



You may have heard but I called Monday—Moaning Monday. We have had a lot of rubbish being dropped inside the school and in the playground over the last few days. I spent Mondays assembly talking to the children about what it means to be proud of something and how we should be proud of our school and look after it. The oldest parts of our buildings are over 119 years old and they certainly need some TLC.

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee mornings and donated to Macmillan cancer research. I know it is a charity very close to the Mission Grove family in many ways. If you didn't get chance to come and would like to donate please just drop your donation in the offices.

Thank you also to those parents who signed up to be part of the parent council. The next meeting is on the 29th October at 9am on the south site. The PTA will be having their annual general meeting on Thursday 3rd October at 9am again on the north site. We will have some on the souths site soon.

School Captains

As always we had some amazing speeches and some that promised a bit more then they would be able to deliver on!

The whole school listened to the speeches and made their votes. I am please to announce the 2024/25 School Captains are

Goldcrest—Daniel

Goose—Kenzo

Goldfinch—Yazel

Grouse—Emaan

Vice Captains

Goldcrest—Sajid

Goose— Ameerah

Goldfinch— Fatima

Grouse— Lek

I am sure that they will represent all the pupils and the school with pride and determination and be good role models to all. Well done to all of you.

Katie Jennings

Head Teacher



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be collecting dried food, tins, pasta, sauces, packet foods, tea, coffee for our annual Harvest Festival. We will be collecting until the end of this half term Please hand in to your child's class teacher.

SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Secondary School

September 2025

Starting year 7 in September 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you can now apply for them to start secondary school in September 2025.

If you want to apply for secondary school places in other year groups, see our [in-year admissions](#) page.

If your child has an education, health and care plan (EHCP), the arrangements for your child's transfer will be different. The SEND team will contact you directly to explain the process further.

30th Goldfinch, Grouse, Goose working with Tottenham Hotspur

30th—11th October Wagtail & Woodpecker swimming

1st Year 5 & 6 boys table tennis competition (8 pupils)

Phonics workshops start

2nd Year 1 World Culture day

3rd National Poetry Day

PTA—fundraising AGM 9am North all welcome

4th Goose class assembly

4th Year 5 & 6 Girls football (selected pupils)

7th National Libraries week

8th 2nd phonics workshop

Year 3/4 Boys football (selected pupils)

10th World Mental Health Day—Non Uniform wear what makes you happy!

Finance Governors

Year 4 @British Museum

14th sibling and Individual photographs

15th 3rd Phonics workshop

17th Curriculum Governors

19th –27th School closed half term holiday

21st—25th October Half term Holiday Club

To apply for a place please go to the school website [Holiday Club - Application - Mission Grove Primary School \(missiongroveschool.co.uk\)](https://www.missiongroveschool.co.uk)

28th October children return to school

29th 9am Parent Council meeting

30th Halloween Disco EYFS—Year 2 from the end of the school day until 4.45pm South 5p North site

Years 3—6 south site 5pm—6.45pm. North site 5.15—7pm



If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they will be starting reception in primary school from September 2025.

You can start applying for a school place from 1 September 2024 when the applications open. The application process closes on 15 January 2025 and the national offer day is 16 April 2025.

We have some open days for new parents to come and look around—book a visit [here](#).

Phonics Workshops for Reception & Year 1 Parents – 1st, 8th & 15th October 9am North Site

In the Autumn term we run phonics workshops for parents and carers to find out more about the teaching of Phonics at Mission Grove. The workshop outlines what phonics is, how it helps your child with their early reading and writing and provides a range of ideas for activities and resources you can use to support your child at home. While this workshop is aimed at Reception & Year 1 parents and carers, we welcome anyone who would like to come along to learn a bit more about Phonics and how you can support your child in their early reading and writing.

Please see below links to our Phonics pages, where you can find out more about how we teach Phonics at Mission Grove and some resources that you might find useful for supporting your child at home.

<https://www.missiongroveschool.co.uk/page/?title=Phonics+%2D+Read+Write+Inc&pid=2595>



CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

Get involved in supporting climate action in your local school

Welcome to Climate Ambassadors! With your help we want to empower education settings to take climate action across London.

Climate Ambassadors is a two-year project, funded by the Department for Education as part of its Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy. The strategy states that by 2025 all education settings in England are expected to have a designated sustainability lead and a climate action plan.

The role of a Climate Ambassador is to provide dedicated support to an educational setting to develop and deliver an impactful climate action plan. These action plans will cover four themes set out by the Department for Education:



Decarbonisation



Adaptation & Resilience



Nature & Biodiversity



Climate Education & Green Skills

We are looking for individuals who are interested in building communities, driving actions and empowering students. The Climate Ambassadors programme will provide the training, resources and ongoing support to help you feel confident to guide schools on their climate action journey.

What is a Climate Ambassador?

We are looking for individuals who can work with a member of staff from a school to develop a climate action plan. You will signpost them to resources, organisations and funding to implement that plan. The Climate Ambassador's role is to champion climate action and support schools to build the capacity to progress on their climate action journey.

Who can be a Climate Ambassador?

We are looking for individuals experienced in supporting communities to take action – your experience doesn't have to be focused on the climate! Maybe you ran a youth group, worked as a teacher or organized a local event. If you have the skills to listen and bring people together then we can provide the resources, training and support for you to put those skills to use in our local schools.

Commitment

Volunteers are asked to commit to a min. 15 hours over a five-month period. This includes three hours to join bespoke training provided by the UCL Climate Action Unit, and eight hours working with staff within a setting. Volunteers will also attend three support sessions (also run by the UCL Climate Action Unit).

