

Grange Primary School

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Friday 18th September 2026

Rock Star Day!

On 12th October, we will be re-launching TT Rockstars at Grange! In honour of this, we are asking for all children to channel their inner Rockstar for the day. Although only children in KS2 currently use TT Rockstars, all children will be taking part in lots of rockin' maths activities throughout the day and there may even be some prizes for the best-dressed rockers!



Toys at school



Just a little reminder please to discourage children from bringing any toys from home into school. We cannot guarantee that they will be kept safe and they are often a distraction for the children. If your child needs a fiddle toy to concentrate in lessons, this will be picked up by their class teacher and Mrs Iyalla and they can be provided with this—we have lots in school! Thank you.

School council

Children in each class have been voting for who they would like to represent them as school councilors this week and the votes are in! A huge well done to everybody who stood as a school councilor and to the following children, who were successful:

Oak

Alfie W and Jenni B

Elder

Ella M and Leo L

Beech

Jake C and Olivia H

Maple

Sienna W and Oliver B

Ash

Eden D and Brandon OK

Hazel

Molly W and Presley T

Rowan

Max H and Willow H

Elm

Molly W and Harley H

Holly

Ruby B and Joshua SM

Willow

Harper Je and Dawson HT

Chestnut

Holly A and Frankie N



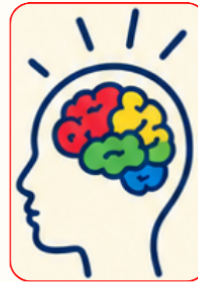
Contact Mrs Iyalla at: senco@grange.essex.sch.uk



SEND SPOTLIGHT

Did you know...

Some children need a little longer to process what we've said. If your child doesn't respond straight away, try giving them a few extra seconds before repeating the instruction.



Try: "Coat on, please."

⌚ Pause...

Then give them time to process.

Sometimes waiting is the support! ❤️

At home...

Create a calm and predictable routine at home where possible. Morning and bedtime routines can help your child feel more secure and reduce anxieties about what comes next. Visual charts, checklist or pictures can be really helpful too!

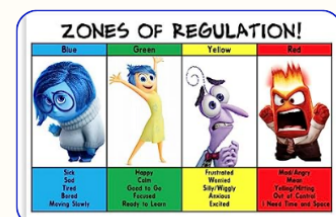


A big thank you to those who were able to make the 'Meet the SENCo' coffee morning! It was great to share stories and ideas. Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Look out for the SEND questionnaire being sent out this week...we would love to hear your views and ideas!

In school this week...

We have been focussing on helping children to understand and manage their emotions using Zones of Regulation. Children have been exploring the 4 zones, identifying how they feel and learning simple strategies to help them get back to feeling calm, focussed and ready to learn.



Recommended read...

Particularly at the start of a new year, many children find saying goodbye in the morning tricky and are faced with separation anxiety. **The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn** tells the story of a raccoon, who is worried about starting school and leaving his mum. Their "kissing hand" ritual reminds him that her love stays with him throughout the day. The story addresses school drop-off worries in a gentle, reassuring way.



Dates for your diary

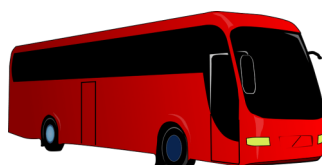
Please note: these are just the dates we have booked in so far! Please keep an eye on this page as it will be updated weekly and things may change.

September



WB 21st	Bikeability for year 6 pupils who have signed up	
Tuesday 22nd	Cooking workshops for year 1 and 2	
Monday 28th	Self-defence assembly and workshops	
Wednesday 30th	Year 3/4 Stone Age visitors Year 5/6 trip to Layer Marney Tower	

October



Monday 12th	Dress up as a rock star for TTRS day (more info to follow)	
Monday 12th	PTA annual general meeting—please come along!	
Tuesday 13th	Flu immunisations (information to be sent out)	
Friday 23rd	Last day of term (children return on Monday 2nd November)	

Rewards and achievements in school

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

EYFS	
Heidi A	Determination
Tilda W	Excellence
Year 1 and 2	
Kiki PS	Imagination
Charlie M	Co-operation
Thea F	Co-operation
Year 3 and 4	
Levi M	Determination
Arthur CG	Imagination
Jasmine F	Imagination
Year 5 and 6	
Evan M	Imagination
Harley H	Co-operation
Alice M	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:

KS1 - Barney F, Brandon OK, Ellie B, Mae J and Matteo M

KS2 - Kipras L, Harper Jo, Millie M, Ellie H, Austin H and Charlie S

A big well done to our attendance winners this week:

Class attendance -spin the wheel! - Willow Class won extra play time!

Individual 100% attendance - Max E in Chestnut Class.



Celebration

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

Ryder got a medal in football.



Jake and Luke completed the Nuclear Mud Race.

Nut free school

A polite reminder that we are a completely nut free school. We have several children here at Grange with severe nut allergies. For these children, even a trace of nuts can cause a dangerous medical emergency, so please ensure that children's packed lunches do not contain any of the following:

- Nuts
- Nut products (such as fruit and nut bars, Nutella or pesto)
- Items that say "may contain nuts" (e.g. some chocolate bars, biscuits and cereal bars)



More to celebrate!

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



Harvest Festival

On Monday 5th October, we will be holding a Harvest Festival assembly in school. The children will be learning some songs and we ask that children bring in a donation which will be sent to the Wickford Food Bank run by the Salvation Army. We support them every year and they are always incredibly grateful for the donations they receive from Grange! Please send your child in with something to donate such as:

- Packets of rice or cereal
- Tinned meat, fish or fruit
- Long-life milk
- Tea or coffee
- Tinned vegetables



- Pasta
- Pasta sauces
- Jam or marmalade
- Toiletry items (such as toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant etc).





JOIN OUR PTA COMMITTEE!

Make a difference for our children 

All current committee members will step down, unfortunately only 1 is looking to stand again.

We therefore need new members to keep our PTA running and to continue supporting our school and our children.



CHAIRPERSON

Leads and supports the PTA, helping to drive our events and fundraising.



VICE CHAIR

Supports the Chairperson and helps to keep things running smoothly.



SECRETARY

Keeps records, takes minutes and helps with communication.



TREASURER

Manages funds, keeps financial records and supports our fundraising.



Meet new people



Share your ideas



Support our school



Create amazing opportunities for our children

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Just enthusiasm, ideas and a willingness to get involved.



PLEASE ATTEND OUR AGM



Monday 12th October



7.30pm



In the Zone

All Parents Welcome! 



We need at least **12 people** to attend to reach Quorum to vote these new members in.



SUPPORT



COMMUNITY



OPPORTUNITIES



BRIGHTER FUTURE

