

Grange Primary School

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End of the school year!

Well, we have blinked and it is almost the end of another fantastic year here at Grange! We just want to thank everybody who has made this year as great as it has been: the fantastic staff, our amazingly supportive parents, the fabulous PTA, our school governors and, above all, the incredible pupils. It has been so lovely to have a 'normal' year this year and to see the school in action and events taking place. We are so incredibly proud of everything that we have achieved as a school this year and can't wait for September and another amazing year at Grange.



Goodbyes and welcomes

As we reach the end of the school year, we are saying farewell to Mrs Rose, who joined us after Easter in Hazel class. She is moving on to a new school closer to home in September—good luck! We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Winnett to Grange in September as the class teacher in Elder. Her new class spent the day with her at move up and had a fantastic time. I know parents and children will give her a warm welcome in September.

Attendance

As you know, good attendance plays a big part in children's success at school, so every day counts! A hug well done to **Chestnut** class, who had 100% attendance this week! You have earned yourselves 10 minutes extra play next week!

Oak	90.5%
Ash	72.9%
Hazel	95.9%
Holly	93.7%
Elder	88.7%



Willow	93.4%
Rowan	92.7%
Beech	96.5%
Chestnut	96.6%
Maple	94.6%
Elm	91.9%

A plea from Mrs Bradshaw

The EYFS team are wondering whether there are any parents/grandparents who would be willing or able to make something similar to the pictures below using pallets at all? We already have the pallets, but are hoping there may be some clever people out there who could create these for us please!



Top Spelling Groups



Willow

51,552,992



Elder

33,143,621

Holly

32,651,957

Spelling Shed



Well done to **Willow**, who were top of the Spelling Shed league this week. Keep up the hard work everybody!



Jubilee books

All children should now have brought home one of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee books. These were commissioned by the Department for Education and are a lovely keepsake of this event! Please let us know if your child has not come home with a book.

Thank you

A big thank you goes out to the lovely parent (and friend!) who gave up their time at the weekend to concrete an area of the school grounds for us. We really appreciate it and feel so lucky to have such a supportive community here at Grange!





School council charity day



The school council are running a charity day on Tuesday, 19th July to raise money for the Dog's Trust - their chosen charity for this academic year. The children can come to school dressed in yellow (the Dog's Trust colour) or as a dog if they prefer! We are looking forward to seeing all of the different amazing costumes on the day! The children will take part in a range of different dog themed activities throughout the day and will be asked to make a small donation to raise money for the charity. Due to the predicted weather, we have made the decision to hold these events inside rather than on the field, but the event will continue as planned.



Water house reward

Throughout the year, children earn house points for a variety of reasons during the school day and these are tallied up at the end of each week. Along with sports day points, these were all added up last week and

Water house were the winners for the year. They had a Summer fun afternoon on Monday and had a fantastic time. A big thank you to all of the staff for supporting the event, but particularly Mrs Nelson, who planned all of the events. A video can be found on the blog page of the school website - <https://www.grange-primary.co.uk/post/water-house-reward>



Year 6 last day

Wednesday, 20th July is the last day of school and we want to send the year 6 children off in style! The following events are taking place:

- We will be holding a **Leavers' Assembly at 9:15** which year 6 parents are invited to attend. Children will sing some songs and the teachers will award personalised certificates. Children are welcome to bring a spare shirt to school this day, which they can get their peers and staff to sign,
- The children will be **finishing school at 2:30** and will be clapped out by the rest of the school. Again, parents are welcome to join in along the fence outside the school.
- The children will be performing a **concert to year 6 parents at 6:30 on Tuesday, 19th July.**

Due to the predicted weather, we are trying to keep numbers in the hall to a minimum, so there will only be 2 tickets available per family for the leavers' assembly and concert. Unfortunately, no younger siblings/children will be allowed in to these events either.

Year 6 leavers' events

Leavers' concert

Tuesday, 19th July at 6:30 pm



Leavers' assembly

Wednesday, 20th July at 9:30 am

We are only able to offer 2 tickets per child to both of these events. This is following advice around managing the temperature during the heatwave to limit the number of people in the hall.

Unfortunately, no younger siblings or other children will be allowed to these events.

School Dinners

Next week's menu will be week 1. Menus can be found on the school website at

<https://www.grange-primary.co.uk/lunch-menu>

School Meals Service				
Summer School Lunch Menu 2022				
Week One				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>RED BAND</u>	<u>RED BAND</u>	<u>RED BAND</u>	<u>RED BAND</u>	<u>RED BAND</u>
Pizza Whirls Pepperoni	Kickin' Chicken	All Day Breakfast (Chipolata, Bacon and Scrambled Egg)	Pasta Bolognese	Chicken Nuggets
<u>GREEN BAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAND</u>
Pizza Whirls Cheese and Tomato	Summer Bean Ragu	All Day Breakfast (Veggie Sausage and Scrambled Egg)	Macaroni Cheese	Broccoli & Cheese Quiche
Sweetcorn Coleslaw Potato Salad	Rice Green Beans	Hash Brown Baked Beans Mushrooms Tomatoes	Garlic Bread Broccoli	Chips Sweetcorn Peas
<u>YELLOW BAND</u>	<u>YELLOW BAND</u>	<u>YELLOW BAND</u>	<u>YELLOW BAND</u>	<u>YELLOW BAND</u>
Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Healthy Fruit Day	Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Custard	Healthy Fruit Day	Ice Cream	Mable Cake

Midday mentions



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

Sonny J	Isabelle C	Freddie M	Georgina C	Oliver C
Jenson P	Will F	Danni S	Roman S	Scarlett M

TT Rockstars

A big well done to the top 3 Rockstars this week:

- **Edward W**— 1,917 correct answers
- **Daisy W** - 1,053 correct answers
- **Harley D** - 625 correct answers



It is great to see so many children challenging themselves on TT Rockstars and practising their times tables as these are really important for lots of areas of maths! Well done! I wonder whether anybody will be able to knock Edward off the top spot in September?

