



Grange Park School Newsletter

December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is always a special time of year in school as the countdown to Christmas begins. Over the past two weeks, we have enjoyed a wide range of festive events and I would like to sincerely thank all the staff involved for their hard work, commitment and excellent organisation in ensuring the children had such memorable experiences. In the following pages, you will see photographs capturing many of these special moments.

Please ensure you are aware of all payment deadlines for in-school activities, such as Santa's Grotto. Unfortunately, once a deadline has passed, we cannot guarantee a place. Timely payment will help ensure that your child does not miss out on these experiences.

Many parents and carers completed the parental survey during Parents' Evening and via Class Dojo. We are extremely pleased with the feedback and the many positive comments received. We truly value your opinions and use them to help us improve how we serve our school community. In particular, we are already taking action on feedback relating to school lunches and wider opportunities.

We recognise that this is a financially challenging time for many families. As a school, we do our best to keep costs as low as possible and to provide free opportunities for children wherever we can. For example, many of our clubs cost just £30 for ten sessions which is significantly cheaper than many external clubs. We also sell school uniform to keep prices low and avoid additional delivery costs for families. This year, free opportunities have included tennis and karate taster sessions, Bollywood workshops and visits to local places of interest for learning and performances. Please do speak to us if financial support is needed for larger opportunities such as theatre trips, visits to the PGL activity centre or the day trip to France. These are experiences that children will remember for a lifetime.

We have planned an exciting and extensive clubs programme for the Spring Term, including Chess, Panjabi, Tabla, Art, Zumba, Handwriting and many more. We hope your children will take full advantage of these opportunities and a huge thank you goes to Miss Doohan for organising such a fantastic range of clubs.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families peace, health and happiness over the festive season. For those who celebrate Christmas, I hope you have a wonderful time. I look forward to welcoming all our families back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

Mrs Madar, Headteacher





Our Vision and Values—November

SELF BELIEF
TEAMWORK
RESILIENCE &
RESPECT
INDEPENDENCE
VICTORY
EMPATHY

We have decided to use these last few weeks to explore the Equality Act and protected characteristics. In particular we focused on race and disability and how unkind words related to either of these impacts on others.

What is a disability?

- *Under the Equality Act 2010, the definition of a 'disability is 'if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities'.*
- *Disability is a '**PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC**' under the Equality Act 2010. It is against the law to discriminate against someone because of a protected characteristic.*
- *A disability affects how someone's body works. Some disabilities can be seen but some are harder to spot.*
- *People with a disability might need extra help or equipment to complete certain tasks or activities in their day-to-day lives.*

We also listened to music that promotes positivity around the colour of your skin. We listened to:

Black Like Me—By Mickey Guyton

Brown Girl—Aaradhna





Complaints

We regularly receive complaints from local residents and parents alike about the way some parents park. **Please do not park on the actual pavements and please be mindful when opening car doors as many children walk to school. Please do not block driveways or even park in other peoples' driveways.**

We are a community school and we want to continue to build good relationships with all the local residents and we can only do that by having a reputation as a respectful and caring community. We need to be mindful of others and ensure we are using the local roads safely.

The benefits from walking to school are numerous and because of limited parking in the surrounding streets, I urge you to walk to school wherever possible. **Children need to be able to walk and have daily exercise and build their independence, one of our core values.**



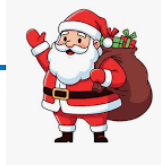
We have also seen an increase in school children coming into school in a pram. Please encourage your child to walk and unless your child has additional needs and a pram is safer for them. **Prams and Buggies are not to be left on the school site during the school day.**

We are not responsible for them and children in Nursery or Reception must walk to school to support their physical development.

Myself, Mr Luft and the Junior Travel Ambassadors have a meeting in January with the police to discuss these issues.

Thank you for your understanding and hopefully we can work together to make the school community a safer place.





