

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half of the Autumn term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a great start to the new academic year. The past eight weeks (yes eight weeks!) have flown by, filled with lots of exciting learning.

First of all, we were delighted to welcome our new pupils and staff members who joined us September. It has been lovely to see how quickly everyone has settled in and become part of our Viridis family. Our new teachers and support staff have brought fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and creativity to classrooms across the school, and our new pupils have already made fantastic contributions both in lessons and around school.

Each week the headteachers in the federation take a tour of one of the three school sites. Walking around the schools this term, it's been great to see our learning spaces full of colour, creativity, and excellent work on displays. Classrooms and corridors celebrate the hard work and imagination of our pupils. Our high quality learning environments are one of the things that make our schools the special places that they are.

This half term has been packed with enriching learning experiences. As well as World Week and International Evening, our pupils have also taken part in a wide range of workshops on topics such as dance, music and gardening. Our Year 1 pupils visited the Young V&A to explore toys from the past. Year 4 enjoyed a trip to The British Museum, delving into the world of Ancient Greece and examining a range of artefacts. Meanwhile, Year 6 explored the Natural History Museum deepening their understanding of evolution and inheritance. These experiences help bring learning to life and create lasting memories.

Looking ahead to the second half of the Autumn term, highlights will include our annual Christmas performances and sing-alongs (more information to follow!) and lots more opportunities for parents to get into school to see the fantastic learning taking place. A little reminder to complete your child's holiday homework project with them and to remember to read lots of the coming week. We wish you a happy and safe half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8:55am on Monday 3rd November.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Reminders

Reading

Reading for 15 minutes each day helps improve reading fluency, vocabulary and concentration!



Road Safety

Don't forget, if you walk to school, to use this time to teach children the green cross code. Smart pedestrians are safe pedestrians.



Celebrating Diwali

This week, EYFS have been learning about the celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. They explored mark making by creating their own beautiful mehndi patterns using cotton buds. The children experimented with intricate designs and patterns!



Story Telling

This week, Year 1 explored their heritage and celebrated stories from around the world. They engaged with traditional tales from a variety of cultures and brought them to life through creative storytelling. Using masks, props, and plenty of imagination, they retold the stories in their own words.



Learning Ukelele

This term, Year 5 have been learning how to play the ukulele. They have learnt how to play different chords and how to move between them in order to play a variety of songs. They have also been learning how to sing and play at the same time!



Peer Mediators

After completing our cross site Peer Mediator training at Hoxton Garden, we were ready to put our training into action! Today we put on our lanyards and high-visibility vests and enjoyed supporting our younger peers at lunch to engage in purposeful play.



School Council

Newly elected members of the school council were invited to a tour of Hackney Town Hall. They went to the chambers where motions are discussed and ceremonies are held. They even knocked on Mayor Woodley's door and she popped out to say hello!



Key Dates

Children's Start Date

Monday 3rd November at 8:55am

Term End and Start

The second half of the autumn term starts on Monday 3rd November at 8:55am. Please scan the QR code to view our 2025

-2026 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform,



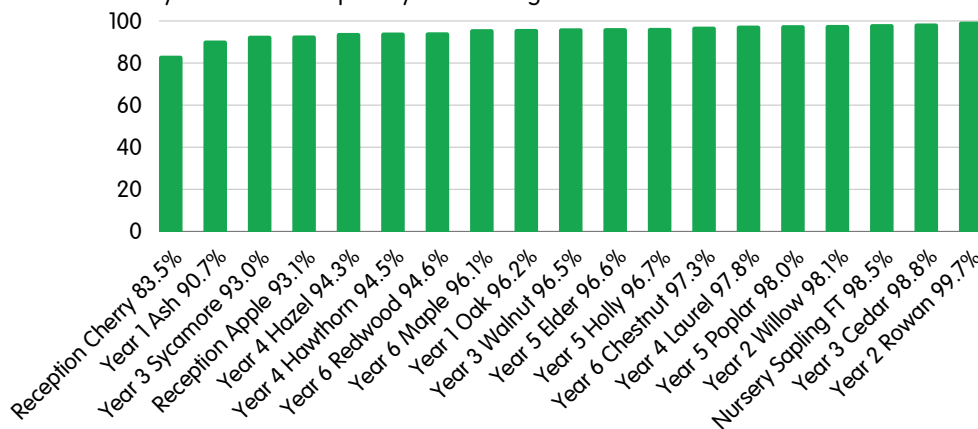
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.4%.

Well done to Year 2 Rowan Class, last week's winners with 99.7% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



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