During these sessions you will be supported to overcome obstacles, have a space to discuss your work with other Ambassadors and learn about local opportunities your setting could be a part of.

What is a climate action plan?

A climate action plan is a document that sets out the activities and actions an education setting wants to take to address the causes of climate change and adapt to its impacts.

It contains actions covering four key areas: nature & biodiversity, decarbonisation, adaptation & resilience and climate education & green skills. Tools, resources, templates and potential actions will be signposted during your training.

Why volunteer as a Climate Ambassador?

As a Climate Ambassador you will:

- Develop your climate leadership skills with bespoke training provided by the UCL Climate Action Unit;
- Have access to a wide range of complimentary training from partners across the UK in climate literacy, systems change and other relevant content;
- Help to drive tangible climate action which students and your local community will see in their everyday lives;
- Become part of a wider network of individuals working across London to deliver positive solutions to climate-related challenges

What you can do

After developing the climate action plan with your setting, if you feel inspired to continue supporting them you can help with implementing the actions by:

- Signposting resources and further support for specific climate actions;
- Organising training, workshops and events within the school;
- Introducing other Climate Ambassadors with specific expertise to benefit your setting e.g. organic gardeners or insulation experts;
- Helping to apply for funding to procure goods services for the climate actions;
- Keeping climate action high on the agenda with school senior leadership

Parents

Do you want to support your child's school in driving climate action? We are looking for interested parents who can dedicate time to help a school develop and implement a climate action plan. You don't need to have a background in climate or sustainability: only the enthusiasm and people skills needed to bring learners and staff along on their climate action journey. We will provide you with the training, resources and a network of support to overcome challenges to taking action.

Becoming a Climate Ambassador



1 Register your interest by emailing:
climateambassadors_london@ucl.ac.uk.



2 You will be contacted by the London hub. We will advise you on the next steps, which include registering for a national volunteering platform. This involves a free DBS check (essential!)

Regional Hubs will help match Climate Ambassadors with education settings and give access to extensive regional networks to share guidance, tips & best practice.



Contact Your Regional Hub

North East climateambassadors.ne@newcastle.ac.uk
Yorks & Humber climateambassadors_yh@leeds.ac.uk
North West climateambassadors_nw@mmu.ac.uk
East Midlands ca-eastmids@nottingham.ac.uk
West Midlands climate-ambassadors.wm@keele.ac.uk
East of England climateambassadors_ea@uea.ac.uk
London climateambassadors_london@ucl.ac.uk
South East climateambassadors_se@reading.ac.uk
South West climateambassadors_sw@metoffice.gov.uk

Partners:



hpscotch



THE ROOTS

Empowering young minds

A new, free to access mental wellbeing service in Waltham Forest for young people (ages 5-17) and families.



Professional, evidence based mental health support, including CBT Groups for Young People & Parent/Carers, family therapeutic support, and community based workshops.

- Gain skills and knowledge
- Meet others with shared experiences
- Improve confidence
- Achieve positive changes



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OUR SERVICES

CBT Groups

CBT stands for Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, a type of therapy that helps you understand how thoughts, feelings and actions are connected.

- Young people (ages 11-14 and 15-17)
- Parents (of children aged 5-11)

Identify and change unhelpful thought patterns, to gain practical tools to cope with life's challenges. CBT is particularly useful for young people experiencing anxiety (worries) or low mood.

One off workshops

Parents can attend our one off community workshops across community venues. These workshops include support for school avoidance.

Family support

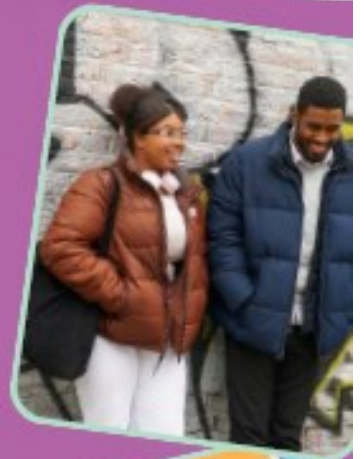
Family therapy support can help build positive communication and find strategies to improve family relationships over 8 sessions with parents and children together.

How can you get involved?

Follow the links below to make a referral to our service, you can self refer to us or be assisted by a professional. For our workshop groups, please sign up via our eventbrite links on our website.

Get in touch!

- 📍 therootslondon.co.uk
- 📞 0203 987 9502
- 🌐 roots@groundwork.org.uk





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Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Parents Group

Support your child to overcome fears and worries.



For parents of children aged 5-11 who are experiencing difficulties with fears and worries.

Group 1 - Online -

**Wednesdays 10.00 - 12.00 - Starting Late October
or**

Group 2 - Walthamstow Library, High Street E17 7JN

Mondays (10:00 - 12:00) - Starting Early Nov

Scan the QR code to make a referral:
or

Visit our website: TheRootsLondon.co.uk





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We all experience fears and worries, but when they start to interfere in your child's life, we're here to support.



CBT Group for parents

- Learn techniques from Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Parent-led guided self-help approach
- Supportive group sessions

Programme

- Introduction one-to-one meeting
- Five in-person parent groups
- Post-session follow up one-to-one



Who we are

The Roots is a team of therapists commissioned by Waltham Forest to support families with wellbeing challenges. This CBT Group is led by a Systemic Family Practitioner.

Scan the QR code to make a referral:
or visit

TheRootsLondon.co.uk
Email: Roots@groundwork.org.uk

