

Grange Primary School

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Friday 16th October 2026

Rock Star Day!

It was fantastic to see everybody dressed as rock stars on Monday for our TT Rockstars launch day! Everybody got really into the rockin' spirit and had a fantastic day! A big well done to the children who won the 'Design a Rockstar' competition and were awarded their certificates in assembly. Below are our costume winners from the day, chosen by some of our year 6 ambassadors!



Dates for your diary

Please note: these are just the dates we have booked in so far! Please keep an eye on this page as it will be updated weekly and things may change.

October

Tuesday 20th Thursday 22nd	Parents' evening
Friday 23rd	Last day of term (children return on Monday 2nd November)



November

Tuesday 3rd	Year 1/2 trip to Hyde Hall
Monday 9th	Individual school photos
Wednesday 11th	Years 3-5 VR headset workshops
Thursday 26th	SEND parent coffee morning
Friday 27th	INSET day - school closed to pupils



December

Thursday 3rd	Whole school trip to the pantomime (funded by the PTA)
Thursday 10th	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner day
WB Monday 14th	School Christmas performances
Friday 18th	Sparkle Day! Break for Christmas holidays begins



Clubs next half term

Next week, you should receive information about the clubs for after October half term. The following clubs will be running:

Monday

- Musical theatre
- KS1 Football (EYFS—year 2)



Tuesday

- Young Voices
- Young Carers
- KS1 Art (EYFS—year 2)
- KS2 Homework



Wednesday

- KS2 Art (years 3—6)



Thursday

- Christmas countdown (years 1 –6)
- Cheerleading

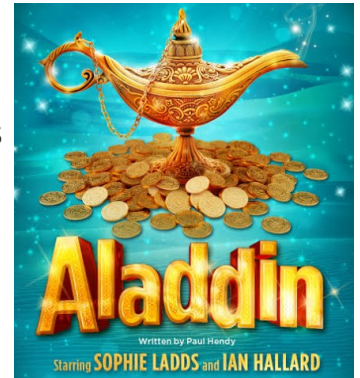


Friday

- Year 5 and 6 Netball
- KS2 Football (years 3-6)

Pantomime visit

As you will have seen, the PTA have funded a whole-school trip to the Towngate Theatre to see Aladdin the pantomime this year. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and the last time we did this, they loved every second! While the PTA have generously purchased the tickets, we are asking parents for a payment of £9 per child for the coach—I think you will all agree this is a bargain and such an amazing thing for the children to experience together as a whole school. We will shortly send out information and a payment link. Thank you!



Scooting on site



Can we please remind parents to ensure all children (including younger siblings) hop off of their scooters and bikes at the school gates and push them sensibly to the parking facilities. At drop-off and pick-up times there are lots of people about, so we ask that nobody cycles or scoots on the paths or the school playground for everybody's safety. We appreciate you supporting us with this.

Parking around school

A polite reminder to please think carefully about where you are parking at drop-off and pick-up times. As the weather turns, we appreciate more people may drive to school, but please make sure you do not block resident's driveways or dropped kerbs, especially at the corner of Friern Gardens, where many children and families cross. Thank you!



Rewards and achievements in school

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

EYFS	
Barney F	<i>Excellence</i>
George DG	<i>Excellence</i>
Year 1 and 2	
Ollie T	<i>Co-operation</i>
Vinnie T	<i>Co-operation</i>
Mollie W	<i>Excellence</i>
Year 3 and 4	
Lily-Mae B	<i>Excellence</i>
Ethan GG	<i>Excellence</i>
George F	<i>Determination</i>
Year 5 and 6	
Archie P	<i>Imagination</i>
Shindara O	<i>Imagination</i>
Darcie N	<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 - Reggie W, Jessie M, Maisie N, Michael O'C and Presley T

KS2 - Theo L, Jasper H, Lucy G, Charlotte L, Daniele B and Max E

A big well done to our attendance winners this week:

Class attendance -spin the wheel! - Holly won some chill out time

Individual 100% attendance - Jimmy O'K in Beech Class



Celebration

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

Amelia received her first badge at Rainbows this week.



Toby got student of the week at kung fu.



Harper walked 10 miles to raise money for St Joseph's Hospice.



More to celebrate!

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



School dinners

Next week will be week 2 on the dinner menu. Please talk through the options with your child before they come into school so that they know what they would like! We always discuss the options in school but some children need a bit more time! Thank you.



