

# Grange Primary School

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**Friday, 19th December 2025**

## End of term!

We have made it to the end of a very long term, and what a fantastic term it has been! We have had school trips and visits; sporting events; lots of rewards in school; welcoming parents and families in to help out; Christmas dinner; church visits; amazing Christmas performances; and, of course, the children being fantastic as always. The children have enjoyed 'Sparkle Day' today and everyone is ready for a well-deserved break!



School starts back on Monday 5th January for a very exciting first day back! Please try not to contact your child's teacher over the Christmas holiday as they are having a much-needed break. If you do need to contact anybody, email Miss Langley on [deputyhead@grange.essex.sch.uk](mailto:deputyhead@grange.essex.sch.uk)

## Farewell and welcome!

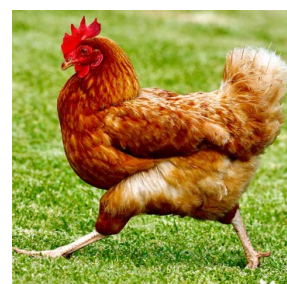
Many of you will already know that Miss Sutton is moving on from Grange after Christmas to work at a school closer to her new home. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her all the best in her new job!

Mrs Pick will be joining the year 1/2 team to teach in Holly Class from January. The children have met her several times and she is looking forward to starting properly in the new year!



## Chicken sitting

A huge thank you to everybody who has offered to come in and feed the chickens over the Christmas break - we do appreciate all of the help! You have been sent out instructions but please contact Miss Langley if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!





## Sparkle Day!

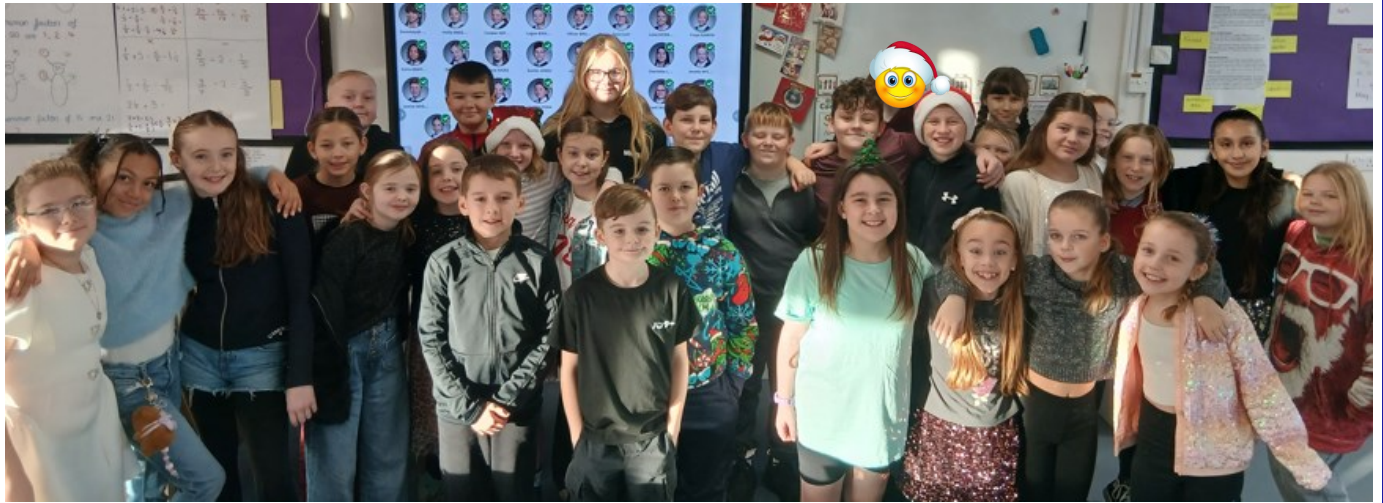
It has been lovely to see everybody in their Christmassy clothes today! Lots of sparkles and Christmas jumpers! The whole school enjoyed watching the year 3/4 and 5/6 performances today and now we are all well-and-truly in the festive spirit!


















Merry  
Christmas

## January

<b>Monday 5th</b>	Children return to school—launch days!	
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	Year 1 and 2 Chinese workshop	
<b>Friday 16th</b>	Djembe drumming workshops for years 3-6	
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	Choir performing in Young Voices at the O2 SEN coffee morning	
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	Dentist visit for EYFS and Year 3	
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	Year 3 and 4 Egyptian workshop	

## February

<b>Friday 6th</b>	NSPCC Number Day—dress up as a number for charity!	
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	PTA Valentines disco (more information to follow)	
<b>Friday 13th</b>	Last swimming session for Year 3	
<b>Monday 16th — Friday 20th</b>	Half term	
<b>Thursday 26th</b>	SEN coffee morning	



## School dinners

After the Christmas break, we will be back to week 1 of the dinner menu. As always, please discuss the dinner options with your child before school so that they know the options!



