

Friday 23rd July 2025



I have been trying to write this newsletter since last Friday.

A parent asked how do I cope saying goodbye at the end of every year- it is hard I am not going to lie. Saying goodbye to staff and pupils, some who I have known for over 7 years and some who have only been with us a short time, is emotional. One of the things we are rich on at Mission Grove is our memories. We do so many things to make memories that we can all look back on and cherish. Time moves on and people and year 6 get replaced - but everyone leaves a legacy for something they have said or done in their time here.

We pride ourselves on being a school for the community and will always welcome back past and present staff and families. At the year 6 graduation party it was great to welcome back an ex pupil to join in the festivities. I would like to thank our PTA chair, Chelsea, for the fabulous balloon decorations. The party was another fantastic opportunity to make memories. Some of the photos are already on the website in the photo gallery.

As always, I want to thank you for your ongoing support.

In September we will be launching the new vision and values statement. It is very much in line with what we do now, and follows our motto, Respect Yourself, Respect Others. I don't want to end the year on a moan but in the last couple of days we have had some angry incidents when parents have come charging in aggressively without the full facts. Let's take this summer to reflect on the role models we want to be for the children at Mission Grove.

Book amnesty

Also, over the summer can we ask that you have a look in your children's rooms and in book cases and if you have any books with the MG stamp you bring them back to school in September. We have lost an awful lot of our AR books this year. It is wonderful that the children are taking them to read, but we do need them back. There will be no fine when you return them. Saying that from September if your child fails to return a book there will be a £5 replacement fee.

In September I will write a newsletter with reminders but here are just a few:

- PE kits **RED** top (NOT black including sweatshirt or hoodie as we go into the colder months) , black trainers or plimsolls, black shorts or jogging bottoms. Children to come in their PE kit on the day of their lesson. NO jewellery at all on PE days - including earrings.
- No jewellery anytime - except small studs/hoop earrings
- No letting in bags
- No toys to be brought in unless for a specific lesson, when you will be informed.
- Book bags with reading records and journals every day.
- No birthday/ celebration sweet bags or cakes - buy a game or a book for the class to share. Believe me they love this when it is wet play! If you write the class name on it will go up with them.
- Greeting your child with a smile and how's your day been, not you on your mobile phone at the end of the day.

If I don't see you today, please have a wonderful summer. Take care , stay safe and remember to make some wonderful memories with your loved ones!

Miss Jennings

SPECIAL DATES

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

Form	%
Nursery South AM	88.53%
3 Wagtail	90.12%
R Cuckoo	90.22%
R Chaffinch	90.25%
R Chiff Chaff	90.49%
6 Goldcrest	91.23%
Nursery North AM	91.33%
2yr North AM	91.51%
1 Merlin	91.71%
1 Mallard	91.92%
4 Sparrow	91.99%
R Crow	92.08%
1 Magpie	92.47%
6 Goldfinch	92.51%
5 Barn Owl	92.54%
Nursery North PM	92.68%
3 Waxwing	92.78%
2 Kestrel	92.91%
3 Woodpecker	92.93%
2 Kittiwake	93.36%
4 Swan	93.55%
6 Grouse	93.95%
Nursery North Full Time	94.00%
2 Kingfisher	94.11%
4 Swallow	94.42%
Nursery South PM	94.47%
5 Blackbird	94.58%
5 Buzzard	94.78%
3 Wren	95.20%
4 Skylark	95.21%
2yr North PM	95.78%
6 Goose	95.89%
1 Moorhen	96.05%
2 Kinglet	96.31%
Nursery South Full Time	97.37%

JULY—Article 29 Aims of education

23rd Last Day. Attendance Assembly

28th July—22nd August Holiday club

SEPTEMBER Article 28 Access to Education

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd—Staff INSET

3rd Children return

Half of Reception children start

4th Half of Reception children start

5th All Reception children in

8th Nursery Home Visits

9th Nursery Home Visits

Parent Council Meeting—Vision & Values

Open to a parent from each class to attend

and represent the class.

9 am North site

12th Party in the Playground—end of the day until 5.30pm

Refreshments on sale



AIMS OF
EDUCATION



ACCESS TO
EDUCATION

For DT, Waxwing class made their own bookmarks using textiles skills. They planned and designed their bookmarks on units / topics they have learnt this year (more pictures on the website). The children created fantastic bookmarks that linked to topics such as Volcanoes, plants, rivers



Class teachers for September 2025

2 year Olds	Miss Aneesa, Miss Shogufta, Miss Ameenah
Nursery North	Mrs Louise Morgan Miss Keeley, Miss Maggie, Miss Sherish, Miss Shazia, Mr Andrew
Nursery South	Mrs Nicola Richards Miss Sylvia

Reception

Goldcrest—South	Miss Acheampong
Goldfinch	Miss Mozir—year group lead
Grouse	Miss Hussain
Goose	Mrs Klonowska
Support team	Miss Gemma, Miss Emma, Miss Jamila, Miss Danielle

