



Grange Park School Newsletter

January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold weather, dark mornings and afternoons, it has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school after the festive break. Thankfully, the cold did not bring snow to disrupt the school day and I would like to extend a huge thank you to our site staff for ensuring that the school has remained safe and accessible.

Recently, there have been a number of occasions where parents have travelled abroad and left their child in the care of a relative, such as an aunt or uncle. If this applies to your family, please ensure the school is informed and that we are provided with the contact details of the adult caring for your child, particularly if they are not already listed as an emergency contact. This information is vital so that we can support your child effectively and make contact with the appropriate adult should an emergency arise.

This time of year can also prompt families to consider holidays. To support parents in planning family time without the need for term-time leave, the last day of school will be Friday 17th July 2026, with children returning on Monday 7th September 2026. This provides seven full weeks of holiday, which may allow families greater flexibility to secure more affordable travel arrangements. We strongly encourage families to take advantage of this extended holiday period, as term-time holidays will not be authorised.

The full term dates are attached at the end of this newsletter

Spring Term clubs have now begun, and we are incredibly proud of the range of opportunities available to our children. These clubs provide valuable chances for pupils to explore new interests and develop new skills. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Doohan for her hard work in organising such a diverse programme, which aligns closely with our January assembly focus on goal setting and success. Mrs Doohan is also working diligently to establish our Wrap Around Care provision, which will run until 5.45pm. Further information regarding this will be shared shortly.

Lastly, we would like to ask for your support regarding Labubu keyrings. These items have been causing distraction during the school day and in some cases, leading to disagreements between children. To help us maintain a calm and focused learning environment, we kindly ask that these are not brought into school or attached to school bags.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Madar—Headteacher

Our Vision and Values—January



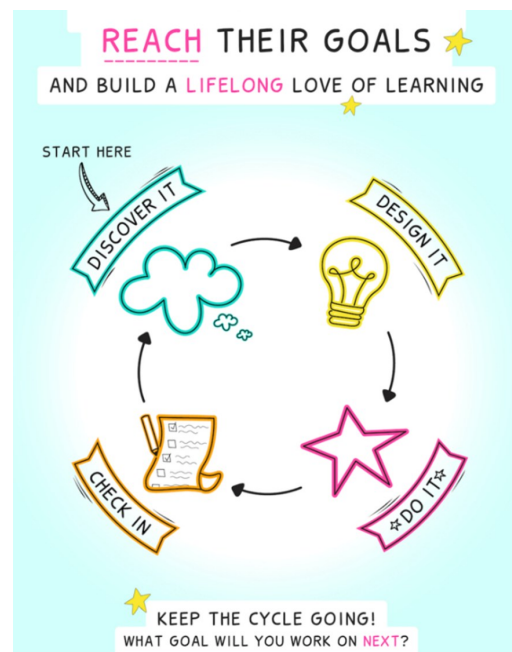
STRIVE
LEAD



SUCCEED

In January we are looking how to succeed with goals we set ourselves. Did you know 92% who set new years resolutions do not keep to them. So we are sharing with the children how to keep goals, by being motivated and planning how to be successful. Please ask your children what goals they have set and how they will be successful in achieving them.

A Kid's Guide to Success





Police Support



Myself and Mr Luft recently met the community police

officer about how we can make the local roads safer. We would like you support in improving line markings, more pedestrian crossings and better school signage. In order to that please do inform me about an road incidents of near misses that occur as this support the need for improvements.

We are also exploring ways to encourage more families to walk to school or to park away further away and then to walk in. With the support of the Junior Travel Ambassador team we will work hard to ensure that everyone can come to school safely. There is lots of things that we can do to ensure this:

- 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 also block driveways or even park in other peoples' driveways.
- 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.
- Prams and Buggies are not to be left on school site during the school day.
- Children in Nursery or Reception must walk to school to support their physical development.

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



Dance Festival



10 children from Grange Park joined 4 other primary schools at Cranford Community College to take part in a Dance Festival. The children from all schools, worked as a whole group to warm up and learn a small piece of dance with the instructor. This then was followed by a rotation of stations that looked at different skills and techniques within Dance. Each station allowed pupils to collaborate and improve their own physical ability. The children were then given the opportunity to work with young leaders to customise the section to their school.

They then were given a chance to perform to the group with awards for creativity, passion, and resilience.

PTA Update.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the PTA coffee morning and hopefully we have a group of parents who will be willing to put on exciting events for the children and families within our school community. We are excited in creating memories that the children will cherish and remember. If you have anytime to support with upcoming events, then please do speak to Mrs Ramtohul-Butler or Mrs Pandhare.



