

Grange Primary School

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Friday, 28th November 2025

Light Up Wickford

A big well done to our lovely school choir, who sang at the Light Up Wickford event on Saturday. The girls all sang beautifully and did the school proud! Thank you to everyone who made it happen and to those of you who came to support the choir!



As we have for the last couple of years, the choir will be holding a Christmas raffle to raise money for their trip to the Yong Voices concert at the O2 in January. Please support them in any way you can - either by donating a prize or buying raffle tickets - or both! Thanks!

Reception admissions



If you have a child who will be starting reception in September 2026, admissions opened on 10th November and will close for applications on **15th January 2026**.

Applications can be made online via <http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions> for whichever school you are sending your child to. If you are hoping to send your child to this school and already have an older child here, please still ensure you complete an application form.

Diary dates - upcoming events

December



Monday 1st

Year 5 and 6 Walk Online Roadshow

Friday 5th

PTA Christmas movie night



**Monday 8th and
Tuesday 9th**

PTA Elfridges sale (children can buy presents for family)

Thursday 11th

Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
KS2 visiting the local church for a carol service
KS1 Christingle (please send children in with an orange!)

Friday 12th

House reward (Christmas crafts)



WB 15th December

Christmas performances—see overleaf for days and times

Friday 19th

Sparkle Day



WB 22nd December

Christmas holidays (children return on Monday 5th January)

School dinners

Next week will be week 1 of the dinner menu. As ever, please try to discuss the options with your child before they get to school so that they know what they would like!

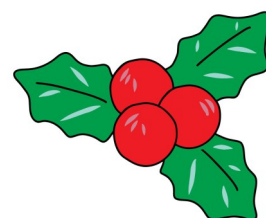


Dinner Menu Week 1

	Monday Pasta day	Tuesday Burger day	Wednesday All day breakfast	Thursday Curry day	Friday Grab-a-bag
Red	Macaroni cheese	Chicken burger Beef burger	Sausage, bacon and scrambled eggs	Diced chicken curry (mild or korma)	Chicken nuggets
Green	Pasta with tomato sauce or cheese	Southern-fried quorn burger	Veggie sausage and scrambled eggs	Diced quorn curry (mild or korma)	Quorn nuggets
On the side	Garlic bread	Wedges and beans	Hash brown, beans and home-made bread	Rice and naan bread	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	Rice crispie cake	Iced sponge cake	Ice cream pot or lolly	Chocolate sponge cake	Flapjack

Christmas performances

As ever, we are looking forward to welcoming families in to watch our Christmas shows later on in the year. We have had parents asking for days and times of shows, so will share these below. Please note that there will only be 2 tickets available per family and that younger siblings will not be able to come in to the performances. We will run a creche for the morning shows. We will send out more information about tickets and the creche nearer to the time.

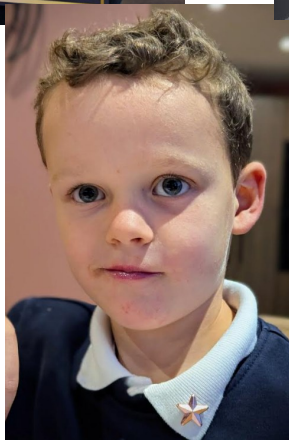


- **KS1 nativity (Year 1 and 2) - Monday 15th December at 9:30 and 1:30**
- **Year 3/4 Christmas show—Tuesday 16th December at 9:30 and 1:30**
- **Year 5/6 Christmas show—Wednesday 17th December at 9:30 and 1:30**
- **EYFS nativity—Thursday 18th December at 1:30**



More to celebrate!

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



Walk Online Roadshow for parents

On 1st December, the children in years 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Walk Online Roadshow, which teaches them about the dangers they may face online and how to keep themselves safe. There is a free session for parents being run on Tuesday 2nd December to inform parents about what children are actually up to online and how to protect children from online grooming and exploitation. Please join online if you can with this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5ecJdZ6uRuKKqVZDFd06tg#/registration

Homework

Please be aware that if your child is unable/struggling to do the online homework set at home, there is always a paper version available. If you would like a paper version of the homework (which will not necessarily be exactly the same, but something similar) please reach out to your child's teacher on Class Dojo. Thanks.

homework



Rewards and achievements in school

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

EYFS	
Ryder D	Excellence
Mia M	Determination
Year 1 and 2	
Jessica B	Determination
Presley T	Determination
Theo L	Determination
Year 3 and 4	
Bobby C	Determination
Jenna P	Co-operation
Lucy M	Determination
Lily B	Determination
Year 5 and 6	
Junior N	Excellence
Stanley S	Determination
Lyla E	Imagination



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 - Mia B, Ollie P, Bonnie R, Jackson G and Kiara H-S

KS2 - Freddie T, Thea W, Freddie A, Zara C, Bobbi-Rose C and Alice M



A big well done to everybody who has received their bronze merit badge so far this term. Children earn up to 5 points each week for attendance, attitude to learning, uniform, homework and reading. Once they have 45 merit points, they earn their badge!

