as we move towards the end of the year and we welcome parents to join our annual celebration assemblies for each year group. You will have received an invitation for this but dates are also on the back of this newsletter.

This is our penultimate newsletter for the Summer Term, which ends at 2pm on Wednesday 24th July 2024. We are following usual timetables and routines at school including starting to work in new school books as this gives children the most positive start to the new academic year. Every day of school up to the first day of the Summer holidays counts so please ensure children are in school on time and ready for learning!

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### Reminders

#### INSET Day

School is closed to pupils on Friday 5th July. This is a staff training day.



#### 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.



### Heroes

This week, Reception have been learning all about everyday heroes. They enjoyed role playing as police officers, fire fighters, doctors and more. They used phones and puppets and props and even wrote messages in invisible ink! They also learned about what these heroes do on everyday and how they keep us safe.



### Singing Festival

Year 2's across the federation attended the Hackney Music Service Infant Singing Festival at the Round Chapel last week. They enjoyed singing alongside a live band, it was a great performance and good practise for the upcoming federation music festival. Thank you to all the parent and carers who came to watch.



### Bake Off

The Orchard Bake Off began this week for Year 6. Each class collaborated to craft their unique cakes. The young bakers applied mathematical skills like ratios and conversions to determine precise ingredient quantities such as flour, butter, and eggs. They then used fondant, strawberries and cream to decorate their cakes!





## Debate Competition

The debate teams from across the three schools came together for the first Federation Debate Competition. They brought articulate speakers and well researched speeches, debating topics such as single use plastic. They thought of rebuttals on their feet and used rhetorical questions, well done to the Orchard team who were the winners!



## Keeping Healthy

Pupils have been enjoying Keeping Healthy week where they have been participating in a wide range of workshops like boxercise, rock climbing and fencing. They discussed ways to keep their bodies and minds healthy. The week was rounded off with a brilliant time at Sports Day where everyone got their bodies moving!



## Key Dates

**INSET Day (School closed to pupils)**  
Friday 5th July

**Year 4 Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 8th July at 2:30pm

**Year 3 Celebration Assembly**  
Tuesday 9th July at 2:30pm

**Hispanic Day**  
Tuesday 9th July

**Year 2 Celebration Assembly**  
Wednesday 10th July at 2:30pm

**Parents' Evening**  
Thursday 11th July

**Year 5 Celebration Assembly**  
Friday 12th July at 2:30pm

**Year 1 Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 15th July at 2:30pm

**Federation Music Festival**  
Tuesday 16th July

**Year 6 End of Year Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 22nd July at 9:15am

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space 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. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

| Date             | Focus   |
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| Friday 12th July | <u>Summer Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? |

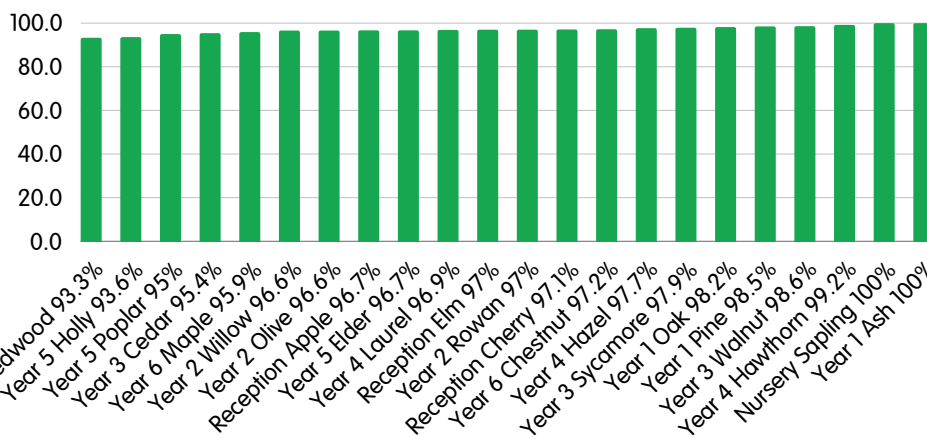
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.8%.

Well done to Nursery Sapling and Year 1 Ash Class, last week's winners with 100% attendance.

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 summer term ends on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 2pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



## School Uniform

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