

Viridis Schools Executive Headteacher Update

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a good extended break. For those of you who celebrated Eid, Passover or Easter over the break, I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful celebration.

Just before the break, myself, Ms Carr, Ms Grover and Ms Headen attended the Hackney Headteacher conference. The theme of this year's conference was 'Belonging', this is something that has also been a running theme in our schools over the past year. It was particularly pleasing to see that two of the keynote speakers were past pupils of Viridis schools: Antoinette Bramble (Deputy Mayor for Hackney) attended Orchard Primary School and Niquelle LaTouche (Head of ABC Academy) attended Southwold Primary School.

More recently, we had an Ofsted inspection at Southwold. The purpose of an inspection is to provide an independent assessment of a school's quality and standards, ensuring that pupils are achieving their potential. I want to say a huge thank you to the staff, pupils and families for their hard work and support over the past week. Whilst we are not able to share the outcome at this stage, I can tell you that we are very pleased and you will receive a copy of the inspection report the minute that it is published!

The summer term is always busy as we prepare for our end of year assessments, and most crucially, the Year 6 SATS which take place during the week of the 12th May. We also have Families' Week, the week of the 5th May with a variety of activities happening such as our very popular 'Grandparent Tea'. Be sure to look at the website calendars for individual school dates and events coming up.

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

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher



Key Dates

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

Families' Week

Week beginning Tuesday 6th May

Science Day / Science Fayre

Thursday 22nd May

School Closes for May Half Term

Friday 23rd May at 3:30pm

Children's Start Date

Monday 2nd June at 8:55am

Keeping Healthy Week

Week beginning Monday 23rd June

Parents Evening

Thursday 10th July - School closes at 1:00pm

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

Orchard

Children at Orchard enjoyed a fun and informative road safety workshop. They role played possible scenarios and learned how to keep themselves safe while out on the roads by using their listening, looking and thinking skills to cross the roads safely!



Southwold

Thanks to a wonderful donation of flowers, children in EYFS enjoyed exploring the petals and making delicious smelling perfume in the mud kitchen this week. If you have any old bunches of flowers, please consider bringing them in for EYFS to use.



Hoxton Garden

Year 2 sprinted into the new half term after picking up running tips from athletes such as Usain Bolt and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce. They are looking forward to trying out other athletic sports over the next few weeks in preparation for sports day.

