

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a week it has been. Before I got this role I was never really a birthday person. But this week I learnt that being Executive Headteacher of three schools means 3 birthday cakes and a lot a lot of birthday wishes. I want to say a huge thank you to the children for making me feel very special this week!

Next, I have the great pleasure of sharing the outcome of the ungraded Ofsted inspection that took place at Hoxton Garden in July. The inspector could not have been more impressed with the school and made the recommendation that it have a full graded inspection with the opinion that the school is 'Exceptional'. Although it means another inspection, we could not be more pleased with the outcome. Here are just a handful of lovely quotes from the report: 'Pupils are proud to attend this highly inclusive school', 'Pupils know that staff care for them deeply and that there is always an adult there for them when needed', 'Pupils love their time in school and achieve excellent outcomes in a wide range of subjects', 'Pupils' behaviour throughout the school is impeccable'. I want to say a huge congratulations to Ms Carr and the team at Hoxton Garden.

Next week is World Week across the federation. This is a special time at our schools when we come together to celebrate the many cultures, languages, and traditions that make up our fantastic communities. It helps our pupils learn about the world, appreciate differences, and show kindness and respect to everyone, no matter where they come from. Through music, dance, stories (and food!) our children gain a better understanding of global cultures while also sharing their own. Please be sure to come along to International Evening which will be on Wednesday 8th October.

Please be reminded of the key dates for the academic year, which can be found down the side of this update, and enjoy the selection of news items from across the Viridis schools below.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all on the different school gates in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher



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

Autumn Term 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

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Spring Term Parents Evening

Thursday 19th March - School closes at 1pm

End of Term Finish Date

Friday 27th March - School closes at 1pm

INSET Day

Monday 13th April

Orchard

Children in EYFS have been exploring natural resources as part of their learning around the Harvest Festival. One of the highlights was making some pumpkin soup! It was a wonderful way to celebrate the season and learn about the foods we harvest in autumn.



Southwold

This week, Year 1 have been learning about The Tiger Who Came to Tea. They began by using their phonics to write a shopping list for Mummy and Sophie — after all, the tiger had eaten all their food! Then they used a range of materials to create a plate of food for the tiger.



Hoxton Garden

Year 6 have been learning all about the artist and sculptor Henry Moore this half term. They have been refining skills and techniques from prior learning. They used their sketches from lesson 2, to create abstract representations of people in clay.

