

Message from Mrs Horton

It really does seem as if Summer has arrived now. It was perfect weather for the first sailing lessons this week which our Year 5 and 6 pupils have enjoyed. We are also getting really stuck in to gymnastics recently with a committed team of older children training the younger children – under the supervision of our PE coach Nahiem – ready for the Year 2 competition on Tuesday.

The Year 6 children had a special treat yesterday, with a visit to the Abba Voyage show. There was much singing along and dancing and a few hoarse voices this morning!

We have recently had our annual Governor Morning – which enabled governors to see the school in action. We have also recently had a visit from Trevor Davies – our School Improvement Partner - to help us shape our priorities for the next academic year. On Monday we welcomed our Islington Professional Partner, Paul Jackson. It was his third and final visit of the year. He spoke with myself and other leaders and also visited provision in classes. He spoke very positively about what he observed, noting the very good learning behaviours of the pupils.

The school value we are currently focusing on is **Respect** – for example by considering respectful behaviour around the school and in the dinner hall. This theme will continue through assemblies. The Summer Fair is coming up in less than a month – see page 3 for more details about how you can support.

Meanwhile enjoy the hot weather and stay cool!

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Upcoming events

Mon 23rd June Red and Purple to Waterlow Park
Green and Violet to Waterlow Park
Tue 24th June Y2 gymnastics competition
Indigo and Pink to Waterlow Park
HP House and Cabin to Waterlow Park
Wed 25th June Violet and Indigo Class sailing
Blue and Cyan to Waterlow Park
Orange and Lime to Waterlow Park
Thur 26th June Sophie Izzard in school –Bright Futures
Cyan Class sailing
w/c 30th June - Cyan Class swimming every afternoon
w/c 30th June – RSE lessons to be taught
Wed 2nd July **Orange Class Assembly**
Violet and Indigo sailing
Thur 3rd July Frinton – Paddington and Mowgli
Cyan sailing
w/c 7th July – Indigo Class swimming every afternoon
w/c 7th July – RSE lessons to be taught
Mon 7th July Frinton – Simba and Nemo
Nursery and Under 3s Summer Picnic
Tues 8th July Indigo and Cyan – safe travel
workshops
Wed 9th July Y5 and 6 Athletics Competition
Violet and Indigo sailing
Cyan sailing
Tue 15th July 9am Year 6 leavers' assembly
Weds 16th & Thurs 17th July – Summer Exhibition
Wed 16th July Violet and Indigo sailing
End of Year Reports sent home
Thur 17th July Sophie Izzard in school –Bright Futures
Cyan sailing
Summer Fair 3:30 – 5pm
Fri 18th July Last Day of term – school closes at 2pm



Frinton 2025



Paddington and **Mowgli** will go to Frinton
on Thursday 3rd July.

Simba and **Nemo** will go to Frinton
on Monday 7th July.

Letters will be sent out to families on Monday with all the details.

Meanwhile, here are the timings:

Children arrive during breakfast club – 8-8:30am, or promptly at 8:40am – beginning of soft start

We will depart at 9am and arrive back at Hargrave Park at approximately 5pm.

The office team will keep parents updated with any revised arrival times.

Visiting the beach in houses across two days really supports the smooth running of the trip and gives the children who remain in school a great opportunity to enjoy house activities across the day, preparing for the Whole School Exhibition.

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

✉ Want to get in touch? Email us at:
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

 Raise a £100 donation
for us when you book
your holiday with TUI

Booking a holiday? You can raise a huge £100 donation for Friends of Hargrave Park School when you book between 23rd and 29th June with TUI via [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). There's no extra cost to you and will make real difference.

Visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for Friends of Hargrave Park or scan the QR to start shopping with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).



Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and uniform to our sale on Monday. And thank you to all those who bought the cakes and uniform. We raised £72.50!

GETTING SUMMER FAIR READY

Thursday 17 July 3.30-5.00pm

Raffle Prizes

We are reaching out to local businesses and kind supporters who can help by donating raffle prizes - vouchers, items or services.