NSPCC – Speak Out. Stay Safe Workshops & Assemblies



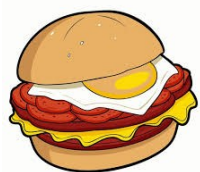
This term, children have been taking part in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme. Year 2 pupils watched the virtual assembly and then took part in a face-to-face workshop, while all other year groups have watched the virtual assemblies and completed, or will complete by the end of the half term, related classroom activities.

Through engaging and age-appropriate sessions, children have learned about staying safe, the importance of speaking out to a trusted adult, and met Buddy, the NSPCC mascot, who helps bring these important messages to life.

For information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parents and [carers](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents), please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Do you know what Pickleball is?

Year 6, 4 and 2 children had a fantastic time taking part in a Pickleball taster session this week. Pupils learnt the stances and skills needed for this sport, developing their coordination, reaction time and confidence. Everyone showed great enthusiasm, and resilience while trying something new and it was wonderful to see them actively participating throughout the session.



Coffee Mornings



It has been lovely to see so many parents attending our recent coffee mornings. We have enjoyed hosting both more formal sessions and relaxed, informal catch-ups, and it has been great to see such positive engagement from our parent community.

This week, we held a mums' coffee morning and a dads' coffee morning, which were both very well received. We plan to continue offering these sessions once a month, alongside our regular weekly coffee mornings which will also continue as usual.

We held a special coffee morning focused on parenting support, where we shared information about the Triple P – Positive Parenting Programme. This evidence-based programme offers practical strategies to support positive behaviour, build confidence and strengthen family relationships. Further information about Triple P has been shared at the end of this Newsletter.

Pedestrian Training

The children enjoyed learning about road safety this week. They learnt about the importance of looking at and listening to the traffic as well as holding the hand of an adult when they cross the road. The children then practised crossing the road at a zebra crossing and at traffic lights. They learnt a song to remind them how to cross safely.



Year 6—Visit to the Mandir



Year 6 had a fantastic time visiting the temple this week. Pupils learnt about the importance of the temple, its key features and the practices that take place there, developing their understanding, respect and cultural awareness. Everyone showed excellent behaviour, curiosity and respect throughout the visit, and it was wonderful to see them asking thoughtful questions and engaging so positively with the experience.



Football Tournament—Year 3/4 Girls

Year 3 and 4 girls had a fantastic time taking part in a football tournament this week. The pupils demonstrated great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event, developing their confidence and game awareness. Everyone showed enthusiasm and resilience while representing the school, and it was wonderful to see them supporting one another and enjoying the experience together.

Football Festival

The boys football team were invited to take part in a Brentford schools' tournament which provides schools with the opportunity to compete for the chance to represent Brentford at a premier league schools tournament.

Grange Park narrowly missed out on progression, recording one win, one draw and three defeats in the group stage which was not enough to advance to the knockout rounds. Despite the results, The team represented the school with professionalism, pride and excellent conduct throughout the tournament.

Player of the tournament – Darius (GK) for outstanding save throughout the tournament.



Wrap Around Care – Starting Monday 2nd February

We're pleased to announce the launch of our Wrap Around Care provision, starting Monday 2nd February, and running daily during term time.

The provision will be staffed by current members of the Grange Park School team and will operate from 3:20pm to 5:45pm, offering a safe, supportive and engaging environment for children after the school day ends. Children will take part in a variety of active play opportunities and staff-led sessions, with different session options available to suit family needs. A snack and a cold, light meal will be provided, depending on the session time attended.

Session Times & Fees:

Full Session: 3:20pm – 5:45pm (£11)

Early Part-Time Session: 3:20pm – 4:30pm (£5)

Late Part-Time Session (for after-school club attendees): 4:30pm – 5:45pm (£6)

Booking & Payment

All children must register for Wrap Around Care before a place can be booked. Please note that spaces cannot be booked without prior registration.

Payment will be made in advance via ParentPay. For more information, to register or book, please visit the school website or contact us at wraparoundcare@grangeparkschool.co.uk if you have any questions.



Just a polite reminder that
Breakfast Club is open Mondays to Fridays
7:45am to 8:40am
payable by **CARD** only (on the day).