Santa's Grotto

Our Santa's Grotto was a truly magical experience for the children this year. The children entered the grotto through a beautifully created magical entrance within the school, setting the scene for the excitement that followed. As they stepped inside, the children were transported into a warm, festive room filled with twinkling lights, decorations and the joyful anticipation of meeting Santa himself. The pupils were captivated by the atmosphere and delighted to spend a special moment with Santa, sharing their wishes and receiving a small gift. The experience created a sense of wonder and enchantment across the school and it was a joy to see so many happy faces.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch was a wonderful success, bringing festive cheer to the whole school community. The children loved the occasion and were excited to sit down to a delicious Christmas meal, complete with crackers, music and plenty of laughter. Staff and pupils shared the experience together, creating a warm, family atmosphere in the dining hall. It was lovely to see everyone dressed in their Christmas jumpers, adding even more colour and joy to the celebration. Moments like these remind us how special it is to come together as a school and we are grateful to our kitchen and lunchtime teams for helping to make the event so memorable.



Nursery / Reception Panto

The children from Nursery and Reception really enjoyed the Beauty and the Beast Pantomime. Belle taught the children a song and they joined in singing with her. Some children helped the Magical Duster with the cleaning of the plates. All the children stood up and joined in dancing with Belle and the Beast. And of course they joined in saying 'Oh no it isn't!' and 'He's behind you!' It was a great show and the children really enjoyed it!





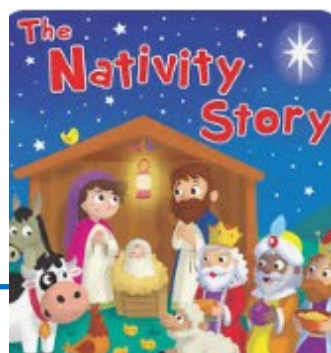
Santa Dash

The Daily Mile is a global initiative that encourages primary school children to enjoy 15 minutes of walking or running each day during school hours. At Grange Park, we take pride in taking part in The Daily Mile throughout the year to help keep our minds and bodies healthy. As a festive twist on this fantastic initiative, all of our pupils took part in The Daily Mile Santa Dash. It was wonderful to see the children dressed in their festive outfits, full of energy and excitement as they completed their mile. Their enthusiasm helped make the event a joyful and memorable way to celebrate the season while staying active.



Reception—The Nativity

The Reception children have performed the Nativity for their Parents and Carers. As their first performance on the stage, they bravely took on the roles of Mary and Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Stars, Kings and narrators in front of the big audience. All the children sang enthusiastically, performing the actions for each song. The children really enjoyed preparing for the performance and we hope the Parents and Carers enjoyed the performance and are proud of the children's efforts.





Sleeping Beauty—Beck Theatre

Year 1 and Year 6 children had a wonderful trip to the Beck Theatre to watch the Sleeping Beauty pantomime. The children were extremely sensible and well behaved as they walked to and from the theatre, representing the school brilliantly.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance, which was full of laughter, colour and excitement. It was a memorable experience for all who attended, including Mr Luft who was truly put in the spotlight!



Nursery's Christmas Celebration

The Nursery children had a wonderful time at their Christmas Party. They enjoyed taking part in a range of party games with their friends and shared some delicious party food. The Nursery was filled with smiles, laughter and lots of festive cheer.



Year 2 Church visit

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the local church to learn more about why Christians celebrate Advent and Christmas. After a short walk to the church, the children gathered together and listened carefully as Rev. Dave explained the importance of the Advent wreath and its special symbols. The year group then split into two groups: one explored the church on an exciting character hunt, while the other reflected on key Advent words and their meanings. After swapping activities, everyone left with a deeper understanding of this important season in the Christian calendar.



Dodgeball

Grange Park School proudly took part in their first-ever dodgeball competition, achieving an excellent 3rd place finish out of seven schools. The team had been preparing for the event two weeks under the guidance of Mr Mahay, and their hard work was clearly on display throughout the competition. The recorded four wins, two losses and one draw, delivering a strong and determined performance. The experience was fantastic for the children.

