

Message from Miss Baverstock

Weren't we lucky with the weather for Sports Day?!

Thanks to all who contributed to the organisation, smooth running and good vibes. More good memories have been made.

The winners will be revealed in Assembly on Monday 1st June...! Dare to be Different day last week was a success as usual. There was lots of creativity and self-expression, while raising money for the school. See page 8 to find out how much...!

Thank you Friends of Hargrave Park.

This newsletter sees the launch of a page dedicated to the Under 3s.

Thank you Julie. You will find important information for parents of children Under 3 along with a celebration of some art work on Page 3. RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) lessons will be taught later in the term. Families often have questions about this learning. Please see pages 5 and 6 for important information along with details of workshops we will be running for families.

Half term is now. I hope you all get chance to enjoy a slower pace and perhaps some days out.

If you are in receipt of universal credit, there are many tourist attractions you can visit for a highly discounted rate. Here is a link to a website with more information:

<https://kiddoadventures.com/2026/05/12/cheap-days-out-for-people-on-universal-credit-2026-update/>



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Upcoming events

Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May – Half term holiday

Mon 1st June All children return to school

Tues 2nd June Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics competition

Fri 5th June Cyan class to Science Museum

Wed 10th June **Pink Class Assembly**

Tues 16th June Great Science Share

Tues 16th June Purple and Lime class
Kenwood House

Wed 17th June **Violet Class Assembly**

Wed 17th June Indigo and violet class sailing
Orange class Kenwood House

Fri 19th June Cyan class sailing

Mon 22nd June Frinton 1

Wed 24th June Orange Class Assembly
Violet and Indigo Class Sailing

Fri 26th June Cyan Class Sailing

Week beginning 29th June – Cyan Class Swimming

Week beginning 6th July – Indigo Class Swimming

Tue 7th July Frinton 2

Tue 14th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Thur 16th July Summer fair

Fri 17th July - last day of term - 2pm dismissal.

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Friday 22nd May



June is Pride month. At Hargrave Park, we continually work to reflect our core values of respect, kindness, ambition, independence, and resilience.

During Pride Month we will continue to honour the diversity of our community and to promote respect, understanding and acceptance of all people, including those in the LGBTQ+ community.

We support every child in being proud of who they are, developing the confidence to be independent thinkers, and showing the resilience to build a fairer, more inclusive world.

While we will not be using these videos in school, families may wish to follow the below link to the 'upstander' videos which can support conversations with children to build their confidence to be inclusive, compassionate 'allies against unkindness'.

[diversity role models - upstander-animation-series](#)

Summer Term Events



Frinton-on-sea



We will once again visit Frinton in two groups.

Simba and Nemo will go on Monday 22nd June
Paddington and Mowgli will go on Tuesday 7th July

The children who remain in school will have a great opportunity to enjoy house activities across the day, preparing for the Whole School Exhibition.
More detailed information will follow in the next newsletter.

Summer Fair Save the date – Thursday 16th July

Plans for the Summer Fair are underway.
As ever the fair will benefit from parent volunteers on the day. Please email parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk if you would like to get involved.

Whole School Theme and Exhibition

The Summer Exhibition is a highlight of the school year here at Hargrave Park. We will again be creating a collection of the children's work for families to visit at the end of term.

The working title of this year's whole school theme is:

'Hargrave Park: Past, Present, Future'.

The exhibition will be open to families on 15th and 16th July.

Welcome to our new Under 3's newsletter page! This will provide important updates, news and recommendations.

Screen Time: New UK Guidance for Parents

Screen time is part of modern family life; but it comes with challenges. New UK evidence-based guidance helps parents decide from what age, how often, how much and what children could watch.

Why limits matter?

Excessive screen time is linked to missed opportunities for: conversation and bonding, free play and creativity, language and social skills, good-quality sleep.

Key recommendations:

- Under 2s: Avoid screen time.
- Ages 2 to 5: Aim for maximum 1 hour per day (but less is better)
- Avoid completely social media and short fast past videos
- Choose slow-paced, simple content with clear language that you watch together and talk about what you see with your child.
- Create screen-free zones (especially bedrooms)
- Completely avoid screens 1 hour before bedtime
- Swap screens for reading time, play, and conversation, especially during meal time and family time.



And remember that around 90% of brain development happens before age 5. Used thoughtfully, screens can support learning, but moderation and active parenting are key.

More information on: <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>



Under 3's art work

We were inspired to create our own wave paintings using the story 'I Will Swim Next Time.' This easy art activity lets young children explore trying again and using their imagination. Mixing paint with sand adds a fun, textured sensory element while helping build fine motor skills.

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 **I**.

j: Start at the top. Go straight down, and round. Lift your pencil and put a dot at the top.

J: Down, and round.

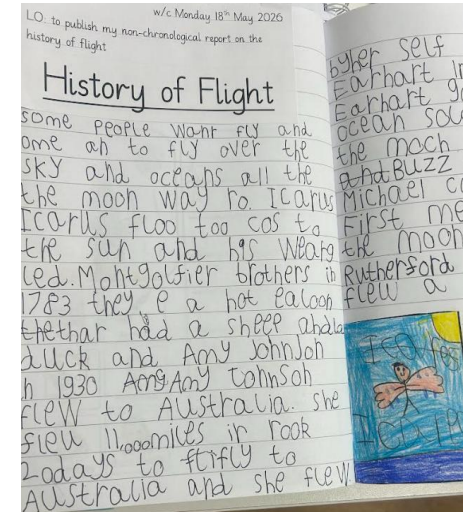
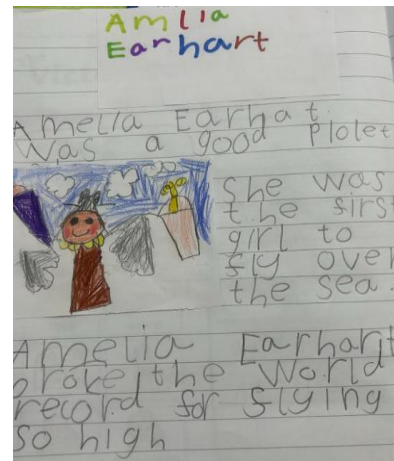
Practice at home!

