

Friday 27th February 2026



I hope you all had a wonderful half term. This is such a mad half term as we now only have 20 school days until the next holiday! Yes, 4 weeks and then we break up for Easter. The school will be hosting an Easter Holiday Club and you can sign up already on the website.

Hopefully you all saw the app message sent yesterday about the online craze that is sweeping through London Secondary Schools. Originally framed online as competition between individual secondary schools, this trend has evolved into a broader “school versus school” narrative and, more recently, into “borough versus borough.” While much of the content may appear to some young people as playful rivalry, it is increasingly being presented in ways that encourage confrontation, intimidation and, in some cases, organised meet-ups.

Although our pupils are of primary age, many have older siblings in secondary school and may also be exposed to this content through social media, group chats or conversations at home. Even when children do not fully understand what they are seeing, exposure to this kind of messaging can create anxiety, confusion, or an unhealthy sense of division.

We would ask families to:

- Monitor social media use closely, particularly for children of secondary school age.
- Check group chats and platforms where messages can spread quickly.
- Encourage them to speak to a trusted adult if they see or hear anything that makes them feel worried or unsafe.
- Reinforce the importance of kindness, respect and not sharing or forwarding content that could escalate tensions.

For our younger pupils, simple reassurance is key. If they mention “red and blue” or similar themes, you may wish to calmly explain that sometimes older children copy things they see online, but adults are working together to make sure everyone stays safe.

I would like parents, of children who normally walk home alone, to make alternative provision. The safety and wellbeing of our children remains our highest priority.

If you have any concerns or information you feel we should be aware of, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Katie Jennings—Head Teacher

### Our School Values

This half term we will be focusing on

#### Resilience

It is about developing perseverance, courage, and a positive approach to challenges –

It means being strong in your heart and mind when things get hard. It’s about not giving up, learning from mistakes, and trying again even if something is tough.

For example, if you fall while learning to ride a bike but get back up and keep trying, that shows resilience.



**“Resilience is knowing that you are the only one that has the power and the responsibility to pick yourself up.”**

Mary Holloway

ATTENDANCE  
PERCENTAGE BY  
CLASS

Form	%
Nursery North AM	81.00%
2yr North AM	84.22%
Nursery North PM	84.84%
2yr North PM	85.33%
R Goose	85.48%
R Grouse	85.51%
2 Mallard	88.14%
Nursery North Full Time	89.11%
1 Chaffinch	90.69%
R Goldfinch	91.18%
5 Swan	91.33%
4 Wagtail	91.49%
Nursery South AM	91.61%
4 Woodpecker	92.24%
1 Chiff Chaff	92.27%
3 Kittiwake	92.28%
4 Wren	92.34%
5 Sparrow	92.75%
R Goldcrest	92.80%
2 Merlin	92.90%
4 Waxwing	92.95%
6 Barn Owl	93.02%
2 Magpie	93.03%
1 Crow	93.21%
5 Swallow	93.46%
3 Kingfisher	94.01%
6 Blackbird	94.19%
1 Cuckoo	94.34%
3 Kestrel	94.69%
6 Buzzard	94.73%
5 Skylark	95.16%
Nursery South PM	95.37%
3 Kinglet	95.49%
2 Moorhen	96.13%
Nursery South Full Time	96.15%

## SPECIAL DATES

**MARCH 2026 Article 14—freedom of thought and religion**

- 2nd **Secondary offer day**  
**Year 1 film night**
- 3rd KS2 rescheduled fun run—Douglas Eyre
- 4th Holi festival
- 5th World Book Day—dress up  
Chaffinch & Chiff Chaff Theatre trip  
Curriculum Governors
- 6th Kestrel Class Assembly
- 9th **STEAM WEEK**  
Happy Puzzle workshops Tuesday , Wednesday & Thursday  
Girls football team representing Leyton Orient
- 12th Cuckoo & Crow Theatre trip
- 13th **STEAM dress up day**  
PTA Mother’s Day event
- 19th Eid celebrations—wear your best clothes.  
PTA event also.  
Finance Governors
- 20th **Comic Relief -**  
Sparrow Class assembly



