

Grange Primary School

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Friday, 6th February 2026

NSPCC Number Day

It has been a lovely day at school today! The children have taken part in lots of different maths activities and have loved seeing each other's outfits! A big thank you to everybody for your generous donations to the NSPCC - we have raised a fantastic £223.80 so far. The year 6 subject ambassadors have taken lots of photos from today so keep an eye out on the school blog! A big well done to the following children who were chosen by the ambassadors as 'best dressed' in each year group:



Reggie A



Jackson M



Arthur CG



Harper Jer



Teddie W

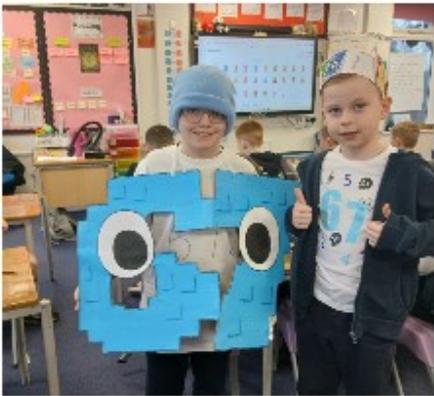


Alice M



Poppie S



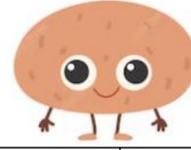


School dinners

Next week will be week 2 on the dinner menu. We will be looking at adding another week to the menu rotation over the coming weeks to add some more variety to the menu.



Dinner Menu Week 2



	Monday Pasta day	Tuesday	Wednesday Roast	Thursday	Friday Grab-a-bag
Red	Bolognaise	Fish fingers	Gammon	Pork sausage	Pepperoni Pizza
Green	Pasta with tomato sauce or cheese	Veggie fingers	Quorn fillet	Veggie sausage	Cheese Pizza
On the side	Garlic bread	Wedges and beans	Roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Mash and gravy	Chips
Veg and salad	A choice of peas, sweetcorn and carrots Salad bar				
Yellow	Jacket potato with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna				
Blue	Meal deal Baguette with tuna, cheese or ham. Served with crisps, a carton of juice and dessert.				
Dessert	Shortbread	Iced sponge cake	Ice cream pot or lolly	Chocolate sponge cake	Flapjack

Tesco blue tokens



Grange is now in the blue token tubes in local Tesco stores in the hopes that we can get some funding for some more, much-needed sporting equipment. Please keep an eye out for us in the Silva Island and Southend Road Tesco stores and support the school! We have now been spotted in them! Thank you.

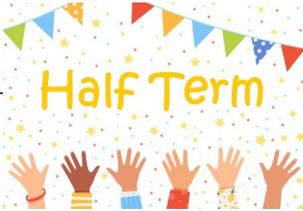
Twilight Club

As you may be aware, our Twilight Club is not run for a profit and the prices we charge covers our overheads such as staffing. We are aware that some people may wish for their child to go to an after school club and then attend Twilight Club. Instead of having to pay for both, if your child is attending a regular after school club and then going to Twilight Club afterwards, you will be charged £8 for Twilight Club rather than the usual £10 as we have deducted the cost of the after school club from the Twilight Club price.

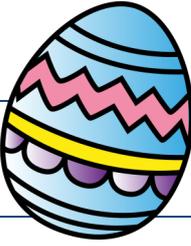


Dates for your diary

February

Tuesday 10th	EYFS and year 5 road safety workshops	
Thursday 12th	PTA Valentines disco (more information to follow)	
Friday 13th	Last swimming session for Year 3	
Monday 16th — Friday 20th	Half term	
Monday 23rd	Children return to school for launch days!	
Thursday 26th	SEN coffee morning	

March

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th	Parents' evening	
Tuesday 10th	Year 1/2 trip to Braintree Victorian Museum	
Wednesday 11th	Year 5/6 trip to Wimbledon EYFS baby dinosaur visitor!	
Thursday 12th and Friday 13th	PTA Mother's Day sale	
Wednesday 18th	Year 6 Crucial Crew event	
Thursday 19th	Year 3 and 4 trip to the Museum of Power	
Thursday 26th	SEN coffee morning	
Monday 30th — Friday 10th April	Easter holidays. Children return on Monday 12th April	

Celebration

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

Teddie scored 2 goals and won player of the week at football.



Davinia gained her gold award at Kip.

Molly was awarded player of the month at netball.



Harper won player of the match at football.

Rewards and achievements in school

This week's Headteacher awards for **determination**, **co-operation**, **imagination** and **excellence** were awarded to the following children.

