



Friday 5th March 2026



What a inquisitive week we have had at school. With the maths puzzle works shops happening on Tuesday and Wednesday, and some next Monday, to the dress up today. The children have had a full STEAM week.

The Year 5 & 6 Girls football team represented Leyton Orient on Tuesday. This is a short message from the club: *Just wanted to say how proud we are of the girls' team who represented Leyton Orient yesterday at the PL national regional girls football tournament at West Ham Foundation.*

They really were a credit to the school winning against Millwall, Crystal Palace, drawing against Fulham, Charlton Athletic and narrow defeats vs QPR, Brentford and Tottenham. They also got to take part in workshops and got to see the PL trophy.

Well done girls.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Mother's Day bundles and the cake sale today. We are hoping to raise money to replace some of the damaged chrome books. If you want to help fundraise any money we still have the gofundme page active and the easyfundraise me. Also, you can donate on parentpay to help towards another child's trip sponsorship.

PE kits

There have been a lot of children not wearing PE kits. Please make sure you check the website or ask your child's teacher for the day of their PE.

Can I also remind you if you are planning any shoe shopping before the summer term that we do not allow HIGH TOP trainers, and all shoes and trainers should be black.

We will be having our annual Easter Hat Parade on the 27th March. The PTA will be running an Easter Egg Hunt on the Thursday. It will be £1 per child to enter. You can pre book on parentpay. If you would like to help at these events please let your child's class teacher know, the office and on South Jacob's mum and on the North Arlo's mum.

Have a great weekend.

Katie Jennings—Head Teacher

Comic Relief—Friday 20th March

The school council voted for 'Wear it Funny'. This may include wearing odd socks, clothes back to front or inside out, clothes that are too big, funny sunglasses or hats and ties and/ or funny hair. This could be the style or the colour of their hair. We will have donation buckets on the playground. We haven't got any red noses on sale this year but you can buy them on Amazon.

**DO
SOMETHING
FUNNY
FOR MONEY**



ATTENDANCE
PERCENTAGE BY
CLASS

Form	%
Nursery North AM	82.85%
R Goose	85.25%
2yr North PM	86.06%
R Grouse	86.08%
2 Mallard	87.30%
2yr North AM	87.68%
Nursery North PM	87.75%
Nursery South PM	88.63%
Nursery North Full Time	89.80%
1 Chaffinch	90.33%
R Goldfinch	91.07%
4 Wagtail	91.30%
5 Swan	91.31%
5 Sparrow	92.08%
1 Chiff Chaff	92.32%
3 Kittiwake	92.36%
R Goldcrest	92.52%
4 Woodpecker	92.61%
4 Wren	92.79%
6 Barn Owl	92.94%
4 Waxwing	93.14%
Nursery South AM	93.24%
2 Merlin	93.31%
2 Magpie	93.37%
1 Crow	93.45%
5 Swallow	93.82%
3 Kingfisher	93.94%
6 Blackbird	94.29%
1 Cuckoo	94.67%
6 Buzzard	94.74%
3 Kestrel	95.07%
5 Skylark	95.25%
3 Kinglet	96.00%
Nursery South Full Time	96.02%
2 Moorhen	96.24%

SPECIAL DATES

MARCH 2026 Article 14—freedom of thought and religion



- 16th Year 2 & 3 Happy puzzle workshop
Year 2 Scooter training day
- 18th Chaffinch & Chiff Chaff rescheduled
Theatre trip
Health worker in for year 3 & 6
Change of date—Halal sweet sale
4pm Mr Osborne’s musical theatre club production
- 19th Finance Governors
- 20th Comic Relief - Nonuniform—dress in a funny costume
We are NOT selling red noses this year
- 23rd **EID change of date—all to wear celebration cloths**
Rock Steady Concerts—Parents welcome
10.30am South site
2pm North site
Year 4 Science Museum
- 24th Music concert—year 4 parents welcome and individual guitars
Barn Owl @TwoTemple
- 25th Blackbird@Two Temple
- 26th Easter Egg Hunt
` Full Governors
- 27th Easter Parade—design a hat, bonnet, cap
- 28th March—13th April—Easter Holiday

APRIL

- 14th Children return to school

EASTER Holiday Club

This will be running for the 30thApril—2nd May 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](#)





Home project from
Srisaayaga
Buzzard class
exploring hearts.



The 2026 "Every Child Achieving and Thriving" White Paper aims to reform England's education and SEND systems into a single, integrated, and inclusive framework.

The government is keen to hear from parents as these reforms take shape. A 12-week consultation period is currently open (closing on **18 May 2026**).