Recreational gymnastics

Some children in KS2 had a fantastic time at the gymnastics session this week!



Celebration

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

Caitlin won a bronze medal and gained a county time for 100m breast stroke.



Sonny won player of the week at football.



Molly scored 10 goals and got player of the match at netball.



Austin got trainer of the week at football.



Jessica received gymnast of the week!



Jasmine received a blue card at football.



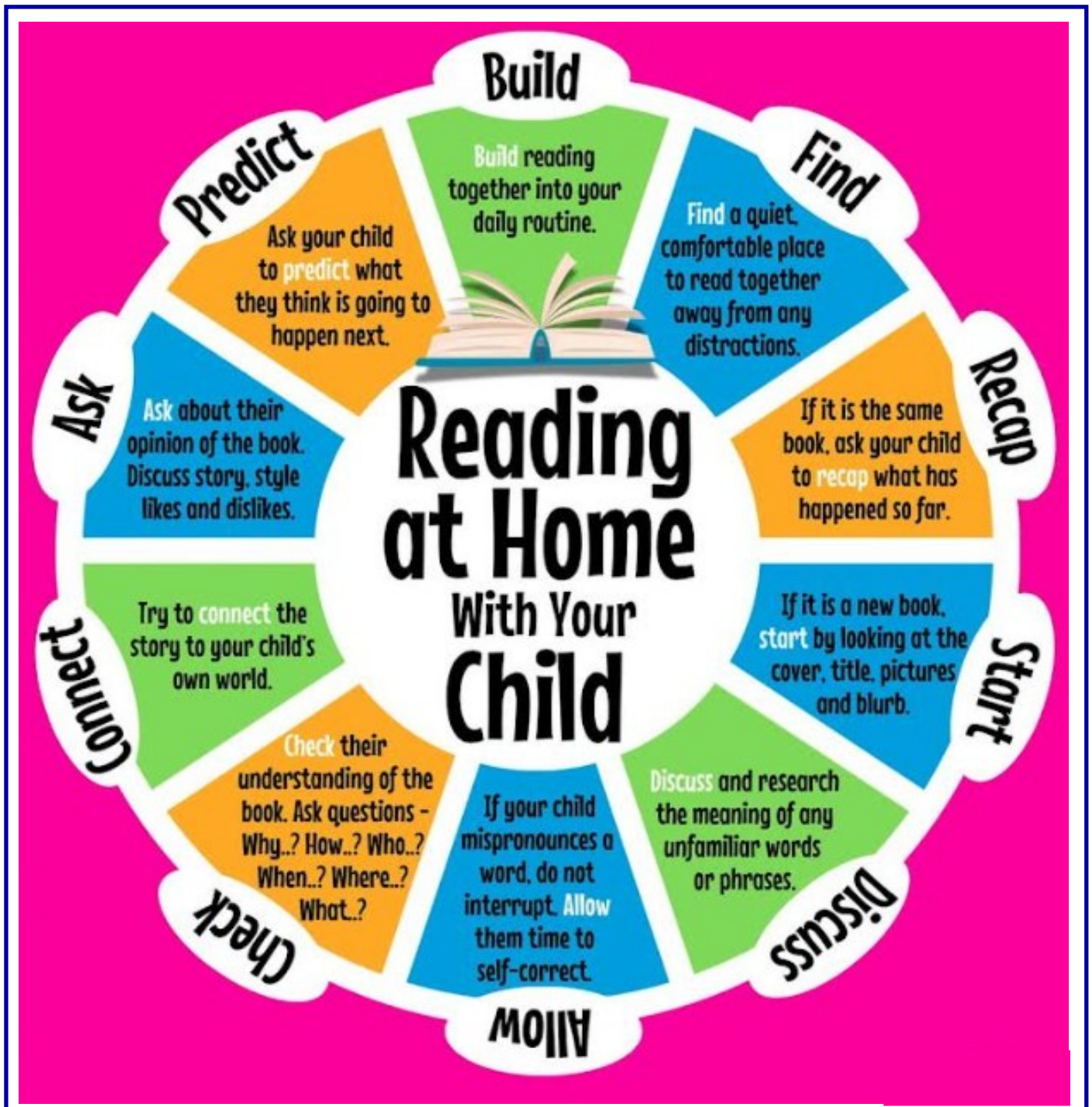
Oliver won gold for 50m breast stroke and 100m breast stroke and silver for 50m freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and 100m backstroke!



PTA Christmas Movie Night

The PTA Christmas Movie Night is being held on Friday 5th December at the end of the school day. The children who are going will be taken straight through to the hall and will watch the film with a drink and snacks provided. To book your child's place, please scan the QR code at the bottom of the poster or use the following link - <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/christmas-movie-night-7>. Early bird tickets are just £5, so book before 29th November to get tickets at this fantastic price!





Children in Need

For Children in Need we raised an amazing £3,654.50!

A huge thank you for all of your generous donations and to all of the family and friends who sponsored the children for the 'Challenge 25' events. We do appreciate all of your support and are astounded at how much we were able to raise!