Year 1

Crow—South	Mrs Cartwright
Chaffinch	Miss Kazim –Year group lead
Cuckoo	Mrs Chaudhary
Chiff Chaff	Miss Dar
Support team	Miss Mehreen, Miss Becky, Mrs Rasheda, Miss Khady

Year 2

Moorhen—South	Mrs Hussain—year group lead
Magpie	Dr. Goodchild
Merlin	Mrs Chetty
Mallard	Mrs Islam/ Mrs Hussain
Support team	Miss Keda, Miss Hamana, Mr Dean, Miss Eve, Miss Deana, Miss Tahira, Miss Claudia

Year 3

Kinglet—South	Mr Gwynn– Jones
Kingfisher	Mr O’Brien
Kestrel	Miss Hakeem—year group lead Miss Minasse
Kittiwake	Mrs Thompson
Support Team	Miss Zehra, Mr Conor, Miss Claudia, Mrs May, Mrs Tahira, Mrs WMariam

Year 4

Wren—South	Miss Yasin
Waxwing	Mr Lester
Wagtail	Mrs Lambat
Woodpecker	Mrs Ahmed—year group lead
Support team	Miss Brenda, Miss Farzana, Miss Sharman, Mrs Al Sabah, Miss Mariam

Year 5

Swan—South	Mr Foster
Sparrow	Mr Taylor
Swallow	Miss Khaliq
Skylark	Miss Harper—year group lead
Support team	Miss Tanya, Miss Romaisa, Miss Misbah, Miss Sajida

Year 6

Buzzard—South	Mrs Osborne—year group lead
Barn Owl	Mr Redding
Blackbird	Mr Craddock
Support	Miss Tanya, Miss Shazia, Miss Mytti

Please check the website for the year group page and you will see ideas on there.



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**28TH JULY - 14TH
AUGUST 2025**

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Free summer cycling activities



Looking for a fun, free way to keep the kids active this summer?

Waltham Forest is offering over 125 spots fully-funded spaces at our summer cycle school across Walthamstow, Leyton, Leytonstone & Chingford.



Feel Good Centre, Walthamstow
28th - 31st July

Leyton Jubilee Park, Leyton
4th - 7th August

Buxton School, Leytonstone
11th - 14th August

Hawkswood School, Chingford
18th - 21st August

Limited spaces available, book early to secure your child's spot.

Sessions catering from learn to ride to on-road training for children and teenagers from 4 - 18 in Waltham Forest.

Book now:
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Here are some free things for kids to do in London this summer:

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- Be wowed by the street entertainers in Covent Garden.
- Play soldiers during a visit to the National Army Museum.
- Go on a journey through London's past and learn about the history of British currency at the Bank of England Museum.
- Learn about the history of the river Thames at the Museum of London Docklands.
- Visit the Natural History Museum.
- Walk across Tower Bridge.
- Take an Uber Boat along the Thames.
- Visit Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens.
- Visit the Science Museum.
- Visit the Museum of London.
- Visit Trafalgar Square.
- Visit Mudchute Farm.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of bathtubs, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

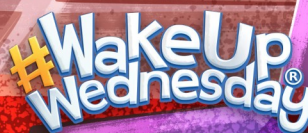
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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A fun, safe space to learn new skills and make new friends.

Spaces are limited - Don't miss out! Enrolment required in advance



FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Open to young people of all abilities aged 7-18 years. **No cost** - Just come along and join in!

When:

Week 1: 29th & 31st July

Week 2: 4th & 7th August

Week 3: 12th & 14th August

Week 4: 19th & 21st August

Session Times:

3PM-6PM

- ✓ Improve your Health & Well-being
- ✓ Have fun & Get fit
- ✓ Build your confidence
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Connect with your community

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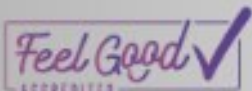
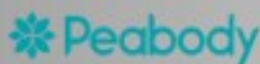
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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



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ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

Venues offering free or reduced meals for children:

