

Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

All too soon we find ourselves in Keeping Healthy Week, an opportunity to highlight the ways to stay fit and healthy. I am sure that there are many parents and carers that have witnessed me lose the teacher race over the past 15 years, but this year I will not be at any of the Sports' Days, as I am attending a diversity conference. Today I am representing The Viridis Schools Federation, whilst sharing the work that we have been doing on 'Belonging' following my trip to Vancouver last year. I will be in good company, as I am presenting with my good friend Mr Warren from the Blossom Federation.

Creating a sense of 'Belonging' in primary schools is essential for pupil's emotional well-being, academic success, and social development. At Viridis Schools, we do this by creating a warm and welcoming school environment. We work hard to build strong relationships with pupils, and parents and carers. Ofsted recently wrote that the Viridis Schools' PSHE curriculum was exemplary, a curriculum which is underpinned by teaching pupils about kindness, friendship, and inclusion.

Last weekend (22nd June) the country marked 'Windrush Day'. Windrush Day is a significant day that honours the contributions and legacy of the Windrush Generation Caribbean immigrants who arrived in Britain between 1948 and the early 1970s. It recognises the courage, resilience, and hard work of those who left their homes to build a new life and contribute to British society. The day also highlights the importance of diversity in Britain and celebrates our multicultural history.

Hackney is one of the most culturally diverse boroughs in London, home to people from many backgrounds and communities, including those of the Windrush generation. Our three schools are fortunate to be part of the Hackney family and story.

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



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

Bring A Significant Male to School Day

Wednesday 24th September

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

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

Orchard

Year 5 had an adventure at Laburnum Boat Club, where they took part in a rock climbing session! The children learned how to climb using ropes and harnesses, building confidence and teamwork as they scaled the climbing wall. It was a fantastic opportunity to challenge themselves!



Southwold

To celebrate all their hard work, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting canoeing workshop. They learned how to navigate the boats with skill and confidence. They also learned how to hold the paddle correctly, the different types of strokes and how to manoeuvre out of a difficult position.



Hoxton Garden

As part of Keeping Healthy Week, Year 2 had an exciting introduction to the sport of fencing. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills such as how to lunge, parry and adopt the classic en garde stance.