Dodgeball is a firm favourite at Grange Park, and having the opportunity to represent the school in a competitive setting made the event particularly special and memorable. The pupils made everyone extremely proud representing the school with enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. Special recognition goes to Fariha and Hamdan who delivered outstanding performances during the games.



Karate Taster Sessions

We have been privileged to welcome Meenhaz Janar from the United Karate Association (UKA) West London to deliver exciting karate taster sessions for children from Year 1 through to Year 6. During these sessions, pupils learned a range of karate-based skills and showed fantastic focus, enthusiasm, and effort. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

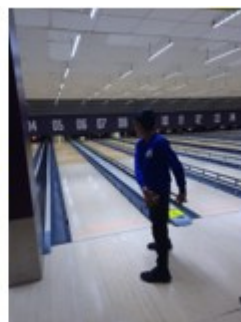
If your child is eager to continue developing their karate skills, you can register them for one of our new after-school karate clubs, which will be run by UKA. Alternatively, you may contact UKA West London directly to enquire about lessons outside of school at:
meen hazjanaruka@gmail.com



Ten Pin Bowling Panathlon

On Monday 1st December, six of our pupils proudly represented the school at the Tenpin Bowling Panathlon. This fantastic event aims to involve all young people in friendly competition while helping them build confidence and social connections.

Our pupils performed brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. They thoroughly enjoyed their time bowling and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship. At the end of the event, each child received a medal and certificates in recognition of their incredible efforts and achievements. A huge well done to all the children who took part
— we are incredibly proud of you!



iRock Concert

Our budding rock stars recently performed in the iRock concert for their families, and what a fantastic performance it was! It was wonderful to see their confidence and musical skills shine as they showcased the progress they have made over the term. Thank you to the children, staff, and families for supporting this special event and helping to celebrate the children's hard work and achievements.



Whole School Winners

Hydra were the winning house for the Autumn term. Children from Reception through to Year 6 from Hydra participated in the House Treat led by Mr Mahay, Mr Hatcher and the House Captains. They enjoyed games of Dodgeball

Congratulations to 2G and 4K who were the winners for this half term! They completed the most daily miles for each of their Key Stages.



Winter Fayre



A huge thanks to the PTA and school staff hosting the Winter Fayre. It was lovely to see all the children and parents/ carers enjoying the treats and in particular the much needed hot chocolate! It was a lovely way to raise money for the school.





Dear Parent,

We hope this message finds you well.

Hillingdon Children's Services are currently undergoing an exciting transformation, guided by new national direction from the **Family First Partnership Programme (FFP)**. This initiative is designed to reshape how we provide help, support, and protection—ensuring that every family receives the right support at the right time. A key focus is on **early intervention**, helping families before challenges escalate into crisis.

As part of this transformation, we are committed to working **with** families—not just **for** them. That's why we're reaching out to parents and carers who have previously worked with **Stronger Families key workers** or **Children's Social Care social workers**. Your insights are incredibly valuable in helping us understand what has worked well and where we can improve.

You can choose how you'd like to take part—whether through a one-off phone call or by joining our **Parent Consultation Group**, led by **Helen Smith**, Head of Transformation for Social Care Delivery. This group will provide a safe and welcoming space to share your experiences and help shape future services.

Key points about the group:

- A safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for open discussion.
- Honest and transparent communication to ensure **you** feel comfortable sharing your views.
- Meetings arranged at convenient times, with options to join in person (likely at **Uxbridge Family Hub**) or online via **Microsoft Teams**.
- A two-way process where you will be encouraged to actively participate and influence planning and decision-making.
- Your personal and individual feedback will directly improve service development levels.
- Timely updates will be sent on the outcomes of consultations, including how your views have been considered.
- Participation is entirely voluntary—you decide how much or how little you would like to be involved.
- The group will focus on identifying themes for service improvement, rather than commenting on individual staff members.

If you're interested or would like to find out more, please contact Helen Smith by email at hsmith@hillington.gov.uk or by phone on **07595 288063**.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help us make a difference—together.