If you require any further information, please contact
Mrs Viridi—Breakfast Club Lead

Thank you



February Calendar Dates

Tuesday	3rd February	Change for Life Festival—selected children 9am—12noon
		Coffee Morning—I'm a Clever Writer 9am—10am
		Phonics Information Session for Year 1 parents - 2.30pm
Wednesday	4th February	TFL Explorers Dragon's Den trip to Uxbridge Civic Centre
		Girls Football Match - Belmore—3.15pm—4.30pm
		NO FOOTBALL TRAINING after school
Thursday	5th February	Height & Weight Checks for Reception & Year 6
		Year 6 SORTED workshops 9am—12noon
Friday	6th February	Number Day
		SEND New Age Kurling - Years 3 & 4 (selected children — 10am—12noon
Monday	9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday	10th February	Safer Internet Day
		Coffee Morning—Mental Health—9am—10am
		Year 6—KISS workshops 9am—12noon
		5G—Mosque Visit 9.30am—12noon
Wednesday	11th February	5I—Mosque Visit 9.30am—12noon
		Basketball Match—selected children—11.30am—5pm
Thursday	12th February	5S—Mosque Visit 9.30am—12noon
Monday	16th February	Half term (school closed all week)
Monday	23rd February	School re-opens for all children
Tuesday	24th February	Young Voices Event—All day (selected children)
		Year 2 and Year 5 Pedestrian Training

***Please see next page for Year 5 & 6—Swimming dates**



February Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday	3rd February	5I
Thursday	5th February	5S
Friday	6th February	5G
Tuesday	10th February	5I
Thursday	12th February	5S
Friday	13th February	5G
Tuesday	24th February	5I
Wednesday	25th February	5I
Thursday	26th February	5I
Friday	27th February	5I

February Year 6 Swimming (selected children)

Monday	2nd February	6NK & 6GP
Wednesday	4th February	6PK & 6NK
Monday	9th February	6NK & 6GP
Wednesday	11th February	6PK & 6NK
Monday	23rd February	Year 6 selected children

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Dear Parents / Carers we are still experiencing children arriving LATE on a regular basis, 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:

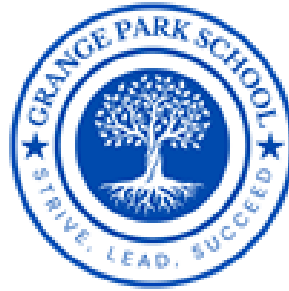
If your child is absent, please ensure you call us promptly by 8.30am and leave a voicemail message on Tel: 020 8353 4265 (Option 2).

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:	91.4	92.7	94.7	94.1	95.9	95.7	95.1	96
	96% - 100	Very Good			Whole School			
	95% --90%	Room for Improvement						
	Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)			94.8			



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HEAD TEACHER: MRS R MADAR

SCHOOL MEALS SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT (SMSA) – Scale 2

Work Pattern – 7.5 HOURS PER WEEK (Monday-Friday) 11.45am – 1.15pm, Term Time Only |

Grange Park School is a successful, multi-cultural school with excellent resources and is fully supportive of professional development. Our last Ofsted inspection found the school to be good.

We are looking to recruit an SMSAs to join our team. Your duties will be to ensure the safety, welfare and good conduct, either individually or as part of a team, of pupils at lunchtimes, during the midday break period.

You will need to demonstrate a commitment to teamwork, have effective communication skills, and a willingness to undertake all aspects of the role.

We are committed to professional development and this is an ideal opportunity for someone who wants to work in a school and develop their experience

CLOSING DATE: Friday 6th February 2026

INTERVIEWS: Week Commencing 9th February 2026

Application: Via application form, CV will **NOT** be accepted.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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RADICALISATION AWARENESS SESSIONS

Parent sessions

Young people today are exposed to a constant stream of online content from influencers and meme pages to extremist groups who hide behind seemingly harmless posts. These sessions help parents understand how extremist narratives spread, how young people can be drawn in through emotional or social pressures, and how families can create safe, supportive environments that build resilience. Parents will learn practical ways to spot early warning signs, support healthy online habits, and confidently challenge harmful content.

Aims

- To increase parents' awareness of how extremist narratives circulate online and offline.
- To strengthen parents' confidence in supporting their children to think critically about what they see online.
- To help parents understand the emotional, social, and identity-based factors that can make young people vulnerable to extremist influence.
- To empower parents to feel more confident discussing sensitive topics such as radicalisation, hate, and misinformation.
- To promote safer online habits within families and encourage healthier digital engagement.