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!

Helena in Green Class, right, and Syan in Blue Class, below, have both been working hard on their presentation when publishing. Helena has ensured that her handwriting has remained consistent throughout this piece. She has also included a vibrant illustration with a caption.



Syan has carefully written a heading for her report and she has sectioned each part into paragraphs. Syan has also sophisticatedly included an illustration in the middle of her writing whilst keeping to the flow of her publishing.

Well done to both!

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 will be sent out in a letter to families after half term.

RSE lessons this year will take place during the weeks beginning 29th June and 6th July.

Statutory content we teach by the end of Primary

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

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.

RSE Workshops for parents and carers

Family members often have questions about RSE or are interested in finding out more. Many questions will have been answered in this newsletter and by the letters coming out soon. In addition, we will be running workshops for parents and carers – the contents of each will be the same. This is an opportunity to learn more about our approach, familiarise yourself with the resources we use and find out answers to any questions you may have.

Please come along to one of the workshops:

Tuesday 16th June at 9:30 – 10:30am or Friday 19th June at 2:15 – 3:15pm

The sessions will be led by Carla Jones and Jamie Long.

It is useful to us in preparing the space if we know how many people to expect, so please email parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk if you are planning on attending.

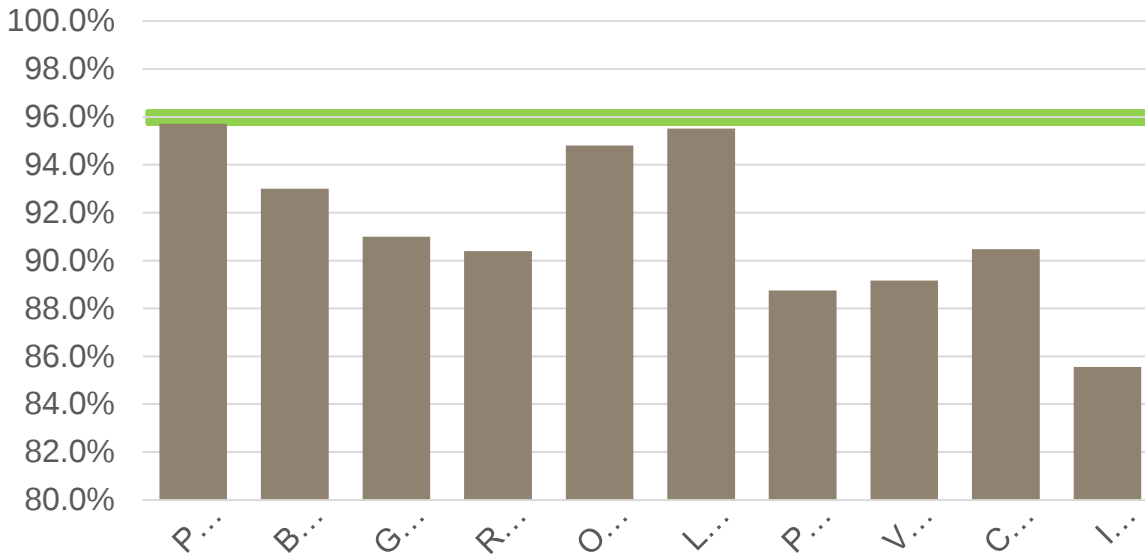
Non-statutory Sex Education content we teach:

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

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.

Attendance Matters

W/C 15/05/26 – 21/05/26



We have seen a big improvement in attendance so far this term.

Did you know that Hargrave Park has an attendance target of 96%?

There are currently 118 children reaching this target and above

Best Class Attendance

Well done to Pink class
They achieved 95.7% attendance this week

Congratulations to all of those children
Keep up the good work!

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

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



Raised

£198.89

Thank you to everyone took
part and dared to be
different for the day



LEND A HAND

FOHP doesn't work without your help and support

Friends of Hargrave Park aim to build a supportive school community while raising money for supplies and activities to compliment our children's school experience. But without the involvement of HP parents, carers, family and staff none of our activities would be possible.

How could you help or get involved?



Handmade

From making cupcakes for a sale or creating a new game for the fair we need your skills



Hands On

Help out on a stall at the summer fair. Or host a family social on our behalf



Hands Up

Become a class rep or part of the committee next year and have your say on what we activities we do

Raising money for the Hub and Home Corners

We exist to raise additional money for the school to help enhance our children's experience of school life.

As well as subsidising the cost of the coaches for the all school trip to Frinton in July, we are raising money to refresh the equipment in the Hub and the Home Corners. These are key spaces within the school setting that supports the healthy development of our children.

You shop online, brands donate to us

easyfundraising is a hassle-free way to raise money for our school. Just shop online with all your favourite brands as normal, and the they will donate to Friends of Hargrave Park School.

Visit **easyfundraising.org.uk** and search for Friends of Hargrave Park or scan the QR code below.

Once signed up there's nothing to remember. Simply shop online, or via their mobile up. No planning. No stress. Just free donations for our school,

Thank you to all who are already raising money for us by shopping online with **easyfundraising**.

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 Inset Day
(no school for students)

 Bank Holiday

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