### EASTER Holiday Club

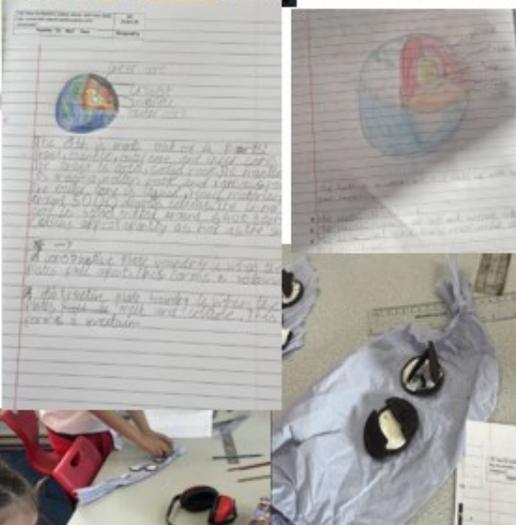
This will be running for the 30th April—2nd March Closed Friday 3rd & Monday 6th, but then the next 4 days are open for the club. . The application form is on the website.

The club is held on the North site.

Please visit the website to complete the application form for a place.

[Mission Grove Primary School - Holiday Club](#)





As part of our **Earthquakes, Mountains and Volcanoes** unit, Year 3 used Oreo biscuits to model tectonic plates. The biscuit halves represented the Earth's crust and the cream the mantle.

By pushing, pulling and sliding the biscuits, we explored how plate movements cause **volcanoes, mountain ranges and earthquakes**.

A fun (and memorable!) way to bring geology to life 🌋



Thank you to the PTA members who met yesterday.

The agenda was putting final touches to the Mother's day event, Eid and Easter Egg Hunt.

You can buy a card and flower for £5 for Mother's day. This is on parentpay.

The Easter Egg Hunt is £2 and that is also on parent pay.

We are hoping to raise money to buy 10 new chromebooks.

If any parents can help on the 19th March to help with HENNA painting in school please email [friends@missiongrove.org.uk](mailto:friends@missiongrove.org.uk) or let a PTA member know.



# SCIENCE DRESS-UP DAY!

☀️ Get ready to get creative! ☀️

📅 Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

At Mission Grove, we love challenging stereotypes and celebrating the amazing diversity in STEAM. Many of us have been guilty of picturing a scientist with zany hair, a white lab coat, and safety goggles — but in reality, scientists can come in all different shapes and sizes!

During STEAM Week, we would like our pupils to take part in a special fancy dress challenge, coming dressed as:

👤 A real-life scientist

❖ Captain Peeko



or one of our "Scientific Enquiry Superheroes":

❖ Spy Magnus



❖ Commander Classify

❖ Billy Bookhead



❖ Fantastically Fair Girl



Unsure of ideas?

Come and speak to **Ms Hakeem** (Science lead)

## STEAM CAREERS AT MISSION GROVE!

📅 Date: Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

👤 Calling all Parents & Carers!

We would love to invite parents and carers to come and talk to our pupils about your career!

Show children how many jobs use **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths (STEAM)** every day — even jobs they see all around them!

Whether you are a **hairdresser, train station worker, software developer, nurse, chef, or engineer**, your story can inspire our children.

★ Other STEAM career examples include:

Banker | Shop keeper | Photographer | Set designer | Accountant | Farmer | Builder | Plumber | Electrician | Social media manager | Game designer | Pharmacist | Vet | Nutritionist | Gardener | IT support | Web designer and many more!

💬 If you are interested, please speak to **Ms Hakeem (Science Lead)** or your child's class teacher for more details.

☀️ Help inspire our children to dream big!



I loved how fun and unforgettable the football trip was. It was emotional because we got to the semi-finals. We were all cheering! We never gave up! We loved it! We were proud!

Giulia- Blackbird

I really enjoyed yesterday because I got to play my favourite sport and I got picked to go and represent Mission Grove. I am grateful for the opportunity.

Hamdi- Blackbird

I enjoyed that we got to play against different schools. We all cheered for each other even though we wasn't on the same teams! It was a great day.

Shyan- Barn Owl

The football trip was very fun, even though we got third place, I still enjoyed playing football. It was a very fun experience and I would love to go again, but this time try harder and win the competition!



Hindu- Barn Owl



Our Year 4 pupils travelled back in time for an incredible Anglo-Saxon and Viking workshop!