Angus Stakehouse – Kids under 8 eat free daily (12pm - 5pm)
Asda – kids eat for £1 all day everyday (no adult spend required)
Ask Italian – Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays
Beefeater – kids eat FREE with newsletter voucher this summer
Bella Italia – children eat for £1 with any adult main
Bills – Kids eat free weekdays (21st July – 29th September)
Brewers Fayre – kids eat FREE with newsletter voucher this summer
Brewdog – two children eat free with one adult meal (19th July – 31st August)
Burger King – Kids eat free via the app (28th July – 31st August)
Chiquito – Kids eat FREE daily (until 31st August)
Dobbies Garden Centres – for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, child eats free
Frankie and Bennie's – children eat for free (14th July – 31st August)
Future Inns – Under 5s eat free with any adult meal
Gordon Ramsey Restaurants – Kids under 10 eat free all day everyday
Harvester – Children eat for £1 via the app (Mon – Fri)
Hungry Horse – Kids eat for £1 (Mondays only)
Ikea – Kids Meal from 95p, daily from 11am
Las Iguanas – kids under 12 eat free with 'My Las Iguanas' via the app
Marco Pierre White – children under 12 eat FREE with an adult spend
Morrisons – children eat free with a £5 spend, everyday
Pausa Cafe at Dunelm – kids eat free with every £4 spend (after 3pm)
Premier Inn and Travelodge – buy one adult breakfast and two children eat breakfast for free
Preto – kids up to age 10 eat free with a paying adult
Purezza – children under 10 get a free pizza with every adult meal purchased
SA Brains – kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
Sizzling Pubs – kids mains £1 with every adult meal (Monday – Friday 3-7pm)
Table Table – two children eat breakfast for free with a paying adult
Tesco Cafe – one free kids meal with every 60p spend (until 31st August)
TGI Fridays – children eat free with an adult meal (via the app)
The Real Greek – Kids under 12 eat free for every £10 spent by an adult (Sundays)
Toby Carvery – Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays until 29th August)
Whitbread Inn – two children eat free with every adult breakfast
Yo Sushi – kids eat free all day in school holidays (Monday – Friday)
Zizzi – kids eat free this summer holidays (excluding Saturdays)

Source: [moneysavingcentral.co.uk](https://www.moneysavingcentral.co.uk)



Join us for a

PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND

to celebrate

Being back at school!

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Friday 12th September 2025
From the end of school until 5.30pm
Both sites
FREE Entry
Refreshments on sale

**Music & a chance to meet other
families.**





Year 6 Graduation events

More photos on the school website in the gallery section.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE SLANG

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Slang moves fast – and for many young people, it's not just how they talk, but how they share their identity and feelings. Learning key terms helps adults connect and show understanding, even if the lingo seems baffling at first.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

Words like 'rizz' or 'slaps' can be misunderstood by adults, leading to awkward moments or a breakdown in trust. These phrases often carry subtle social meanings among young people.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Slang changes quickly. A term like 'bop' might sound innocent one week and be repurposed the next. This makes it easy for adults to fall behind and for children to misstep.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR EXCLUSION

Inside jokes and trending terms like 'simp' or 'NPC' can be used to mock or exclude others. What looks like harmless fun might actually reinforce social divisions or bullying.

PERFORMING FOR THE ALGORITHM

Slang often reflects what's popular on platforms like TikTok. Young users might exaggerate or act out for likes, creating online personas that don't match their real selves.

CONTENT MODERATION WITH CODED SPEECH

To avoid content filters, young people sometimes use slang or emojis to talk about serious topics – for example, saying 'unalive' instead of other death-related terms. This makes harmful content harder to spot.

LONG-TERM DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

A slang-filled post might seem funny now but could resurface years later during job checks or university applications – possibly out of context, but still damaging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP UP, DON'T CATCH UP

Follow youth culture pages or ask your child about new slang. Staying informed shows that you're engaged and open to understanding their world.

FOCUS ON CONNECTION OVER CONTROL

Being someone your child can talk to is more valuable than using strict filters or monitoring apps. Openness builds trust.

ASK, DON'T INTERROGATE

Use open questions to invite conversation. You're not quizzing them – just trying to learn more about their online lives.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY

Talk about where slang comes from, how it spreads, and how it can impact others. This helps young people use language more thoughtfully.

ONLINE SLANG CHEAT SHEET -

The following slang terms are common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list and both meaning and prevalence can change swiftly.

COMMON SLANG:

- Sigma** - Independent, self-reliant (often male) mindset; proud outsider status. Often celebrated in motivational memes.
- Skibidi** - Nonsense word from the viral 'Skibidi Toilet' meme; expresses chaos or fun. Usually harmless but pervasive.
- Chat** - The collective audience or group of viewers (e.g. on a livestream). Used when addressing followers directly.
- Lock in** - To focus, commit or get serious (e.g. before gaming or sports). Positive encouragement to concentrate.
- Cooking** - Doing something exceptionally well or gaining momentum. Opposite of 'cooked'.
- Rizz** - Charisma or flirting ability (short for charisma). Can praise social confidence.
- Aura or aura farming** - One's perceived 'energy' or vibe; 'farming' means manufacturing clout.

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING SLANG

- Bop** - An adult content creator (e.g. OnlyFans). Indicates exposure to 18+ material.
- Gyatt or gyatt** - Sexualised exclamation about someone's backside. Objectifies appearance.
- Tralalero tralala / bombardino crocodilo / tung tung tung sahur** - Spammy references to AI-generated creatures with 'Italian-sounding' names. Can clog chats, derail discussion, and harass others.
- Glazing** - Overpraising or obsessively defending a streamer or celebrity.
- Crash out** - To lose control, give up or have a meltdown; sometimes hints at self-harm.
- Cooked** - Ruined, exhausted or in serious trouble; sometimes mental health-related.
- Unalive** - Euphemism for death or suicide; used to avoid content filters.
- NPC** - Used to suggest someone is lacking independent thoughts or is repetitive and predictable.

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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