## Dinner Menu Week 1



	<b>Monday</b> Pasta day	<b>Tuesday</b> Burger day	<b>Wednesday</b> All day breakfast	<b>Thursday</b> Grab-a-bag	<b>Friday</b> Curry day
<b>Red</b>	Macaroni cheese	Chicken burger Beef burger	Sausage, bacon and scrambled eggs	Chicken nuggets	Diced chicken curry (mild or korma)
<b>Green</b>	Pasta with tomato sauce or cheese	Southern-fried quorn burger	Veggie sausage and scrambled eggs	Quorn nuggets	Diced quorn curry (mild or korma)
<b>On the side</b>	Garlic bread	Wedges and beans	Hash brown, beans and home-made bread	Chips	Rice and naan bread
<b>Veg and salad</b>	A choice of peas, sweetcorn and carrots Salad bar				
<b>Yellow</b>	Jacket potato with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna				
<b>Blue</b>	<b>Meal deal</b> Baguette with tuna, cheese or ham. Served with crisps, a carton of juice and dessert.				
<b>Dessert</b>	Rice crispie cake	Iced sponge cake	Ice cream pot or lolly	Chocolate sponge cake	Flapjack

## More to celebrate!

A big well done to everybody who has received a gold card, certificate or postcard from their class teacher this week!



### Celebration

We enjoy seeing what the children are proud of outside of school, so please send your photos to Miss Langley!

**Dolly got her level 1 certificate at swimming.**



**Kipras was awarded a trophy for listening to the coach and having a great match at football.**

**Sienna passed her level 4 gymnastics.**



**Austin got trainer of the week at football.**



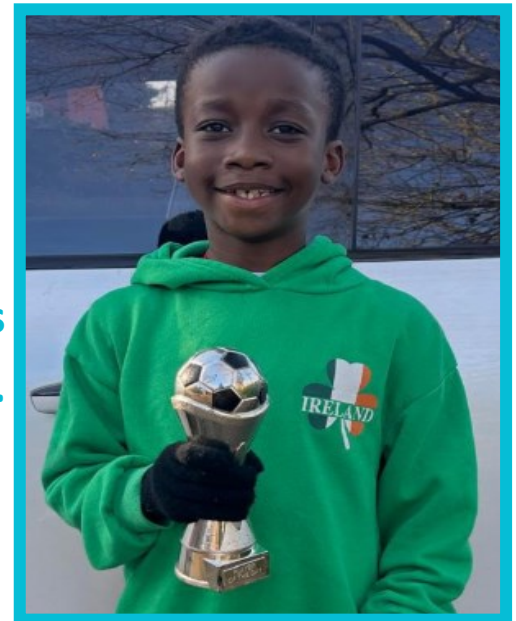
Millie got her level 1 gymnastics certificate.



Macie-Grace was awarded star of the week at ballet.



Ademide was player of the day for his football team.



Jessica passed her level 3 gymnastics.





# SAFE KIDS, SAFE CLICKS

Age Rating  
**13+**

## WhatsApp

### A Guide for Parents & Carers

WhatsApp is a free messenger app. It uses the internet to send messages, images, documents, audio or video. The app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that all messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient.

#### Privacy

Show your child how to adjust their privacy settings, such as hiding their profile photo, last seen status and about info. Set them to either of the following:

**My Contacts:** available to contacts from their address book only  
**Nobody:** not available to anyone

Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.

#### Messaging

Encourage your child to think about these things before they message:

- Is it kind?
- Is it true?
- Would your parents/guardians approve?
- Would you say it to their face?
- Have you asked permission to post photos?
- Have you used your online manners?
- You don't have to join in!

#### Contacts

Make your child understands that they should only connect with friends, family or trusted individuals.

Teach them not to accept messages from unknown contacts.

Go over with your child how to add, block and report contacts.

#### Group Chats

If a child is added into a Group Chat, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.

Go to **Settings -> Privacy -> Groups**. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.

Encourage your child to only join a group with people they know and trust.

#### Location

WhatsApp allows users to share their location with others.

If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others track your child's location or discover their home address.

Speak to your child about keeping this feature disabled.

#### Check

Check in with your child regularly to review their phone settings.

Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and how often they are using the messaging app.

Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are staying safe and happy online.



Encourage your child to come to you if **ANYTHING** online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

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### Tesco blue tokens

In January, Grange will be in the blue token tubes in local Tesco stores in the hopes that we can get some funding for more sporting equipment. Please keep an eye out for us in the Silva Island and Southend Road Tesco stores and support the school! Thank you.

