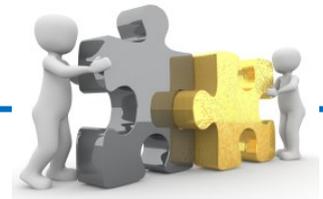




# Grange Park Junior School Newsletter

## April 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We are now entering a short but busy term with the upcoming bank holiday, Year 6 SATs week, and then the half-term break.

Please note that school **will be closed on Monday 5th May** for the bank holiday and will **reopen on Tuesday 6th May**.

On **Tuesday 6th May at 9:00am in the Junior Hall**, I will be hosting a coffee morning for all parents to discuss the forthcoming amalgamation. I warmly encourage you to attend to learn more about what this means for you and your child.

Over the Easter holidays, Cabinet approved the decision to amalgamate Grange Park Infant and Nursery School with Grange Park Junior School. This will involve the formal closure of the Infant and Nursery School and the extension of the Junior School's age range, creating a single, three-form-entry foundation primary school from 1st September 2025.

Please use the following link to view the Cabinet's formal decision

[London Borough of Hillingdon - Decision - Outcomes of the proposal for the Amalgamation of Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and Grange Park Junior School](#)

The cabinet's decision came into effect from 5pm, Tuesday 22 April 2025 (5 working days), subject to the statutory scrutiny call-in process.

### Summer is here!

**As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school and that sunscreen is applied before they arrive.**



Children are permitted to bring a small hand held fan, but please note that if it is not used sensibly it will be confiscated and returned to you.

We would also like to remind you that children are still expected to wear the correct school uniform for the remainder of the academic year. This includes their tie, appropriate school trousers and suitable footwear.

Wishing you a wonderful bank holiday weekend — let's hope the sun keeps shining!

Mrs Madar  
Headteacher



## London Mini Marathon

On Saturday 26th April, 16 excited children from GPJS took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon in Central London. The atmosphere was electric as fitness icon Joe Wicks officially started the race, sending runners off on a scenic route past Buckingham Palace and down the iconic Mall.

Our young athletes gave it their all, showing incredible determination and team spirit. We are especially proud to share that four of our runners finished in the top 50 in their wave—an outstanding achievement considering there were 557 competitors in total!

A huge well done to all the children who took part—you represented GPJS brilliantly!





## Olympic Festival

On Wednesday 30th April, GPJS proudly hosted the SHSSN Olympic Festival for KS1 and KS2 pupils. Our Year 4 children had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a wide range of exciting activities, including parachute games, handball, dodgeball, orienteering, teamwork challenges, squash, taekwondo and athletics.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to SHSSN, the Park Academy young leaders, Brunel Squash Club, and TKD Taekwondo for their incredible support and for leading such energetic and engaging sessions throughout the day.

A special thank you also goes to Mrs Doohan for her hard work in organising this brilliant event which brought together children from across the borough.

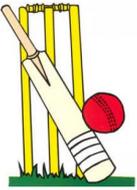


### Football Team

We are so proud of our Football Team who won 8-0 against Pinkwell in a friendly match yesterday. We were defensively solid and then attacked as a team, setting up some well taken finishes. Congratulations to Prathesh who scored a hattrick, despite being late for the match! As we now begin preparing our Year 4 and 5 pupils for next season, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Year 6 players for their commitment and contribution to the team. What a fantastic way to end the season!

Thank you as well to all the parents, carers and Mr Mahey for their continued support





## Cricket Festival



On Thursday 24th April, 14 children were chosen to represent Grange Park Junior School in a cricket festival at Uxbridge cricket club. The children were put through a range of activities testing their bowling, batting and fielding skills. The children were fantastic and took part in all activities in a professional manner and represented the school in a superb fashion.

A big well done to all the children that were chosen!

Did you hear about the 14 year old making IPL history as he scored a century off 35 balls? A real inspiration for our children.

Suryavanshi, 14, makes history with stunning IPL century



Valbhav Suryavanshi has 151 runs from three IPL matches this season

## Brentford Football Training

Year 5 have been taking part in Brentford Joy of Movement programme; the programme encourages children to learn the importance of physical activity. These fun, engaging sessions help children explore movement and physical activity in a positive, pressure-free way—boosting both their physical and emotional wellbeing.





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# Childhood Asthma

## FREE Online Workshops

**CONTACT THE TEAM TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE**

 **01895 543 437**

 **nhsnwl.myhealth@nhs.net**

Scan the code to contact the team and register your interest



### What's Included In The Workshop ?

What to do if your child is having an Asthma attack	Inhaler Techniques	Myth Busting	Common Triggers	Asthma Plans	Q&A
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**SESSIONS FACILITATED BY AN ASTHMA NURSE**



## Free school Meals—London

We are delighted that the Mayor of London is ensuring all primary school children who attend state schools in London will receive free school meals for the full academic year, starting this September. This means that primary school children across Hillingdon will be entitled to a free, nutritious school meal next year.