We are reaching out to local businesses and kind parents who can help by donating raffle prizes - vouchers, items or services. It's a great way to support our school and promote your business. All donors will be highlighted in our comms.

Thank you to Sobell, Wenzel's, Faber Books, Paddy Cakes and parents who have already donated to the fair.

New Fair Stalls

Photo Booth & Lucky Dip Donations

Do you have old dressing up items, hats, feather boas etc to donated to our photo booth? Or small old toys or party bag fillers that would make great prizes for our lucky dip?



Find and like @friendsofhargravepark on Instagram

We're on Instagram, providing useful school diary reminders and news about our events. Please give us a follow and let us know what other information would be useful to you.

Competition time

Can you design a poster for the Summer Fair?

We would like children to create this year's summer fair poster. The winning design will be displayed around school, on our Instagram and all publicity.

It will be a great way to show us your creativity. Please make sure your poster is portrait and summer themed, perhaps inspired by this half terms theme of 'Patterns In Nature'.

Bring your posters into school by Friday 27 June to be in with a chance to win.



Friday 20th June

Keeping your child safe online

ONLINE SAFETY

A reminder that social media platforms inc. WhatsApp, TikTok + Instagram have age restrictions of 13+ age And the school strongly advise that primary age children do not have accounts

(the NSPCC refers to social media like the Wild West because extreme & dangerous content is easily accessed, and children don't always understand meanings of words or impact of viewing)

Advice on social media by age can be found here <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-age/>

All family devices should use Parental control and monitoring tools including Google Family Link, Apple ScreenTime and Microsoft Family Safety - see <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net> - and ideally used in family spaces.

In addition, parents need to stay very involved, own the pin of all devices and regularly check the devices children are using.

Recommended Apps for Primary School Age:

For children aged 7-12, we recommend the following apps that combine education and entertainment:

- **Scratch:** A visual programming language that encourages kids to learn coding and express their creativity through interactive projects.
- **Duolingo:** This app makes language learning a fun and engaging experience, perfect for expanding linguistic horizons.
- **Epic!:** A digital library with thousands of books for kids, promoting a love of reading and exploration.
- **Minecraft:** A block-building game that encourages creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork.
- **Zoominis:** This app enhances critical thinking and problem-solving skills through interactive puzzles and challenges.

These apps are not only entertaining but also educational, fostering a love of learning and creativity while maintaining a healthy balance in the digital world. We encourage families to explore these apps together, set reasonable time limits, and engage in conversations about responsible tech use to ensure a positive digital experience for children.



SafeguardED

Most parents & carers think their children and young people spend too much time on devices. **DON'T FEEL BAD!** Lots of it is perfectly healthy anyway. Instead, follow these tips to keep them safe, happy and healthy.

SIX TOP TIPS

For Parents To Keep Your Children Safe Online

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See parentsafe.lgfl.net for more.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced - they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** reviews.



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel - there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.



Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



A message from our SENDCO: Miss D'Orsi

'Calm Corners'



Calm Corner

Each classroom at Hargrave Park has a Calm Corner. This is a space that all children are able to use. It is available for everyone. Some children may need to use the Calm Corner more than other children. Children who have SEN benefit from having access to a Calm Corner.

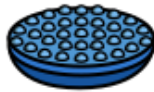
What is a 'Calm Corner'?

The Calm Corner is space within the classroom that children can use when they are feeling anxious or overwhelmed, when they need space and time to self-regulate their emotions or when they need time to have a brain-break and to re-set. Calm Corners offer children a predictable space to help promote a sense of calm. When children feel safe and emotionally regulated, they are better able to engage in learning, focus on tasks and participate in activities. Some times it can also be a place to relax after finishing set tasks and learning activities.

What is in the 'Calm Corner'?

