

Grange Primary School

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Friday, 8th May 2026

Year 6 SATs next week

Next week, the children in year 6 will be sitting their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard throughout their time at Grange, particularly over the last few months, to get themselves prepared and we are so proud of how far they have come. The children across the UK all sit these papers on the same day and the timetable is as follows:

Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th
Grammar and spelling	Reading	Arithmetic Reasoning 1	Reasoning 2

We are aiming to start each paper as close to 9am as possible, so it is vital that all children are in school and registered on time. As we do every year, we are running a free SATs breakfast for all children in year 6, which will run from 8:15am. The children will have a chance to chat to their friends, prepare for the day ahead and have a delicious breakfast at the same time.

Again, the children have worked incredibly hard to prepare for their SATs and we will be proud of them no matter the outcome. The children recently had mock week so that they know exactly what to expect next week and are completely at ease. Of course, there will be some nerves, but please remind children that this is nothing to worry about and that they will make everybody proud no matter what.

To support the children to feel calm and composed the mornings of SATs, we would encourage you to do the following:

- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep each night.
- Encourage your child to drink lots of water.
- Try to discourage your child from too much screen time in the evenings - chatting or playing a game together might help them to relax.



EYFS trip to

The children in Oak and Ash classes had a fantastic time at Barleylands Farm yesterday as part of their topic all about growing! They touched and fed the animals, went on a tractor ride and even made their own pizzas! What a fantastic day everybody had at the farm.



Sports Day

Please find below the dates for this year's sports days. The event for years 1-6 will run from 1:30 until the end of the school day, at which point parents can take their children home.

- EYFS, year 1 and 2 - Friday 19th June at 1:30
- Year 3, 4 and 5 - Friday 26th June at 1:30
- Year 6 - 9am on Friday 10th July



Sponsored mini marathon - Friday 22nd May

On Friday 22nd May, we will be hosting a sponsored mini marathon event. The children will be running or walking 2.6 km in order to raise money for much-needed sports and lunch time equipment. We will send out more information about the event soon.



A small plea!

If anybody has any strips of fabric, ties or fabric scarves (not woollen), we would really appreciate it. Mr Newland is creating some weaving frames for out on the playground and we need some material to weave with!
Thanks.



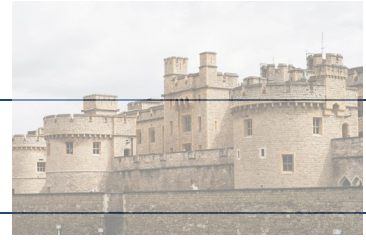
More to celebrate!

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



Dates for your diary

May



WB 11th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 18th	Year 5/6 trip to the Tower of London
Friday 22nd	Whole school sponsored mini marathon event
Monday 25th— Friday 29th	Half term. Children return on Monday 1st June



June



Wednesday 3rd	Class photos
Monday 8th	INSET day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th	Year 6 Mersea residential
Friday 12th	Year 5 bush craft day
Tuesday 16th	Year 1/2 Knights and castles workshops
Thursday 18th and Friday 19th	PTA Father's Day sale
Friday 19th	EYFS, year 1 and 2 sports day
Thursday 25th	SEN parents coffee morning
Friday 26th	Year 3 - 5 sports day



Celebration

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

Sonny won his first trophy at his new football club.



Grace came third in her disco freestyle dancing competition.

Matyas played in the England ice hockey draft showcase tournament.



Evie was awarded star of the week at her drama class and also performed in a show!



Harry was awarded parents' player of the match at football.

Harper found out that she has been retained at Arsenal for another season!



School nurse drop-in session

On Tuesday 12th May, the school nurse is holding a drop-in session here at Grange. The session will run from 2:30 and all parents are welcome to attend. There is no need to book, just pop along to the main office at 2:30! Please speak to Mrs Black if you are unsure whether you would like to come or not - it may well be worth it!



School bags



We are finding that more and more children are bringing in big bags and toys and important items from home. As we are sure you can appreciate, we do not have a lot of space for bags at school, so please encourage your child to bring in a small bag, preferably a book bag. While we say children can have a keyring on their book bag to help identify it, please check that children are not bringing in toys from home. These can get lost and cause issues at school, so please try to ensure that they are not coming into school. Thank you for your support with this!

School dinners

Next week will be week 2 of the dinner menu. As ever, please look through the menu with your child and discuss the options so that they know what they would like! Some parents have asked about allergens for the new menu—these have been sent out but can also be found on the school website [here](#).



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				

Rewards and achievements in school

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

EYFS	
Amelia L	<i>Excellence</i>
Beaux F	<i>Determination</i>
Year 1 and 2	
Harry H	<i>Co-operation</i>
Delilah F	<i>Determination</i>
Lily H	<i>Determination</i>
Year 3 and 4	
Hudson L	<i>Imagination</i>
Zekia Y	<i>Co-operation</i>
Harrison J	<i>Determination</i>
Year 5 and 6	
Mustafa I	<i>Determination</i>
Elliot M	<i>Determination</i>
Jessica L	<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 - Macie-Grace H, Dolly B, Beau H, Buddy F and Bella W

KS2 - Milo S, Esme S, Ruben L, Darcie N, Daisy D and Callum P

A big well done to our attendance winners this week:

Class attendance -spin the wheel! - Chestnut won a tasty treat and Elder teacher's choice!

Individual 100% attendance - Louie T in Holly Class



PTA events



As we prepare for the Grange PTA Summer Fair on Saturday 27th June 2026, we're excited to share an easy way for our local community to help raise valuable funds for the school. We've partnered with local estate agents who will place advertising boards outside homes in the lead-up to the fair. For every board displayed, the PTA receive £12!

How you can help: We're looking for families and local residents who would be happy to have a board displayed outside their home for 8 weeks. It's completely hassle-free and a simple way to support the school. It doesn't matter where you live – whether you're on a busy road, a quiet street, or even a cul-de-sac. The aim is to have boards spread all across the town, so every location helps!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/mvkxm4fk>

Get involved in the fair! We're also looking for local community groups and performers to be part of the day – whether it's singing, dancing, martial arts, or something unique! If you'd like to perform, please get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support – every contribution helps us create more opportunities and memorable experiences for all our children!



DONATE TEDDY BEARS and SOFT TOYS

FOR OUR SUMMER FETE

We are collecting
new or pre-loved teddy bears
and soft toys for our
Summer Fete!



Your
donation
will bring
smiles!

♥ PLEASE DONATE
NEW OR CLEAN,
PRE-LOVED TOYS
IN GOOD CONDITION

DROP OFF AT:
School Office / Reception
By: Friday 22nd May

Thank you!



Let's make this Summer Fete extra special –
together we can make a big difference!



GRANGE PRIMARY

PTA MEETING

Your school, your say,
our children's future!

FRIDAY
15TH
MAY



7.30 PM

IN
THE
ZONE



Everyone welcome!
Together we can make a difference.

Get involved. Share ideas. Support our school.