Clubs in the local area

If you would like to let the school community know about any local clubs, we are more than happy to share them on our Facebook page. Please look on the [Grange Facebook Page](#) using this link to find out more about some dance workshops taking place at Grange over the FOUNDATION summer holidays, and also Chelsea football club's summer Soccer school.



School trips and events next year



The teachers and Mrs Fealy are busy organising school trips and events for the next academic year to tie in with the topics children will learn about each half term. Taking onboard parent comments about knowing about events in advance, in September we will send out a breakdown of what is happening throughout the year and a total cost for the entire year. Parents can then decide whether to pay all in one go or to split the cost across each term.

Breakfast club

In September, breakfast club will continue to run from 7:15 and will cost £4 per child, which includes breakfast. We have decided to also add in an option to attend breakfast club from 8:15 onwards without breakfast, which will cost £2 per child. This will be available to book on School Money as breakfast club currently is at the start of September.



Reading stars

Well done to all of our star readers this week, who won a golden token and got to choose a book from the vending machine to take home! Children are chosen each week for impressing their teachers with their reading either in school or at home.

- Zekia Y
- Logan B
- Hollie T
- Ben T
- Harley H
- Myla W
- Oscar H
- Billy W
- Coraline R
- Aiden H
- Holly W
- Alfie G

Studybugs



Please don't forget to sign up for Studybugs if you haven't already done so. It is used to report children's absence and we request that parents use Studybugs to report absence rather than phoning the school. When reporting your child's absence, please give a reason why and please log in to report their absence each day of their illness.

Asda Foundation

Grange PTA have been included on Asda Pipp's Hill's green token voting station this cycle and at the moment we are in the lead! Please take the time to follow the link below and vote for us to win - you can vote once a week!



<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4161>

Outstanding money

Please ensure that any outstanding balance on SchoolMoney has been paid off before the end of the school year. You will have received a message today to let you know how much money is owed on your child's account and we would really appreciate this being paid off as soon as possible.



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Sporting achievements

Year 4 and 5 enjoyed a morning of fun sports activities led by our fantastic year 6 pupils. Well done to everyone involved, and especially those who were picked as displaying great sportsmanship and effort!



Celebration

While we love celebrating the children's achievements in school, we also enjoy seeing what the children are proud of outside of school.

Charlie and his horse Winston got a fourth and fifth place at their horse show.



Izzy and Emmie both received distinctions in their tap exams.

Rocco won Manager's Player at his football presentation.



Luke was awarded Student of the week at jujitsu.



Postcards

Well done to everybody who received a postcard this week. Keep up the hard work!



Climbing frame

Following a health and safety visit, we have taken advice regarding the climbing frame to ensure that it is safe for all children to use. We have been working closely with a company to lower areas of the climbing frame and are so pleased that the PTA have offered to fund the work to do this. Work will be taking place over the summer holidays and then children will be able to use the climbing frame safely at play and lunchtimes.



Summer Reading Challenge

The children in EYFS—year 5 had a Summer reading challenge assembly this week in school. Children are being invited to join the ‘Gadgeteers’ from 16th July—3rd September. Children are being asked to read 6 books to help the Gadgeteers, while also discovering the amazing science and innovation that lies behind the world around them. Children can read any book of their choice and attend any library—and they will receive a certificate and a medal for taking part. It would be lovely to see that lots of children at Grange take part in this over the Summer!



Essex ActivAte Summer Sports Sessions

Essex County Council is running some Summer clubs for children who are eligible for free school meals or come from low-income families to support physical and mental wellbeing of young people through engagement in a wide range of activities, and provision of a nutritious meal.

You can find details of the clubs available and book at the following link:

<https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/bookings/west-essex-activate-bookings/>

A promotional poster for 'Essex ActivAte' summer sports sessions. The top part shows a group of children playing sports. Below that, there are three circular inset images: one of a child in a wheelchair, one of a child playing a drum, and one of a child eating. The poster features the 'Essex ActivAte' logo and the text 'FUNDED HOLIDAY SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE YOUNGSTERS'. It lists the following activities: Physical & enrichment activities, Primary & secondary clubs, Mental Wellbeing Hubs, Specialist SEND Hubs, Free tasty, nutritious meals, and Activity packs & online support. A green banner at the bottom right says 'BOOKINGS OPEN - MIDDAY JUNE 20TH'. At the bottom, there is a URL: [activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/](https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/). Logos for the Department for Education, Thurrock.gov.uk, and Essex County Council are visible in the top right corner.