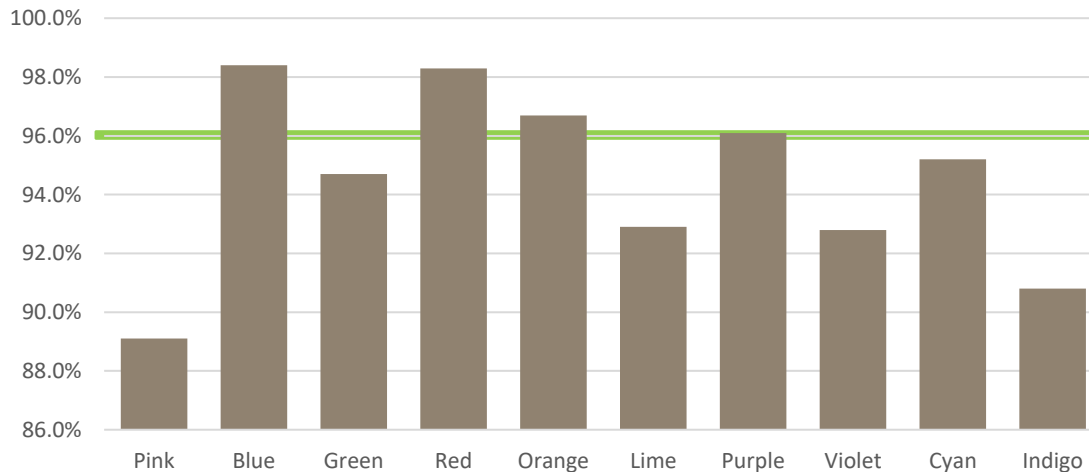
Each Calm corner in the school has different items. A Calm Corner may have sensory objects and items such as fidgets, squishy objects, weighted blankets, wobble cushions, soft cushions, puzzles, books, plasticine, items for colouring-in and drawing.

Each Class Teacher ensures that the children understand how to use the Calm Corner and know when it is appropriate to use the Calm Corner. Usually children only need to spend a short time in the Calm Corner and are then able to engage in their learning activity. A visual timer helps everyone to keep track of time.



Attendance Matters

W/C 13/06/25 – 19/06/25



Best Class Attendance this week goes to...

Blue class
They have achieved **98.4%** attendance this week.

Did you know there are now 13 pupils who still have 100% attendance – that means they have attended school every day since September

There are also 88 pupils who have attendance between 96% and 99%

We have had **179** pupils arrive late for school since September!

The total number of minutes late or missed minutes of learning is now a staggering **30,067**

That is roughly **501** hours or equivalent to **77 ½** school days!

Email your appointment letters to:
parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk

If your child is ill, please call the office on 020 7272 3989 choose option 1 to report your child's absence. All calls should be recorded before 8.45am

**Exciting news:
Toddler class spaces
available for September 2025.**

We are pleased to announce that some spaces are available in our Toddler Room for children over 2 years old, commencing September 2025. If you know families seeking a space in a Toddler room in an outstanding early years setting, we would be delighted if you could recommend our provision!

We would be happy to offer a visit to prospective parents and show them how our Toddler room consistently offers high quality opportunities for children to learn how to explore, play and engage in a warm and fun environment with daily access to outdoor space.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to welcoming new families for their first adventures in our Hargrave Park Under 3's provision.



**Reminder:
Summer Fair Poster
Competition!**



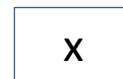
The Friends of Hargrave Park invite you to create a poster for the Summer Fair.

It must be colourful and eye-catching, with a summer theme. You could be inspired by our current theme 'Patterns in Nature'.

The winning design will be used in all the publicity for the Summer Fair.



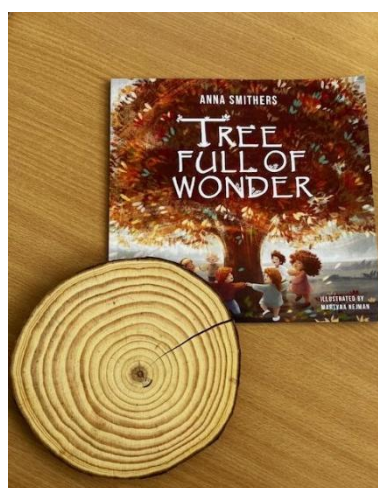
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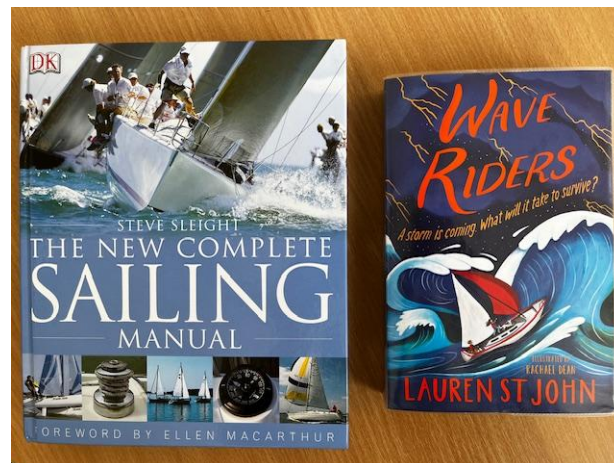
Closing date 27th June.

