

Grange Park Junior School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Summer term we prepare to say goodbye to several members of staff who are moving on to new ventures.

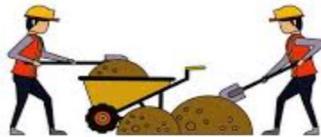
We say farewell to Mrs Mohain who has been with us for three years. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to the school.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Gul and Mrs Budyn, who will not be returning to Grange Park following their maternity leave.

Ms Carter will be taking up a new teaching post and we wish her every success in her new role.

Finally, we say goodbye to Ms Kaur, our School Business Manager, who has supported us over the past two terms.

A huge thank you to all the staff leaving us — we are grateful for their contributions and wish them all the best for the future.



As an amalgamated school we have the opportunity to ensure we are fully staffed for September. We are currently planning building work, improvements to our IT infrastructure, and updates to our daily procedures and routines. We hope these changes will cause minimal disruption and that the transition to one unified school is as smooth as possible.

With the very warm weather please make sure your child has sunscreen **applied before coming to school** and brings enough water to stay hydrated throughout the day. We've noticed that many children are wearing multiple layers — please encourage them to wear light, appropriate clothing suitable for the heat. Children are allowed to bring in small handheld fans but they are responsible for them. If used inappropriately, they may be confiscated.

We have many exciting events and activities planned over the next few weeks. We look forward to celebrating the end of term with the whole community and giving our Year 6 pupils a memorable send-off!



Warm regards, Mrs Madar

Yeading Cluster Performance—Beck Theatre

As part of the Yeading Cluster, children from GPJS had the opportunity to perform at the Beck Theatre. Each school showcased a range of acts centered around the theme of making a change. Our group, made up of actors and choir members, created a dynamic performance highlighting the importance of standing up against bullying by being the change. The message encouraged by-standers to take positive action and help make a difference.



Year 6 - VR Workshop

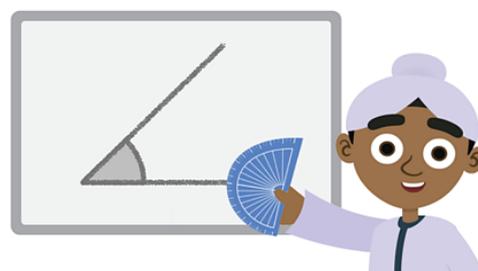
Year 6 children took part in an exciting workshop, using VR headsets, where they were able to virtually visit our amazing planet and understand the issues it is facing.

They looked at the challenges presented by climate change through real ecological problems which were brought to life in this workshop, along with simple real-life solutions. Issues such as pollution, overfishing, agriculture and plastic waste are examined. The children enjoyed seeing how simple changes could have a huge impact on environmental change. The workshop supported their Geography learning on environmental change.



Confident with My Compass – Year 5 Maths Workshop

Year 5 children took part in an exciting and engaging maths workshop focused on using compasses. The session was a first-time experience for many, and pupils were enthusiastic throughout. Several shared that they found the activity both enjoyable and eye-opening, with one child describing it as solving a puzzle. The workshop helped build confidence in measuring and drawing angles accurately. Children especially enjoyed working in pairs, supporting one another as they read and drew angles. One group even said using compasses made them feel super clever! Some children who initially thought it would be difficult were surprised at how quickly they grasped the skill and were proud to get accurate results independently. Overall, the workshop made learning maths fun, hands-on and meaningful.



Year 3 — Greek Day

On Monday, Year 3 stepped back in time for an exciting Ancient Greek Day! The children had a fantastic time exploring what life was like in Ancient Greece through a variety of hands-on activities.

They took part in their very own Greek Olympics, crafted traditional Greek vases out of clay, and even prepared a delicious Greek salad. It was a fun-filled day packed with learning, creativity, and a taste of history!



Year 3—Pedestrian Training

A big thank you to the STARS team who visited our school to deliver pedestrian safety training to our Year 3 pupils. During the session, pupils learned how to stay safe near roads, including how to follow the Green Cross Code and the importance of crossing the road with adult supervision. They also explored the vital role of seatbelts in vehicle safety.

The training covered the different types of vehicles and the potential risks they pose to pedestrians. Pupils also learned how to stay safe when cycling, including the importance of wearing helmets and being visible to drivers.

It was an informative and engaging session that helped our pupils understand how to be responsible and aware road users.

National Sports Week

National Sports Week took place from Monday 16th June to Sunday 22nd June. GPJS proudly took part in this fantastic initiative, which aims to help children achieve 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

Throughout the week, our focus was on promoting active lifestyles, building confidence, developing key movement skills, and encouraging teamwork. Pupils completed the Daily Mile, participated in two PE lessons, took part in breaktime challenges, and had additional opportunities to try new sports and complete physical challenges within their classes.

It's been a brilliant week full of movement, motivation, and fun — and we hope the momentum continues right through to the end of the school year!



Harlequins SWITCH Rugby –

Empowering Year 5 & 6 Girls Through Sport!

The Harlequins Foundation have been running a lunchtime rugby program called SWITCH for our Year 5 and 6 girls over the past few weeks. This fantastic initiative is designed to get girls active, confident, and engaged in a sport that many may be trying for the very first time. It's about building confidence, communication, and resilience, with the opportunity for girls to transition into local grassroots rugby clubs if they wish to continue their journey. If your child is interested in trying rugby outside of school, please speak to Mrs Doohan.