The Mayor knows families are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis right now and so has taken the decision to provide funding to expand on the Government's free school meals offer. The funding the Mayor is providing will help up to 270,000 primary school children in London, like those in our borough, access free school meals and could save families in Hillingdon around of £440 across the year.

Children will receive their free school meal automatically but it's still really important to register them in case they are eligible for extra funding from the Government. This is worth £1,300 per year per eligible pupil to a school. It's simple to do and confidential, you can click on the link below to see if you are eligible or contact the school office



**HELP THE SCHOOL -register for Free School Meal (FSM)!!**

FSM entitlement brings additional funding to the school which helps towards your child learning and needs.

- This is different to the Mayors free school meals which is currently available to all pupils.
- If you are eligible for FSM you will currently receive the following:
- A Fee school meal until the end of the school phase
- A £15 supermarket voucher per child during the school holidays (195 per child)
- The school will be provided with extra money to support your children learning/activities

It costs nothing to apply, so why don't you click the link below to see if you are entitled:

1. <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

2. Click on the blue button called proceed.

3. Next select from the dropdown boxes, Hillingdon and Grange Park Junior School then press Next.

4. Click when you have read the privacy notice

**I have read and understood the Privacy Notice:**

5. Fill in your details and click submit.

You will be told instantly if you are entitled to Free School Meals.

If you are entitled please contact the school office straight away on 0208 3534265. Thank you

Create a new account

View more information ▼

Proceed

Please use the drop-down lists below to select the school which your child attends (or is due to attend from September):

Local Authority:

School:

Next

Parent's first name:

Parent's last name:

Parent's date of birth: day  month  year

National Insurance number:  
(or National Asylum Seeker Service number)

Submit

## Calendar Dates 2025



- Friday 2nd May — Class 4D visit to Charville Library
- Friday 2nd May—Year 5 –Swimming
- Monday 5th May— Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 6th May - Coffee Morning—Amalgamation
- Tuesday 6th May—Class 5P Swimming
- Wednesday 7th May—Class 4K visit to Charville Library
- Thursday 8th May - VE Day
- Thursday 8th May—Class 5N Swimming
- Friday 9th May—Year 5 Selected children Swimming
- Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May—Year 6 –SATs
- Monday 12th May—Class 4K –Swimming
- Tuesday 13th May –Class 5P –Swimming
- Wednesday 14th May—Brentford Joy of Movement
- Thursday 15th May—Class 5N—Swimming
- Friday 16th May -Year 6—Basketball Taster Session
- Friday 16th May—Year 5-Selected children –Swimming
- Monday 19th May—Year 3 VR Ancient Greece workshop
- Monday 19th May—Class 4K –Swimming
- Tuesday 20th May –Coffee Morning—Year 6 PGL
- Tuesday 20th May—Class 5P –Swimming
- Wednesday 21st May—Year 6—Matilda
- Wednesday 21st May –Class 5G –Swimming
- Wednesday 21st May—Year5 -Brentford Joy of Moving
- Thursday 22nd May—Class 5N—Swimming
- Friday 23rd May—Year 4 Trip to the Science Museum
- Friday 23rd May—Year 5 & Year 6—Rugby Taster Session
- Friday 23rd May—Year 5 Selected children Swimming
- **Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May—HALF TERM**
- Monday 2nd June—Children Back to School

## Affordable Home Broadband – Help for Families



Did you know your family might be eligible for discounted home broadband?

If you receive benefits such as Universal Credit, you could access a *social tariff* – a lower-cost broadband deal designed to help households stay connected.

Reliable internet at home is more important than ever for learning and everyday life. We're encouraging families to check if they qualify and take advantage of these offers.

To find out more, visit [Ofcom's website](#).

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

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

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**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	91%-100	Very Good
<b>Attendance so far:</b>	95.0	95.2	96.6	96.0	95.7	96%-90%	Room for
						Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)

What's  
on...

## at Charville Library

### May

**Saturday 3 May – midday to 1pm**

#### **Star Wars Character Craft**

Join the ART side this May and celebrate Star Wars at Charville Library by making some Star Wars themed cardboard tube or puppet characters.

**For ages 5+**



**Thursday 8 May – 10:30 to 12:30**

#### **VE Day Read Aloud**

To mark the 80th anniversary of **Victory in Europe (VE) Day**, Charville Library will be celebrating with a **read-aloud event** featuring poems, diary entries, and extracts from books from, or set in, the era.

**For all ages**



**Tuesday 27 May - 2.30pm to 3.30pm**

#### **Reading Sparks – Curious Pearl and Simple Machines**

Do you like cool experiments?

Make a simple machine and discover how you can use it to lift an object, then develop it to do something more complex.

**For ages 7+**



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