*More details on page ***

Our whole school theme continues to be explored – 'Patterns in nature'. Books and objects to handle including millions of years old ammonites and giant seed pods.



Sailing lessons began this week for the older classes. Amongst our library collection we have these two excellent books



The sailing manual is full of great photos and 'how to' diagrams.

Wave Riders is a tense and gripping sailing mystery involving 12 year old twins. Another brilliant novel by Lauren St John, the author of 'The White Giraffe'.

Please remember to return our library books so other children can enjoy them too. There are **162** overdue books that we are waiting to have returned. Thank you.

Handwriting and Presentation @ HP

At Hargrave Park, we want children to be proud of their work as this feeling is linked with having confidence in themselves as independent, ambitious learners.

The language of letter formation!
This week's letter is **T**.

T: Down, lift, and across.

t: Start at the top. Go straight down, and round. Lift your pencil, and cross the 't'.

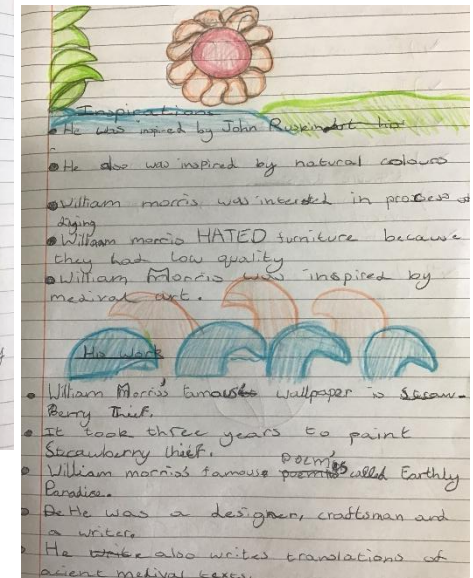
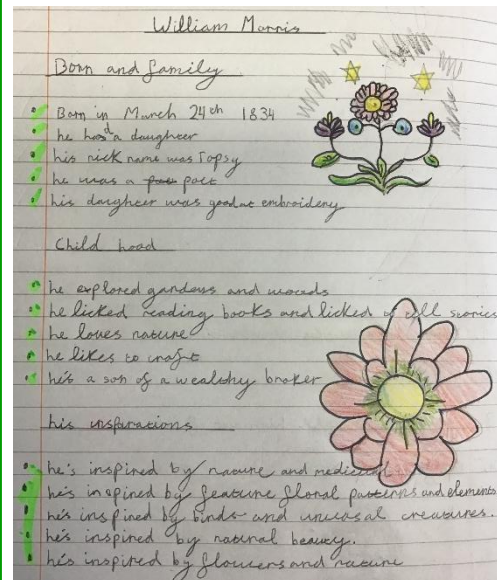
Practice at home!

The school uses the Nelson Handwriting scheme from Oxford Owl. Take a look at the videos below for tips on practice at home and fine motor warm-up exercises. Encourage children to verbalise what they are doing to understand their thought processes as they write.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/oxford-owl-videos/handwriting-videos--1/>

Practicing Presentation!

Both pieces of work from Frida (left) and Manuela (right) pop with vibrant colour. It definitely enhances the presentation!
Well done!



Thank you to The Toy Project

The Toy Project on Junction Road recently donated the school many copies of the classic children's story The Tiger Who Came to Tea. Each child in Baby Room to Year 2 will be coming home with a copy of this story to keep at home! We will also now have a copy of the story in each classroom.