Year 5—National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery Visit

Year 5 had a fantastic day exploring two of London’s most famous art galleries! First, we walked to the National Portrait Gallery. There, we discovered portraits of important people from history, including kings, queens, scientists, and writers. We talked about how a portrait can tell us a lot about a person’s life and personality. After lunch, we visited the National Gallery, where we saw beautiful paintings by famous artists like Van Gogh and Monet. We learned how different colours and brushstrokes can show feelings and tell stories.

The children were fascinated by the huge paintings and enjoyed spotting details they had never noticed before. Throughout the day, the children asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our learning to life and get inspired by amazing artwork.



Year 6—PSHE Workshops

KISS – Supporting Healthy Relationships and Digital Safety for Year 6 Students workshop

The KISS team delivered a free workshop for our Year 6 students focused on understanding healthy relationships and setting personal boundaries. The sessions also included important advice on staying safe online. This workshop helps students build positive friendships and learn how to protect themselves, especially in the digital world.

Year 6 Take Part in TFL Travel Safety Workshop

Our Year 6 children took part in an informative and engaging workshop delivered by Transport for London (TfL) and London Transport Museum, focusing on road safety and safe travel on public transport. As many of our students will soon be making independent journeys to their secondary schools by bus, train or tube, the session was especially relevant and timely. During the workshop, children learned valuable tips on how to stay safe while travelling, including how to plan their journeys, use travel apps and be aware of their surroundings. The session also covered the importance of respectful behaviour on public transport and how to respond in different situations they might encounter.



PTA—Father's Day Pop up Shop

A big thank you to everyone, who came along and supported this lovely event, organised by our amazing PTA! They did a fantastic job putting together a range of thoughtful and stylish gifts and the children had so much fun choosing presents for the special men in their lives. We are so grateful to everyone, who helped to make this event a big success — we couldn't have done it without you!

If you would like to support the PTA or get involved in future events, please email GPJPTA2024@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!



Cricket Team.

Our Year 5 and 6 cricket squad rose splendidly to the challenge at last weekend's 20-team tournament, ultimately finishing third in a highly competitive group. With very little notice, the boys united to form a cohesive side, demonstrating unwavering commitment and sportsmanship throughout. Across five matches, we secured three hard-fought victories. Each fixture saw the team grow in confidence—sharpening their fielding, forging stronger batting partnerships and offering steadfast support to one another. Their efforts culminated in a commanding 60-run triumph in the final group game, a performance that showcased their improvement and resilience.

This achievement would not have been possible without the steadfast support of our parents.

To our players: you displayed remarkable adaptability and true team spirit both on and off the field. You should take great pride in how rapidly you came together and the progress you made under pressure. Here's to building on this success—and aiming for the very top in next season's tournaments!



Year 6 - PGL

Our Year 6 pupils recently returned from an unforgettable adventure at PGL! Over the course of the trip, the children challenged themselves with a range of exciting activities including zip lining, giant stand up paddle board, climbing, archery and team-building games. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to build confidence, develop independence and create lasting memories with their classmates.

A huge thank you to the staff who supported the trip and helped make it such a success!



Year 4—Battle Abbey

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting trip to Battle Abbey. Although the coach journey was long, the children's enthusiasm made the time fly by!

Upon arrival, we took part in an engaging workshop where we learned all about the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The children then had the opportunity to reenact the famous battle, bringing history to life with great energy and imagination.

After the workshop we made the most of the lovely weather by spending time in the playground and exploring the historic grounds. Highlights included visiting the exact spot where King Harold is believed to have died, walking around the battlefield, and climbing to the top of the gatehouse to enjoy stunning views of the surrounding area.

Throughout the day, all the children were exceptionally well-behaved, showing curiosity, respect, and excitement for the history around them. It was a truly memorable trip and a fantastic way to deepen their understanding of one of the most significant events in English history.

"My favourite part was when we got to hold the armour and the weapons used in battles" - Suwayda, 4D

"My favourite part of the day was when we used the shields and had a battle" - Rayan 4D



Calendar Dates 2025



- Wednesday 2nd July—Yr. 3 & Yr. 4 Sports Day
- Thursday 3rd July—Yr.5 & Yr.6 Sports Day
- Monday 7th July—Creative Hub Workshop Yr. 3
- Monday 7th July -Harlequins Rugby SWITCH program for Girls
- Tuesday 8th July—Yr.6 Girls Football Transition 9.30 -2pm Oakwood
- Wednesday 9th July - Think BIG Mobile -Year 5
- Wednesday 9th July—Cricket match v Charville - @ GPJS
- Thursday 10th July –District sports –selected children
- Thursday 10th July -Think BIG Mobile -Year 4
- Friday 11th July - PTA –Summer Fete
- Monday 14th July—Harlequins Rugby SWITCH program for Girls
- Tuesday 15th July—irock whole school—Parents invited
- Wednesday 16th July— Matilda to whole school (children only)
- Thursday 17th July— Yr.5 & Yr.6 Back up Sports Day
- Friday 18th July—Yr.3 & Yr.4 Back up Sports Day
- Friday 18th July—Yr.6 Matilda—Parents invited shows start at 9.30am & 5.30pm
- Friday 18th July—Staff vs. Children Football
- Friday 18th July - PTA. Infant and Junior Picnic—Parents invited 1pm to 3pm
- Monday 21st July— Yr.6 Graduation Assembly– 9:30am- Parents invited
- Monday 21st July -Yr.6 Graduation Ball –5.30pm to 7.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd July—Last Day -**Early Finish 1pm**
- Tuesday 2nd September—Training Day—school closed to children
- Wednesday 3rd September—Training day –School closed to children
- **Thursday 4th September—Children Back To School**



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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
Attendance so far:	95.1	95.4	96.6	95.5	95.8

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