Objectives

- Equip parents with practical tools to identify early warning signs of harmful online content or behavioural changes.
- Provide guidance on how to support young people to stay safe online, including managing algorithms, privacy settings, and content exposure.
- Improve parents' ability to recognise push and pull factors influencing youth vulnerability (e.g., loneliness, identity search, online echo chambers).
- Strengthen parents' confidence in responding appropriately, including when and how to seek advice, support, or make referrals.
- Encourage positive communication strategies so parents can have open, non-confrontational conversations with young people about conflict, hate, and extremism.



Scan to find out more about NSTN
or visit www.NSTN.co.uk





DRUG AWARENESS: WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BEING EXPOSED TO AND SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Join us for an important discussion about drug awareness and prevention. The session will focus on how young people can become involved with drugs, the different types of drugs they may encounter, and the signs to look out for.



12 February 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
ACS Hillingdon
- On campus

REGISTER

or



here

Here's What to Expect

Parents will learn how young people can be exposed to drugs through peer pressure, curiosity or social media. There will be information about the different types of drugs currently affecting young people and the warning signs that may suggest a young person is involved with drugs.

The session is to equip parents with the knowledge and confidence to talk openly with their children about drugs and to seek help early if they have concerns. Resources and local support services will also be shared.

Meet the Keynote Speaker: DC Rhys Marshall

“ Rhys is a highly experienced Detective Constable within the **Metropolitan Police Department**, currently serving in the West Area Community Safety Unit (CSU). With **extensive expertise in drug-related criminality**, he is recognised as a subject matter expert in controlled substances, drug markets, and associated urban street gang activity. ”





Community
Sports
Trust

Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub

Gymnastics & Cheer Camp

18

19

20

FEB

9.30 - 15.30

5 - 15 yrs

(All abilities welcome!)



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JUNIOR

TENNIS CAMP

**Northwood
Recreation
Ground**

18th February 2026

12:30–3:00pm

5–10 years

Action packed holiday camps with team challenges, tennis skills, games and prizes.



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO BOOK OR CLICK ON THE
LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK/CAMPS/LONDON/](https://nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/london/)

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION-

LTA
YOUTH



TRIPLE P SEMINAR

5-11 years olds

Want to strengthen family routines and encourage positive behaviour? Whether you're navigating bedtime struggles, mealtime challenges, or simply looking for ways to nurture your child's development, positive parenting can help.



Discover effective strategies to help create a happy environment for your family, making parenting a little easier and a lot more rewarding.



Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) is an approach to raising children that aims to promote children's development and manage children's behaviour in a constructive and non-hurtful way.

It is based on the use of good communication and positive attention to help children develop. This seminar will enable you to learn more about positive parenting and how you can apply it to your family.

Date, time and venue

 **Grange Park Junior School, Lansbury Dr, Hayes, UB4 8SF**

 **Tuesday, 27th January**

 **9 am - 10:30 am**

For more information about this service, email radhar@familylives.org.uk or call **07702 954891**

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Flu community catch up clinics

If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment for their vaccine at one of our local community clinics.

Winter season is upon us, and with colder weather keeping us indoors and in close contact, it's easier than ever for the flu to spread.

Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting your flu jab today. The flu vaccine is your best defense against severe illness, hospitalisation, and missed work or school. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy this winter.

Stay Well:

Avoid the misery of flu this winter.

Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.



For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK teams please scan the QR code or follow the links below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/contact>

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>



Vaccination UK
Immunisation Provider for
NHS



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Term Dates 2025-26

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 1 st 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



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Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026	
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Training Day 1 (School closed to children)
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Training Day 2 (School closed to children)
Friday 4 th September 2026	Training Day 3 (School Closed to Children)
Monday 7 th September 2026	Children Back to School
Monday 26 th -Friday 30 th October 2026	HALF TERM (School Closed to Children)
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Children Back to School
Friday 18 th December 2026	Term Ends-Early Finish 1pm
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 th January 2027	Training Day 4 (School Closed to Children)
Tuesday 6 th January 2027	Children Back to School
Monday 15 th -Friday 19 th February 2027	HALF TERM (School closed to children)
Monday 22 nd February 2027	Children Back to School
Thursday 25 th March 2027	Term ends - Early Finish 1pm
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12 th April 2027	Children Back to School
Monday 3 rd May 2027	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 31 st -Friday 4 th June 2027	HALF TERM (School Closed to Children)
Monday 7 th June 2027	Children Back to School
Thursday 22 nd July 2027	Training Day 5 (School Closed to Children)
Autumn Term 2027	
TBC	Children Back to School