

Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been... Tuesday and Wednesday saw Ofsted visit Hoxton Garden. I want to say a huge thank you to the staff, pupils and families for their hard work and support over the two days. A highlight for me was when the lead inspector said that our PSHE curriculum celebrates difference. Our pupils proudly told him "It doesn't matter what your family looks like, as long as it is filled with love". Whilst we are not able to share the outcome of the inspection at this stage, I can tell you that we are extremely pleased and Hoxton Garden families will receive a copy of the inspection report the minute that it is published!

You will remember that in May, I told you that Year 6 pupils across our family of schools were sitting their SATs tests. SATs measure a child's attainment in English (reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling) and maths. I am tremendously pleased and proud to tell you that pupils across the schools have done exceptionally well, outperforming pupils nationally and those in other schools in Hackney.

	Orchard	Southwold	Hoxton Garden	Hackney	National
Reading	93%	96%	89%	83%	74%
Writing	88%	91%	84%	82%	72%
Maths	92%	94%	94%	82%	74%
RMW	87%	91%	84%	76%	62%

As the summer term comes to an end our Year 6 pupils will be getting ready to start secondary school. They have been visiting their new schools and learning how to organise themselves, for instance by creating a daily timetable. They have also been taking part in a variety of activities to celebrate the end of primary school; visiting the seaside and practising for their end of year performances. If the practice shows are anything to go by, the real ones are sure to be... Wicked.

As this is the final Executive Headteacher Update of the academic year, I want to say a huge thank you to all the staff and pupils for their hard work across the year. They make our family of schools the special places that they are. I want to say a special thank you to Ms Carr, Ms Grover and Ms Headen. I am extremely lucky to have three such talented headteachers, they really are the wind beneath my wings!

Last of all, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our parents and families for your continued support and partnership. Whatever you are planning to do over the summer holiday, I wish you a restful and safe break.

Kind regards,

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher



End of Term Finish Date

Friday 18th July - School closes at 1:00pm

Children's Start Date

Wednesday 3rd September

Meet The Teacher

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th September

Bring A Significant Male to School Day

Wednesday 24th September

World Week & Democracy Day

wb Monday 13th October

School Closes for Half Term

Friday 24th October at 3:30pm

Children's Start Date

Monday 3rd November

Parents Evening

Thursday 11th December - School closes at 1pm

End of Term Finish Date

Friday 19th December at 1:00pm

INSET Day

Monday 5th January

Children's Start Date

Tuesday 6th January

Work & Enterprise Week

wb Monday 26th January

School closes for Half Term

Friday 13th February at 3:30pm

Children's Start Date

Monday 23rd February

Orchard

This week, Year 5 visited the Thames Barrier, where they had the opportunity to explore its fascinating history and sketch the impressive structure. The trip was a great way to bring their humanities lessons to life, deepening their understanding of flood protection and London's geography.



Southwold

Ten lucky Year 3 students proudly represented the school at the annual Chess Festival! They tackled exciting tournaments, sharpened their problem-solving skills, and even faced off against a real chess master. The day was full of strategy, focus, and a few surprise checkmates.



Hoxton Garden

This week, children in Year 3 enjoyed a visit to London Zoo as part of their Science topic. During their visit, they had the opportunity to observe a range of wildlife, from turtles to raccoons. The experience brought their learning to life and sparked lots of curiosity and discussion in the classroom!

