



Friday 4th July 2025 Happy American Independence Day

Film Week

Well done to the following classes who will be joining us at the Mission Globes tonight.

Reception—Cuckoo

Year 1—Moorhen

Year 2—Kinglet

Year 3 - Woodpecker

Year 4—Swan

Year 5—Blackbird

Tonight's awards ceremony will be an open air showing. There will be some light refreshments on sale. We look forward to seeing those invited in their best dress!

#### 13 more school days!

I can't believe that we are almost at the end of an academic year. My mum always says "time flies when you are having fun." Well we must have been having lots of fun this year as it doesn't seem long ago that I was welcoming you to the start of the year!

Tonight you should receive your child's annual report. Reception has their EYP scores, year 1 the phonics scores, and year 4 has their MTC scores. Unfortunately, no school has received the year 6 SATs results yet. They should come out next week and the children will get an extra booklet with their results.

#### Staff

Miss Harper had a simple operation on her leg and we thought she would have been back with us after a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, she has been told that she can't put any weight on the leg so will not be returning this side of the summer. Mr Darling and Miss Khatun, have been team teaching to ensure stability in the class. I know you will all join me in wishing Miss Harper a speedy recovery.

There is lots of speculation, as always, about which teacher will be in with which class next year. The children will find out on transition day. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to some staff members.

Mrs Foxcroft, who has been at the school longer then I have. She will be retiring at the end of this term. She has been an amazing SENDCo, teacher, mentor and confidant for many staff, parents and children. She will be greatly missed.

Miss Schultz, who came to us on maternity cover and has ended up stayed for 2 years, is moving to a new school and Mr Robinson, who has only been with us a year, is moving abroad. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

There are only 13 days left please make sure your child is in everyday!

Have a great weekend, Miss Jennings



#### Summer Holiday provision

There will be a 4 week scheme during the summer holidays. The cost will be increasing due to the increase in salaries and consumables.

The new price will be £25 for the normal daily session 8.45–16.45.

The cost of lunch will be £3.00 per day. Bookings are being taken now.

Thank you to Mrs
Cartwright and Moorhen
for their lovely assembly
today.

They took us on a journey back to September and through to today. Sharing all of their learning through songs, poems and sign language

#### SPECIAL DATES

#### Choir

Mr Darling and the choir were invited to take part in the 10th anniversary of Waltham Forest's performance of the opera Carmen, led by professional singer Maya Sapone. It was a magical evening, with Mission Grove performing in the chorus line of several schools from around the borough. As well as getting to sing (with many students really trying hard to hit some tricky notes!), the children got experience a stunningly talented orchestra and performances from secondary pupils, including former MG alumnus, Mathilda, on the flute. Choir rehearsals will soon start for young voices 2026 which will include a little bit of

#### JULY—Article 29 Aims of education

7th July—11th July Goldcrest & Year 2 swimming

8th Parent Evening

Create Day

9th Parent Evening

Chiff Chaff Aquarium trip

10th Kelmscott transition day

North Reception parent's transition meeting

11th Chaffinch Aquarium trip

South Reception parents transition meeting

14th Transition Day

Rock steady concerts 10.30 South site

2.30 North

AIMS OF EDUCATION

15th Year 1 Seaside trip

Reception Come dine with me

Music Concert

16th Musical Production

Ticket entry only

Wizard of Oz 2pm & 5pm

22nd Graduations

Goldfinch & Grouse @10am

Goldcrest & Goose @ 2pm



Hello everyone,

Volunteer opportunities for "Summer Fair 2025" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

#### volunteersignup.org/CADC7

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Katie Jennings

#### The Summer Reading

We welcome one and all into the magical Story Garden.

Are you up for the Challenge?

Our green-fingered friends and

a couple of magical garden creatures are ready to go. So pick your fave (we promise not to tell) and let's get reading this summer!

If you take part in <u>your local library</u> you can pick up a fun sticker booklet and dive into an enchanting garden full of suprises (spot the yeti!). As you read, you'll collect stickers to place in spots around the garden and be awarded once you meet your reading goal!

You can also take part online, <u>right here</u>. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock some digital goodies and a certificate of achievement. Here on the website, you will find <u>amazing books</u>, awesome <u>author videos</u>, and plenty of <u>activities</u>.

The Challenge is brought to life by epic children's illustrator, Dapo Adeola.

Are you excited to join #StoryGarden this summer? Keep an eye on our News and our <u>Facebook page</u> for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge fun stuff!

#### ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

Form	%	
Nursery South AM		88.89%
R Cuckoo		89.88%
3 Wagtail		90.18%
R Chiff Chaff		90.19%
R Chaffinch		90.32%
2yr North AM		90.53%
Nursery North AM		91.30%
6 Goldcrest		91.40%
1 Merlin		91.66%
1 Mallard		92.01%
R Crow		92.03%
4 Sparrow		92.21%
1 Magpie		92.59%
Nursery North PM		92.60%
5 Barn Owl		92.61%
2 Kestrel		92.78%
6 Goldfinch		92.84%
3 Waxwing		92.94%
3 Woodpecker		93.20%
2 Kittiwake		93.34%
Key Stage 1-4		93.58%
Nursery North Full Time		93.68%
4 Swan		93.82%
6 Grouse		94.22%
2 Kingfisher		94.44%
4 Swallow		94.51%
Nursery South PM		94.54%
5 Buzzard		94.74%
5 Blackbird		94.79%
6 Goose		94.90%
3 Wren		95.21%
4 Skylark		95.50%
2yr North PM		95.77%
1 Moorhen		95.94%
2 Kinglet		96.29%
Nursery South Full Time		97.35%



28TH JULY - 14TH AUGUST 2025

**MONDAY - THURSDAY** 

10AM - 3PM

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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

#### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets. the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage

#### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy 12 protections, a recent study found that many IOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users

#### **INAPPROPRIATE** CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material.
Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate
content, whether through apps, advertisements
or online searches. Even recommended content
algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

#### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the nev text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access

#### SCREEN ADDICTION

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iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive creen time may affect a child's emotional and ehavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

#### **REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT**

reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and itive functioning over time

# Advice for Parents & Educators

#### **ENABLE FAMILY SHARING**

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content the can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight

#### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely

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### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

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#### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allow you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

#### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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# SUMMER FAIR 2025 - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Mission Grove Summer Fair (Saturday 12th July) is a fun way to raise much needed funds for the school - and we need support from our parent community to make it an enjoyable and successful event. Here are some ways to support:



Volunteer your time to help run the event (even an hour would be helpful!)



Buy raffle tickets



Donate prizes for the raffle / Ask organisations you work with if they can donate



Contribute cakes or baked goods for sale



Invite others - please bring your friends, family and neighbours along to enjoy the day!

If you can help with volunteering/ donations please get in touch with friends@missiongrove.org.uk



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The children have had a great time at PGL. There are lots more pictures on the website.

Year 5s we have already booked the Isle of wight for next year. So start saving that pocket money and doing some chores to earn cash! I must be feeling generous as we are keeping the price freeze for a third year and the cost will be £500. You can start paying on Parentpay now. A nonrefundable deposit of £50 will guarantee you a space.



#### LABUBU's

These delightful looking things have started appearing in school. They will be confiscated and you will have to collect from me. This includes the keyring versions.

Thank you

Year 3 Science Investigations.

## Shadow investigation













As part of our way to celebrate the successes in reading, children on the Accelerated Reading scheme can earn stars. When they reach a million, they are rewarded with a reading trophy. If they reach 2 million, then they go to a book store to choose a book for themselves.

2025 has seen a bumper number of millionaire readers - more than we have ever had!

Goldcrest - Hamza, Daniel, Mara, Jad & Sajid 1 million

Goldfinch - Areesha & Aliya 2 million, Mohammed K, Gabriele, 7 Maja 1 million

Goose - Arshnoor 2 million, ZayanSireen, Aleena, all 1 million

Grouse - Safiyyah 2 million, Humzah 1 million

Barn Owl -Petar 3 millionaire, Musa, Dawoud, Aleema, Ethan & Juwairiyah 2 million, Sakeena, Nayyab, Savannah & Giulia 1 million.

Blackbird - Alina & Nuuh 3 million, Raadiyah, Asma 2 million, Mardia, Ibrahim, Obaid-Ur, Kajetan, & Srisaayaga 1 million

Buzzard - Livy 3 million, Fatima 2 million, Amina, Yanan, Madiha & Aniyah

Skylark - Ali Haydar 4 Million!!!! Hannah 2 million Sofia 1 million

Sparrow Ismaeel, Rushik 1 million

Swallow - Eesa & Susanna 4 million !!!!!! Stanley 2 million

Swan - Mateo 2 million, Muhammad 1 million