Warm regards,

Helen Smith

Head of Transformation – Social Care Delivery
Children's Services

Wrap Around Care

New provision beginning
January 2026 at Grange Park
School

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY:
3:20 PM – 5:45 PM**

Part Time Sessions available:

- 3:20pm - 4:30pm: £5 per child
- 4:30pm - 5:45pm : £6 per child (For children who attend after school clubs)
- 3:20pm - 5:45pm: £11 per child

Our Services:

- Homework supervision if required
- Healthy snacks & meals (depending on session length)
- Fun and safe indoor & outdoor play
- Creative and educational activities

If you would like to register your interest for Wrap Around Care, please fill in the expression of interest form below:

forms.office.com/e/z4C7MmFWWhy



Available for children from
Reception to Year 6.

Led by Grange Park staff.



AquaMarie

**LESSONS
STARTING
AT GRANGE
PARK SCHOOL**

*WE WELCOME EVERYONE IN
THE HAYES COMMUNITY*

**Small Groups
1:1 Lessons
Parent & Baby
Parent & Toddler
Adults**

We offer small classes and a friendly supportive environment, we are here to help everyone learn, grow and enjoy swimming

FOR INFORMATION :

Tel:- 07960 687166

email Aqua-Marie@outlook.com



**RESERVE YOUR
SPACE FOR
JANUARY**

**£15
PER LESSON**





January Calendar Dates 2026



Monday	5th January	Training Day—School Closed to all children
Tuesday	6th January	Reception to Year 6 children back to school
Tuesday	6th January	Swimming—Class 5I
Wednesday	7th January	Swimming—Class 5S
Thursday	8th January	Nursery children back to school
Thursday	8th January	Swimming—6PK & 6NK selected children
Friday	9th January	Swimming—Class 5G
Monday	12th January	Swimming—6NK & 6GP selected children
Monday	12th January	After school clubs start
Tuesday	13th January	Coffee Morning—11+
Tuesday	13th January	Swimming—Class 5I
Wednesday	14th January	Year 4 (Classes 4P & 4JK) - Trip to the library
Wednesday	14th January	Swimming—Class 5S
Thursday	15th January	Year 4 (Class 4N) - Trip to the library
Thursday	15th January	Swimming - 6PK & 6NK selected children
Friday	16th January	Swimming—class 5G
Monday	19th January	KS2 Dance festival - Select children
Monday	19th January	Swimming—6NK & 6GP selected children
Tuesday	20th January	Coffee Morning—PTA
Tuesday	20th January	Swimming—Class 5I
Tuesday	20th January	Reception Pedestrian Training
Wednesday	21st January	Swimming—Class 5S
Thursday	22nd January	Y5&6 Boys Football Tournament - Select children
Thursday	22nd January	Swimming—6PK & 6NK selected children
Thursday	22nd January	Pickleball Taster Session—Years 2, 4 & 6
Friday	23rd January	Swimming—Class 5G
Monday	26th January	Swimming—6NK & 6GP selected children
Tuesday	27th January	Coffee Morning - The Power of Positive Parenting
Tuesday	27th January	Swimming—Class 5I
Wednesday	28th January	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Tournament - Select children
Thursday	29th January	(DATE CHANGED from 28th) - Eco-Warriors - Brentford Stadium Hub trip
Thursday	29th January	Swimming—6PK & 6NK selected children
Friday	30th January	Swimming—Class 5G





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MATTER,
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Welcome to
Grange Park Junior School
Leaders of tomorrow

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

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Dear Parents / Carers, We are still experiencing children arriving LATE on a regular basis. We would be grateful if you can please ensure you **allow yourself plenty of time** for Traffic / Road Works / Setting an alarm to wake up on time / getting school uniform / PE Kits / Swimming Kits ready the night before.

Punctuality: Gates open at 8.30am / Pupil must enter the building / Classrooms at 8.40am / Learning starts at 8.45am

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.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance so far:	91.9	92.7	94.5	93.9	96.2	95.5	95.4	96.1
	91%-100	Very Good				Whole School		
	96%-90%	Room for Improvement						
	Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)				94.8		

