

Grange Park Junior School

July Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this final newsletter for Grange Park Junior School as we move into a new era: the start of our journey as one unified primary school now confirmed as **Grange Park School**. We hope the transition to one school will be a smooth one but we kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we work through day-to-day processes and procedures. In September, I will send out a letter outlining morning arrangements and any other important information you'll need to know.

While there will be minimal changes to the building, the main reception area will be relocated downstairs and made more secure.

A separate letter regarding school uniform will be sent out later this week.

This week we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they leave us for secondary school. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing how they settle into their new environments.



Looking back over this academic year, there have been many proud moments. In the autumn term, we received a strong Ofsted report. Our children have had numerous opportunities to perform — from the church and the O2 to the Beck Theatre. I was especially proud of the Year 6 performance of Matilda — the whole production was outstanding.

We've taken part in several sporting competitions, building strong teams in athletics, cricket, and netball. Our swimming pool has enabled more children to achieve the national curriculum expectations in swimming.

The children have also enjoyed a wide range of trips and visits, including the National Portrait Gallery, a day trip to France, Battle Abbey, and PGL. These experiences will stay with them for years to come and may have even sparked a new interest or passion.

I wish all families a wonderful, safe summer, and I look forward to welcoming the children back on **Thursday 4th September**.

Warm regards,

Mrs Madar

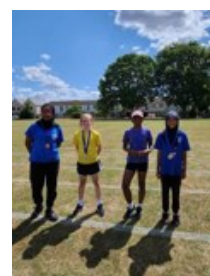


Sports Day

A huge thanks to all the parents and carers that came out to support their children through Sports Day. Thank you to Mrs Doohan, Mr Gibson and Mr Mahey for all of their organisation.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day filled with competition, teamwork, and plenty of fun! The morning kicked off with a series of competitive events based on the District Sports format. Pupils took part in class heats, semi-finals, and year group finals, showcasing their determination and athletic skills. Medals were awarded to the finalists who triumphed in their events – congratulations to our champions! In the afternoon, the focus shifted to teamwork and house spirit. Pupils competed in their House Teams, earning valuable house points in a variety of exciting activities including Tug of War, Tunnel Ball, Football Rob the Nest, Monster Kickabout, the Egg & Spoon race, Obstacle Course, and Parachute Games.

It was a joy to see so many smiling faces, with children cheering each other on and enjoying every moment. A huge thank you to the parents who came to support their children in the morning, and to all the pupils and staff for making the day such a memorable success!



Healthy Schools London – Gold Accreditation

We are delighted to announce that Grange Park Junior School has been awarded the Gold Healthy Schools London Award, a prestigious recognition of our continued commitment to promoting health, wellbeing, and healthy eating across our school community.

The Healthy Schools London programme, supported by the Mayor of London and Hillingdon Council, empowers schools to place wellbeing at the core of school life, creating a foundation for happier, healthier learning environments.

This significant achievement has been made possible thanks to the dedication of our School Council who have worked tirelessly to drive positive change.

Their initiatives—from encouraging nutritious lunch choices to leading whole-school healthy eating campaigns—have had a lasting impact on our school environment.

In just one year their efforts helped us progress from the Silver to the Gold award and they are already planning further steps to embed healthy habits into the next academic year.

We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment and remain committed to nurturing the health and wellbeing of all our pupils.



Year 6 production of Matilda

Year 6 ended the year on a high with a fantastic production of Matilda. The singing, choreography, and acting were outstanding — they certainly gave the West End show a run for its money! It was a true display of teamwork, with the children taking responsibility for props, music, and curtains.

There are undoubtedly some very talented actors in Year 6!



Football teams

The Year 6 football team and the girls' football team played a friendly match against the staff. Both games were full of energy and played in great spirit. The Year 6 team managed to score against the staff, but in the end, both student teams were narrowly defeated.

A big congratulations to Alina and Anush, who were named Players of the Match!



District Sports

On Thursday 10th July, we had the pleasure of taking a squad of 21 pupils to represent Grange Park at the District Sports competition. Our children were outstanding throughout the day, demonstrating exceptional respect, passion and integrity. Out of eight schools Grange Park secured a commendable 4th place-just one point shy of 3rd.

There were some brilliant individual performances worth highlighting: Nithraa in Year 3 came 1st place in the 50m sprint. Kirthika in Year 4 came 1st place in the vortex throw. Rahisha and Inthuyan in year 5 both secured 3rd place in their respective 400m races. Evelynne secured 2nd in the 70m sprint. It was a fantastic day filled with determination and team spirit. A huge well done to all our athletes!



