

# Grange Primary School

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Friday, 3rd December 2021



## Christmas shows



Our Christmas performances will be going ahead as planned in the last week of term and we are looking forward to welcoming you in to share the children's hard work. Please don't forget to book your tickets using the links below and to contact the school office if you need to book a creche place for one of the afternoon sessions as younger siblings will not be allowed in to the shows.

***Please be aware that, in line with our risk assessment, all parents coming in to see the Christmas performances will be expected to wear a face covering throughout the performance unless medically exempt.***

Year Group	Show time	Booking Link
Year 5 & 6 Date: Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214532692057">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214532692057</a>
	10.45am Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214300116417">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214300116417</a>
	2.30pm Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214525269857">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214525269857</a>
Year 3 & 4 Date: Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214537686997">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214537686997</a>
	10.45am Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214534627847">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214534627847</a>
	2.30pm Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214535249707">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214535249707</a>
Year 1 & 2 Date: Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214285492677">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214285492677</a>
	10.45am Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214538098227">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214538098227</a>
	2.30pm Performance	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214538820387">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214538820387</a>

## Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 10th December

Next Friday is Christmas Jumper Day and we would love to see all of the children wearing their most festive jumpers (with school uniform bottom half) for a donation of £2 for Save the Children. The children will also have the chance to take part in some different activities such as a Mr Motivator activity and a quiz. Money will be collected in classes in the morning.



**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

## 'Elfridges'

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for the amazing 'Elfridges' Christmas sale today. The Grotto looked fantastic and the children loved it! We don't know what we would do without you!



## Christmas raffle

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets for our Christmas raffle– if you haven't, there is still lots of time left! Tickets can be purchased from the school office at any time during the day and will also be available during the Christmas performances in the final week of term. All money raised will be used to upgrade our school library to make it even more of a wonderful place for the children to spend their time.



## School clubs

After Christmas, there will be some slight changes in the clubs offered after school. As before, these will go live on Clubbly and can be booked and paid for online. We are currently trying to source a company to run a KS1 club on a Friday and will let you know once clubs can be booked online.

	KS1	KS2
<b>Monday</b>	Art	Football
<b>Tuesday</b>	Multi-sports	Coding
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dodgeball	Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	Gymnastics	Art
<b>Friday</b>	--	Fencing

## Midday mentions



Well done to the following children who have impressed the middays with their fantastic behaviour at lunch times.

**Lucy H**                      **Lena D**                      **Lyla E**                      **Joshua A**                      **Archie O**  
**Luke C**                      **Evie R**                      **Maisie L**                      **Lily B**

## Contact details

Please ensure that if you change your mobile phone number or email address, you let the school office know. If we do not have the most up-to-date contact details for you, you may miss out on important messages sent out by the school.

### Dates for your diary

We are really looking forward to being able to share some of these events with you.

#### December

- Wednesday 8th December • EYFS Christmas performances - Ash
- Thursday 9th December • - Oak
- Friday 10th December • Christmas Jumper Day
  
- Monday 13th December • Year 5/6 Christmas performances
- Tuesday 14th December • Year 1/2 Christingle
  
- Wednesday 15th December • Year 3/4 Christmas performances
- Thursday 16th December • Year 1/2 Christmas performances
- Friday 17th December • Sparkle day and Sparkle dinner
- Friday 17th December • Last day of term

#### January

- Wednesday 5th January • Children return to school

#### 'Sparkle Day' and 'Sparkle Dinner'



On Friday 17th December we will be having 'Sparkle Day' and children can wear their Christmas clothes to school for a class party. school kitchen will also be doing a 'Sparkle Dinner' on this day, with a sparkly dessert so it would be lovely to see lots of children eating their sparkly desserts in their sparkly clothes on this day!



#### TT Rockstars



Well done to Daisy, Oscar and Thomas, who were the top 3 rockstars this week! They have all answered over 19,000 questions correctly this week! Great work everybody.