Dinner Menu Week 2



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red	Bolognaise	Fish fingers	Roast chicken	Pork sausage	Pepperoni Pizza
Green	Pasta with tomato sauce or cheese	Veggie fingers	Quorn chicken fillet	Veggie sausage	Cheese Pizza
On the side	Garlic bread	Wedges	Roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Mash and gravy	Chips
Veg and salad	A choice of peas, sweetcorn, carrots and beans Salad bar				
Yellow	Jacket potato with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna				
Blue	Baguette with tuna, cheese or ham. Served with a dessert and salad/veggies of your choice.				
Dessert	Coconut and cranberry cookie	Iced school cake	Jelly	Marble cake	Angel delight
	A range of yoghurt and fruit are available each day				

The food suppliers we use have changed the ingredients in some of the food items we get, so if your child has any allergies or intolerances, please have a look at the allergen documents on the school website [here](#). If you have not already informed us of any allergies or intolerances, please make sure you speak to the ladies in the office - thank you.

Contact Mrs Iyalla at: senco@grange.essex.sch.uk



SEND SPOTLIGHT

Did you know...

We all experience the world through our senses, but some children may find everyday sounds, lights, smells or textures overwhelming.

Sensory Processing

We all experience the world through our senses...



sounds



lights



smells



textures



tastes



For some children, senses can feel overwhelming...

...for others, they may seek extra input to feel calm and ready to learn.

Understanding sensory needs helps us support children to feel safe, settled and ready to learn.

At home...

Try creating a calm space where your child can relax when they feel overwhelmed. This could include cushions, favourite books, quiet activities or a cosy corner. Sometime all it takes is quiet time after school, no chatting no questions just time to regulate! Every child is different, so discover what works best for yours!



Ahead of parents evening next week, remember:

"Every child's progress looks different, and every step matters."

Did you know?

Some children with sensory differences find everyday sounds much louder or more uncomfortable than others do?

In school this week...

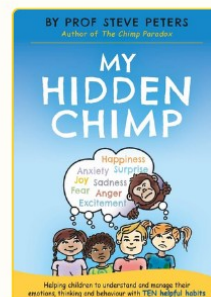
We've had lots of successful One Plan meetings this week! It's wonderful to see home and school working together to understand children's needs and agree on the best ways to support them.

If you haven't booked your One Plan meeting yet, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. Working together makes a real difference! 🌟



Recommended read...

'My Hidden Chimp' by Professor Steve Peters is a fantastic interactive book for primary-aged children to explore their emotions, understand their reactions and develop healthy habits. With practical activities and simple explanations, it helps families talk about big feelings and find ways to manage them together.





MEET YOUR NEW PTA COMMITTEE

GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHAIR



Hi, I'm Helen,

a mum to one boy in Year 3 at Grange Primary School! 

After spending the last year as PTA Secretary, I'm really excited to be stepping into my new role as Chair and continuing to support our wonderful school community.

I have worked as a Stock Controller, for over 15 years, where organisation, planning, teamwork and problem-solving are all part of my everyday

role. I hope to bring these skills, along with the experience I've gained over the past year on the PTA, to help organise exciting events, raise valuable funds and bring parents, staff and children together.

I'm really looking forward to working alongside our fantastic PTA team, building on everything we've achieved so far and creating even more fun experiences and lasting memories for our children!

VICE-CHAIR



Hi, I'm Lucy,

a mum of two girls (Year 3 and Nursery), and I also attended Grange Primary myself! 

I'm delighted to be serving as PTA Vice Chair and helping to support the school community.

As an NHS Psychological Therapist, I hope my skills in communication, problem-solving and building positive relationships will help strengthen connections between parents, staff and pupils.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone to create enjoyable opportunities and lasting memories for our children.

SECRETARY



Hi, I'm Tanya,

your new PTA Secretary! 

I have a child in Year 3 and am fully invested in supporting our school.

Professionally, I work part-time in a pharmacy and manage administration for my husband's business, skills I hope to use to keep our meetings running smoothly.

Personally, I love all things creative and crafty, and I can't wait to channel that energy into planning fun events and fundraisers.

I'm excited to work with you all—if you see me at the gates, please come say hello!

TREASURER



Hi, I'm Carla,

a Mum of two (Year 3 and Nursery) and Stepmom to two past Grange students (now in Years 8 and 13). 

With a professional background in Financial Services and Project Management support,

I would like to keep the PTA's finances transparent and organised so we can give as much support as possible to the teachers and students.

I love being part of the Grange family and am always happy to answer any questions about our budget and fundraising efforts (if you can catch me running after my little boy).

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE
PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEBBIE, EMMA AND LYNSEY

FOR ALL THEIR INCREDIBLE HARD WORK OVER THE YEARS
AND WE HOPE TO DO YOU PROUD X



GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL LOTTERY

CASH PRIZE EVERY WEEK!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL. SUPPORT OUR KIDS.

BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Every ticket helps make a difference.

All profits go directly back into our school
to fund things like:

- School trips
- Educational visits to the school
- Essential school equipment

PLAY • WIN • MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**SCAN
TO PLAY**



**MORE PEOPLE =
BIGGER
PRIZES**