Read the Full White Paper [Every Child Achieving and Thriving \(GOV.UK\)](#)

Easy Read & Parent Guides: The DfE has provided simpler guides specifically for parents here [Information for Parents and Carers](#). You are encouraged to share your views on the proposals, particularly the reforms to the SEND system. You can participate in the following ways:

Online Consultation: complete the official response form at the [GOV.UK consultation portal](#)

Via Email: Send your thoughts directly to the Department for Education at: SENDreform.CONSULTATION@education.gov.uk

By Post: SENDAP Reform, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BT.

Play Day

Come along to a fun afternoon of ensemble music-making!

- For students in Year 4 & above playing at Grade 1–5 standard
- No previous music group or ensemble experience needed
- String, woodwind and brass players are welcome

📅 Saturday 14th March • 2:00–4:30pm
📍 At Walthamstow School for Girls E17 9RZ
💰 Fees: £12-£25 + booking fee

Scan QR to find out more & sign up

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Play with the BBC Symphony Orchestra

Join the BBC Symphony Orchestra for a full day orchestral workshop

- For string, woodwind & brass players at Grade 3 standard or above
- Age 11 to 18
- No previous ensemble experience needed

Saturday 18th April • 10:00-16:00
At Willowfield School, Blackhorse Rd, E17 6ND
Fully funded - no fees

Limited places - Scan QR to apply

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THE ROOTS

Empowering young minds



Is your child struggling to go to school ?

Join our free workshop for parents to help your child attend school with confidence.



**We listen.
You lead.**

Online Workshop (via Zoom)

**Wednesday 13th May 2026
10:00am - 12:00 noon**

Scan the QR code to book:



RED NOSE DAY

Friday March 20th

Bake Sale:

Buy delicious treats at break time and after school.

Non-uniform:

Donate money and dress up in your funniest outfit.

Paint the teacher:

Pay £1 to make the teacher colourful.

Thursday 26th 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 24th March to take part



Science News

Celebrating STEAM week

This week our school had an exciting time celebrating STEAM Week! Students explored activities that brought together Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics through hands-on learning and creativity.

Throughout the week, children took part in a variety of engaging challenges such as building structures, experimenting with simple science investigations, solving maths puzzles, and expressing their ideas through creative design. These activities encouraged curiosity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

It was wonderful to see pupils asking questions, testing ideas, and learning from their discoveries. STEAM Week helped them understand how these subjects connect to the real world and inspired them to think like young scientists, engineers, and creators.

A big well done to all our pupils for their enthusiasm and creativity, and thank you to our staff for organising such a fun and inspiring week of learning!



Science dress up day



As part of our STEAM Week celebrations, Ms Hakeem held a fantastic Science Dress-Up Day. It was wonderful to see the children's creativity and enthusiasm as they came to school dressed for the occasion.

Rather than choosing stereotypical outfits, many pupils showed thoughtful and imaginative ideas. Some came dressed as doctors, scientists such as Jane Goodall, and even physicists, celebrating real people who have made important contributions to science. Others represented different areas of scientific enquiry, such as Billy Bookhead, Spy Magnus.

The day encouraged pupils to think broadly about what a scientist can look like and how curiosity and learning can take many forms. Thank you to all the children and families for supporting this fun and inspiring day!



Happy Puzzle Workshop

Mission Grove pupils were lucky to take part in an exciting Happy Puzzle Workshop, where they were challenged to solve a variety of tricky and engaging puzzles. Working in teams, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, problem-solving skills and resilience. Even when the puzzles were difficult, they showed great determination—thinking creatively, sharing ideas and encouraging one another to keep going.

It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic minds at work and plenty of smiles as the puzzles were finally solved. The workshop was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to build confidence, practise perseverance and enjoy learning together. Well done, Mission Grove pupils, for your brilliant effort and perseverance!



Live Lesson - The Big Farming Question



Today our pupils joined a special live workshop exploring how farmers, scientists and chefs work together to bring food from field to table for Eid al-Fitr celebrations.

During the session, pupils learned about the importance of sharing food at Eid, discovered the science behind how dates grow, and explored how farmers care for their animals and the environment. They also learned about an interesting vegetable ingredient used in a celebratory dish and how it is grown.

The workshop finished with a cooking demonstration, where pupils discovered more about food preparation, nutrition and the significance of the moon in marking Islamic celebrations, followed by an engaging Q&A session.



Poster competition - Inspiring curiosity!

This year, our poster competition is all about exploring **what makes a good or positive childhood**—and children's ideas will help shape the future! Some of the posters we will be submitting ...



STEAM Careers

Year 1 pupils were delighted to welcome a special visitor - a parent who works as the Director of Education and Skills at the Royal Academy of Engineering.

During the visit, he spoke to the children about engineering and how it helps solve real-world problems, inspiring them to start thinking like engineers themselves. The pupils enjoyed learning about how creativity, curiosity and problem-solving are all important skills for future engineers.

A big thank you for taking the time to visit and inspiring our Year 1 pupils to dream big about their futures!