We will be sending a big thank you to the Toy Project!

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Judith Kerr

Click here to find out about upcoming events at The Toy Project:

<https://thetoyproject.co.uk/events/>



Calmer Days Tuesday 15th July

13:00-15:00

Would you like **Calmer Days**?



Join us to explore ways to manage the stress of parenting so that you feel more **confident** supporting your child with their emotions.

To book a place scan the QR code

Or register online at:

[Calmer Days Tickets, Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Free NHS Workshop

LOCATION: Online

For parents with children aged 1-5 years who live, or have a GP, in Islington

For further information:

Call **020 3316 1824** and ask to speak with **Emma Kingdom**



Calling all family members...!

As our Year 6 children are reaching the end of their time as pupils here at Hargrave Park school, we are looking for family members – siblings, parents, extended family members - with inspiring stories about what you did next...

Perhaps you were part of a sports team at secondary school and had some great experiences.

Perhaps you joined a club at secondary school which gave you some fantastic opportunities.

Perhaps you met an inspiring teacher at secondary school who helped you to develop an interest which has now led the way to your current job or career.

Do you have a story you would like to share that might inspire our Year 6 pupils as they move on to secondary school? If so, please email parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk for the attention of Miss Baverstock and we will be in touch to hear your story and make a plan for how best to share it with our year 6 pupils.

Summer Fair

Save the date – Thursday 17th July

The Friends of Hargrave Park are already planning the Summer Fair, thinking about new stalls and games to include. Please see the Friends Of Hargrave Park page to find out how you can get involved.

Frinton-on-sea

We will once again visit Frinton in two groups:

Paddington and Mowgli will go to Frinton on Thursday 3rd July.

Simba and Nemo will go to Frinton on Monday 7th July.

A letter will come out on Monday. Meanwhile see p2 for timings

Whole School Theme and Exhibition

Building on our growing tradition of Summer Exhibitions, we will again be creating another spectacular collection of the children's work for families to visit at the end of term.

This year the whole school theme will be 'Patterns in Nature'.

The exhibition will be open to families on 16th and 17th July with exhibition guides from each house as follows:

Wednesday 16th July:

9:30am – 11:45am Nemo family members

1pm – 3:15pm – Simba family members

Thursday 17th July:

9:30am – 11:45am noon Mowgli family members

1pm – 3:15pm – Paddington family members

Plus the Exhibition will be open throughout the Summer Fair – 3:30 – 5pm on Thursday 17th July.

Relationships and Health Education are statutory subjects – all children will receive this education. We also offer one Sex Education lesson in KS1 and a few lessons in Years 5 and 6. These lessons are recommended by the DfE but are not statutory - more information has been sent out in letters to families. It was good to see families at the workshops that were held this week.

RSE lessons this year will take place during the weeks beginning 30th June and 7th July.

Statutory content we teach by the end of Year 6

- The importance of family
- Respect for family and parent diversity
- Safe and appropriate touch
- Age-appropriate consent
- Changes that happen during puberty (KS2)
- How to recognise healthy and unhealthy friendships
- What privacy means
- Caring friendships
- Stereotypes and their impact on others
- Conventions of good manners
- Online Safety
- Correct terms for body parts
- Asking for help when you feel unsafe

If you are a parent of a KS1, Year 5 or Year 6 child and would like to withdraw them from the specific Sex Education lesson(s), then please read the letter when it is sent out and then speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

We do not teach...

We do not teach puberty before KS2.

We do not teach Secondary content e.g. sexual health.

We do not teach different forms of sexual activity beyond human reproduction and how a baby is made.

We do not teach about pornography.

We do not teach about 'dating'.

We do not discuss anything personal in RSE lessons.

Non-statutory Sex Education content we teach:

KS1: Biological differences between male and female children.

Years 5 and 6: Human reproduction and how a baby is made.

Year 6: Understand that contraception can stop a baby from being made.

Year 6: Learn about some myths and misconceptions about HIV, who it affects and how it can and cannot be transmitted