They explored daily life in settlements, examined weapons, and learned how communities lived during the times of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

The children tried their hand at rune writing with the feather pens, played traditional games, and even took part in an exciting (and very noisy!) shield wall battle. They also had the chance to handle replica helmets and shields, a real highlight of the day!

A fantastic, hands-on experience that truly brought history to life. Well done, Year 4! 🙌

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# **WORLD** **BOOKDAY**

**Thursday 5th March**

★ Come dressed as your favourite book character or in your pyjamas with your favourite bedtime story. ★

## Employability Workshops

Looking for support with your job search?

Join our engaging hands-on employability workshops designed to help you boost your confidence and get you job – ready!

Workshop Name	Date	Time	Venue
Confidence with Employability JS0140C3	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	10am - 12:30am	Queens Road Learning Centre
CV Support - 1 day workshop JS0141C3	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	10am - 3:30pm	
Interview Success- 1 day workshop JS0142C3	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	10am - 3:30pm	

Learn how to present yourself confidently.

We'll help you write a CV that clearly shows your skills and experience, highlights your strengths and achievements, and is tailored to different job roles so employers can see what you're good at. Practical hands-on workshop.

We'll help you get ready for interviews by practising how to speak confidently, answer common questions, and make a good first impression. Practical workshop with role play.

**Interested in joining one or more of our workshops?**

To reserve your place, simply contact Business Support on **020 8496 2974**

**Queens Road Learning Centre (QR)97 Queens Road**  
Walthamstow E17 8QR

Online  
Course

# strengthening families strengthening communities

For parents and other adult carers; **group starting on Friday  
27 March at 10:00am**

Want to get some new ideas to help  
you be the best parent you can be?

Enhance your relationship with your children?

Learning at a time that suits you?



**6 online  
sessions**



**6 group  
discussions**



**Certificate on  
completion**

## What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

## Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

## Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



Find out more or register for the course by scanning the  
QR code or emailing us at: [sfscparent@racefound.org.uk](mailto:sfscparent@racefound.org.uk)

Online  
Course

# Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **Group starting on Monday 16 March at 7:30pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



**6 online  
sessions**



**6 group  
discussions**



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## What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

## Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

## Group discussion...

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2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
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Reception's Plant Project



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# TAKE THE PLUNGE INTO WEEKLY LESSONS

Give your child the gift of confidence and safety in and around the water with Better Swim School.



Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School and get 50% off your first payment with code SCHOOL50.



**Better Swim School**

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**BETTER**



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March



# EASTER EGG HUNT

No yolk, this is serious fun!



An Easter egg hunt on school grounds - have fun  
and raise funds for Mission Grove!

£2 to enter

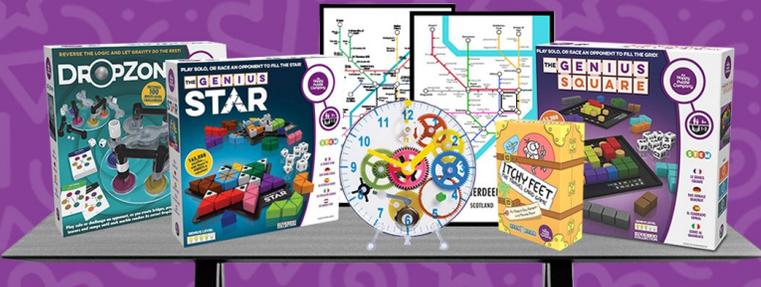
Must book by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March to take part

# THE PUZZLE SHOP



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Durin STEAM week the children will have the opportunity to have a puzzle workshop.

There will be opportunities for parents to buy some of the puzzles after school on the Wednesday and the Thursday, on the south site.

The school will also have a small science shop with crystal growing kits, glow rockets and alien bouncing putty. The process will range from £1.00 to £3.00. They will be on sale both on North and South.

## Year 1 trip to the Little Angel Theatre



**A Squash and a Squeeze**  
*Chaffinch and Chiff Chaff* - 5<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026

*Cuckoo and Crow* - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Payment to be made - **£2.50** per child  
Please bring a packed lunch

## Year 1 Movie Night



We will be watching  
**The Wild Robot**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**  
**3.30pm-5pm**  
**Price - £5**  
This includes a soft drink  
and popcorn