Cricket Match

After winning the toss and electing to field, Grange Park Junior school took 5 wickets in a controlled display. Never letting their heads go down – even after some big hitting from Charville at the end – Grange Park chased the total of 228 with ease and ending up winning in a very controlled and mature performance. Grange Park should be proud to have won their first ever game of cricket.

Year 6 Girls Football Transition Tournament

A group of our Year 6 girls attended the Year 6 Girls Football Transition Tournament at Oakwood School. The girls participated in a number of football drills and played small sided matches. It was a great way to support their transition into secondary school. Thank you to Miss Perkis and Mrs Medhanie for supporting the girls.



STEM Workshops

Pupils in Year 3, 4 and 5 took part in exciting workshops run by the Think Big Mobile Creative Hut, bringing innovation and creativity straight to our school! The workshops were designed around the idea of ‘learning through play’, giving children the chance to explore, experiment and problem-solve in a fun, hands-on environment. Pupils engaged with fantastic resources including LEGO Education Robotics, Sphero, and Tangible Coding, working together to tackle real-world challenges. These activities were cleverly aligned with the Computing and Design & Technology curriculum, allowing children to build their understanding of key concepts while having a great time. Throughout the sessions, pupils developed vital STEM skills—as well as important soft skills such as teamwork, communication, creativity and critical thinking. It was wonderful to see our young learners so enthusiastic, focused, and imaginative as they collaborated to find innovative solutions. A huge thank you to the Creative Hut team for delivering such inspiring and engaging workshops.



Year 3—Visit to the Church

During our field trip to a local church, the children had the chance to explore and learn about key aspects of Christianity. They took part in a guided tour of the church where they discovered important features such as the altar, font, pulpit, and stained-glass windows. The children listened to a talk about Christian festivals like Christmas and Easter and asked thoughtful questions throughout. They also completed a fun cut-and-paste activity at the church, matching different features with their names and building simple sentences to describe them. To finish, the children played RE-themed games to help them remember what they had learned. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that really brought their Religious Education to life. Well done to the pupils and teacher to make it successful on the hottest day of the year.



Summer Fayre

On Friday 18th July, we held our first PTA Summer Fayre. It was lovely to see so many families bring their picnic blankets and make a day of it. I would like to thank the PTA and all the members of staff including Mr Gibson, Mr Adam and all the staff that ran the activities. It was a huge success and hopefully an enjoyable event for everyone.



Remembering Mrs Branch

I would like to thank you all for your kind words and gestures in helping us to remember Mrs Branch as we come to terms with her passing. During the Summer Fayre we collected nearly £500 which we will pass onto the family for them to use as they wish for the arrangements.





Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Training Day 1 (School closed to children)
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Training Day 2 (School closed to children)
Thursday 4 th September 2025	Children Back to School
Friday 17 th October 2025	Training Day 3 (School Closed to Children)
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st October 2025	HALF TERM (School Closed to Children)
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Children Back to School
Friday 19 th December 2025	Term Ends-Early Finish 1pm

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January 2026	Training Day 4 (School Closed to Children)
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Children Back to School
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th February 2026	HALF TERM (School closed to children)
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Children Back to School
Friday 27 th March 2026	Term ends - Early Finish 1pm

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April 2026	Children Back to School
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 25 th -Friday 29 th May 2026	HALF TERM (School Closed to Children)
Monday 2 nd June 2026	Children Back to School
Friday 17 th July 2026	Term Ends – Early Finish 1pm
Monday 20 th July 2026	Training Day 5 (School Closed to Children)

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Children Back to School
------------------------------------------	-------------------------



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Welcome to

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters
 Remember Absence = Lost Learning Opportunity

Punctuality: Please support your child/children in getting to school on time by leaving home with time to spare so that children can enter the school building at 8.40am, to start their learning at 8.45am (school gates open at 8:30 am).

Reporting your child's absence:

If your child is absent, please ensure you call us promptly by 8.30am and leave a voicemail message on Tel: 020 8353 4265 (Option 2).

Please also note if your child is sick with vomiting or diarrhea, he/she will need to remain at home for 48 hours from the last episode. This is a health and safety requirement to ensure it does not spread around the school.

Evidence must be provided prior to all types of appointments eg; Doctor, Dentist, Hospital or any other appointment. However, if the appointment is an emergency, including visiting A & E, please make sure you acquire an appointment card or letter of attendance for your child's school records.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance End of Year	95.1	95.5	96.6	95.9	95.8

97%-100	Very Good
96%-90%	Room for Improvement
Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)