EYFS	
Ava C	<i>Imagination</i>
Mila M	<i>Determination</i>
Year 1 and 2	
Jasmine F	<i>Imagination</i>
Jake C	<i>Excellence</i>
Millie M	<i>Determination</i>
Year 3 and 4	
George F	<i>Determination</i>
Harvey OH	<i>Co-operation</i>
Karlo G	<i>Determination</i>
Year 5 and 6	
Stanley T	<i>Determination</i>
Parker M	<i>Excellence</i>
Alice M	<i>Determination</i>



Well done to our star readers this week, who were awarded a golden coin in assembly and got to choose a book from the vending machine to take home and share with their family:

EYFS and KS1 - Luke C, Reggie A, Emilia C, Skyla K and Maisie N

KS2 - Willow H, Noah W, Rosie W, Poppie S, Emily B and Daniele B

A big well done to our attendance winners this week:

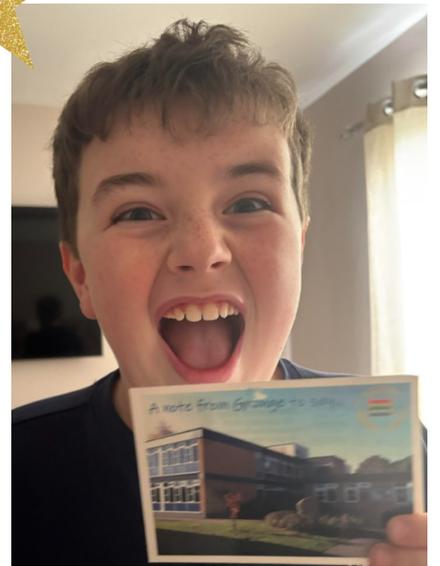
Class attendance - spin the wheel! - Beech Class who won some fun games!

Individual 100% attendance— Thea F in Elder Class



More to celebrate!

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



A polite notice to families

Could we please kindly ask that parents do not bring dogs onto the school site at all as we have children who are allergic and others who are afraid of dogs. Please either arrange to leave dogs outside the school gates or to leave them at home as we cannot have parents either walking or carrying dogs on the school site. This also counts for drop-off and pick-up to before and after school clubs. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Acts of kindness

If any children would like to send Amelia a birthday card to make her dream come true, a parent of a child in EYFS is happy to collect from school and take them to where she is staying. Cards will be collected on Friday 27th February to ensure Amelia receives them in time for her birthday.

There is no obligation to do this whatsoever, we just know how thoughtful the community at Grange is!

HELP MAKE AMELIA'S DREAM COME TRUE



Amelia is turning 8 years old on 03.03.26.
Her dream is to receive 8000 birthday cards
She wants to break a UK record.

Clubs

After school clubs will change over after half term and begin on Monday 23rd February. Parents will be sent out the links on Monday to book on to the different clubs! The clubs are as follows:

Monday:

Dance with Katherine
KS1 football (year 3-6)



Tuesday:

Young carers (invitation only)
Yoga club with Mrs Gee (KS2)
Art club



Wednesday:

KS2 gymnastics (year 3-5)
Playdoh club with Miss Harris (Ks1)

Thursday:

Art club

Friday:

KS1 gymnastics



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to PARENTS - Live Talks page

All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



New EYFS starter roadshows



Essex County Council
Children and Families

Starting Reception Roadshows



Is Your Little One Starting Reception in September 2026?

Come along to our Starting Reception Roadshow!

Get ready for a fun, friendly, and totally **FREE** event designed to help you to support your child feel excited and confident about starting reception.

Essex Early Years has teamed up with local schools plus education, health and care partners to bring you a lively, helpful session packed with top tips and advice.

Want to join in?

Ask your child's childminder, preschool, or nursery for details about your nearest event, or visit the Essex Talk, Listen and Cuddle website to find out more about dates and times across Essex.

Starting Reception Roadshow near you:

Where: Janet Duke Primary School - 105 Markhams Chase, Basildon SS15 5LS

When: Wednesday 18th March - 6pm - 7.30pm



You can find out information about the event by scanning the QR code or visiting www.tlc-essex.info and searching 'Starting reception'



Follow us on social media to join our **Starting Reception Campaign**



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Valentine's Disco

The PTA are holding a valentine's disco on Thursday 12th February. To book tickets, please use the following links—please be aware there is an early bird booking price if you book your child's place before 25th January.

EYFS and KS1 - <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/valentines-disco-reception-year-1-and-year--2>

KS2 - <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/valentines-disco-ks2-years-345-and--6>



The poster features a pink background with a large white heart outline on the left. In the top left corner is the Grange PTA logo, which includes a star and three stylized figures. The main title 'Valentine's Disco' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, the date and performer are listed: 'Thursday 12th February 2026 with Skittleman'. The central image shows silhouettes of children dancing on a disco floor with heart-shaped lights. The bottom section is a darker pink and contains the event times and QR codes for ticket booking. A decorative white heart outline is in the bottom left corner.

GRANGE PTA

Valentine's Disco

Thursday 12th February 2026
with Skittleman

Reception & KS1 -
4pm - 5:30pm

KS2 - 6pm -
7:30pm