1	Daisy W	Rowan
2	Oscar N	Chestnut
3	Thomas M	Maple

## Attendance

A huge well done to **Chestnut class**, who had the highest attendance this week - 96.5%! Well done - you have earned another star towards the end of term treat which will be delivered in the last week of term.

Oak	91.1%
Ash	94.9%
Hazel	87.9%
Holly	95.3%
Elder	89.7%

Willow	95.5%
Rowan	89%
Beech	89.1%
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
Maple	94.3%
Elm	93.6%

## Postcards

Well done to everybody who received a postcard this week!



## A plea from the PTA and everyone at Grange

In the run-up to Christmas, there are a couple of different ways that you can help to raise money for the school while you shop. If you buy any presents on Amazon, please go through Amazon Smile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and select **Grange Parent Teacher Association** as your charity. You can also use Easy Fundraising at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and choose **Grange Primary PTA**. To raise money for the school, simply visit Easy Fundraising first and then click on the shop you wish to use.

### Spelling Bee

A big well done to Elm Class who are top of the Spelling Bee league this week. Practising your spellings this way is not only fun, but helps you to remember them too, so keep up the hard work everybody!



### Top Spelling Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Elm	99,657,973
2.	Holly	69,487,510
3.	Elder	63,930,971

### School Dinners

The dinner menu next week will be week 3. Please note, due to Christmas Dinner being on Friday, there will be some slight changes as you can see below.



## School Meals Service

### Winter School Lunch Menu 2021

#### Week Three



Monday	Tuesday	Friday	Thursday	Friday
<u>RED BAND</u> Fish Finger Wrap	<u>RED BAND</u> Meat Pie	<u>RED BAND</u> Chipolata Pork Sausages	<u>RED BAND</u> Oriental Chicken Pasta	  <b>Christmas Dinner Day</b>  
<u>GREEN BAND</u> Meat-Free Meatball Wrap	<u>GREEN BAND</u> Gardener's Pie	<u>GREEN BAND</u> Quorn Dippers	<u>GREEN BAND</u> Oriental Quorn Pasta	
Wholegrain and White Rice Cucumber Slices Grated Carrot and Shredded Lettuce	Mashed Potato Green Beans	Mini Potato Waffles Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Mixed Garden Salad	
<u>YELLOW BAND</u> Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	<u>YELLOW BAND</u> Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	<u>YELLOW BAND</u> Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	<u>YELLOW BAND</u> Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	
Marble Cake and Custard	Fruit Platter	Iced Finger Bun	Fruit Cocktail	

## Celebration

*Well done to Henry, who won 'Man of the match' during a recent football match.*



*Well done to Oliver and Henry, who earned badges at swimming for being able to swim 20m and 25m in different strokes.*

*Izzy and Summer performed at the Wickford Christmas Fair with their dance company. Well done girls!*



*Jake won 'Player of the match' at his football match at the weekend.*

## House points

Well done to **Earth**, who have earned **548** house points this week. Water are still 400 points in the lead at the moment, so the other teams need to earn lots of points!



**Air**  
390



**Water**  
490



**Fire**  
379



**Earth**  
548

The 2 Johns are running a fantastic virtual e-safety event next week. It would be great to hear that some of our parents have attended as we know how informative these sessions can be.



Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents  
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



**eSafetyTraining**  
'The 2 Johns'

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
8.00pm – 9.30pm**

*These free parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.*

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0013**  
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Services commissioned by:

[www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk](http://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)



It would be great to see lots of the children joining in with the Essex Library Winter Reading Challenge this year!



**Lots of prizes to be won!**

Essex **Library** Services

Read, learn, connect.

**Winter Reading Challenge**

**Saturday 27 November 2021 - Saturday 19 February 2022**



**Pick up a giant bookmark from any Essex library. Read six books to complete the challenge and collect a stamp for each library book you read!**

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