



Grange Park School Newsletter

March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the term and look ahead to the Easter holidays, it was a pleasure to hear the Easter message shared by Year 2 during their assembly.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Crew, a Year 1 teacher, who is relocating. We wish her and her family every happiness for the future.

As we move into the final term of the academic year as an amalgamated school, it is a good time to reflect on how far we have come and what we still hope to achieve. Parents Evening provided a valuable opportunity to gather your feedback so that we can continue to improve our provision for your children. We are always looking for ways to enhance our coffee mornings, trips, clubs, and day-to-day experiences.

Your honest feedback is incredibly important, and we welcome your ideas, thoughts and suggestions. I will share the survey results after the Easter holidays. If you have not yet completed the survey, there is still time to do so using the link or QR code below.

Thank you for your continued support.

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We have been talking with the children about how we keep them safe at school. This includes our Behaviour Policy, Safeguarding Team, staff lanyards, worry boxes, and our fire and lockdown procedures. We have also explained how and why they should respond during a fire alarm or lockdown and we will be practicing these procedures with them throughout the summer term.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break. Whether you are travelling abroad or enjoying time in the UK, please stay safe.

Mrs Madar
Headteacher



Our Vision and Values—March

Teamwork is the value for March

What does **Teamwork** mean?

Teamwork is working together, sharing strengths, and helping everyone succeed.



"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."
- Henry Ford



We related this to Formula 1 and the importance of teamwork in Formula 1. We also introduced the children to Arvid Lindblad, a half Swedish and half Indian F1 driver at the age of 18!



On Friday the children were given a certificate if they showed

Teamwork by:

- Helping a classmate with their learning.
- Being a good listener in group work.
- Encouraging others during a team activity.

World Book Day

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DAY**

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The children enjoyed lots of fun world Book Day events, including dressing up as a book character. The Nursery and Reception children had their Parents and Carers join them for a story time. Many year groups had a story time with a special visitor, Hagrid from the Harry Potter books came to Grange Park to read to the children. The Year 6 and Reception children came together for buddy reading. Year 6 children also visited many classes across the school to read to the children.

We hope you have swapped your book token for a free book!

Year 2 Library Visit

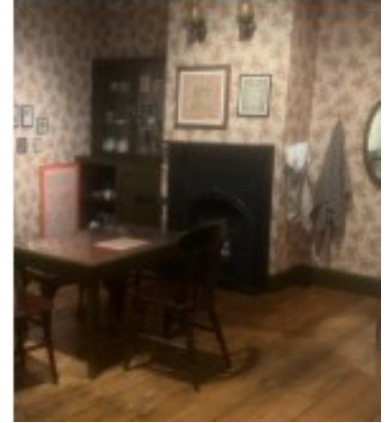
Year 2 had a wonderful trip to the local library on World Book Day. We enjoyed a lovely 20-minute walk to Yeading Library, with the weather being perfect. When we arrived, we were warmly welcomed by a librarian called Ben, who introduced us to the library and explained the features / areas of the library, how to join and how to find different books. He also gave us a short presentation about the National Year of Reading, which the children found really interesting. After that, the class had time to explore the library, browse the shelves, and enjoy reading a variety of books. We finished our visit with a lovely story time. It was the perfect two-hour trip out. Local, engaging and completely free!



Year 5 Docklands Museum Trip

Year 5 visited the London Museum Docklands and travelled by public transport to Canary Wharf. During the visit, the pupils took part in a Victorian workshop where they explored real 19th-century artefacts in an investigative object-handling session.

The children had the opportunity to get hands-on with original tools, everyday household objects and historical photographs. This gave them a glimpse into the types of jobs people did and the living conditions experienced by families who lived near the docks during the Victorian period. Pupils also explored the museum galleries, including a walk through the evocative recreation of 19th-century Sailortown, which helped bring the history of the docklands to life.



Netball

A huge well done to our Year 6 netball team for reaching the Borough Finals and proudly representing Hayes District! Out of all the primary schools across Hillingdon, this is a fantastic achievement for Grange Park.

After a slow start, losing their first three matches, the team showed incredible resilience and determination. They soon found their rhythm, going on an impressive four-game unbeaten run!

Their hard work and teamwork paid off with an outstanding 7th place finish in the entire borough—a brilliant accomplishment against such strong competition. The team grew in confidence throughout the tournament, demonstrated fantastic teamwork, and represented our school with pride, positivity, and excellent sportsmanship.

We are incredibly proud of you all—well done, Grange Park!



Years 5/6 Girls Football Tournament

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls football team, who took part in a mini cluster tournament against Belmore and William Byrd. The girls played brilliantly, showing great teamwork and huge improvement. They won their first game 1–0 and secured a 0–0 draw in their second—an excellent effort all round!



House Treat & Daily Mile Winners

Well done to Hydra who won the House Treat for the Spring term. They enjoyed their treat with Mr Mahay earlier this week.

Well done to 3L and 1BC who were the Daily Mile winners this half term.

Congratulations.



Year 2—Spring & Easter Assembly

The Easter and Spring Assembly was a wonderful success. Every child in Year 2 took part, whether through speaking, acting or sharing their work, ensuring a fully inclusive and engaging performance. Each class also had the opportunity to sing their own class song, as well as come together for a whole year group performance.

The stage was beautifully decorated with a range of spring and Easter crafts, alongside paintings created by the children. The children demonstrated excellent performance skills, showing growing confidence when speaking in front of a large audience.

The assembly was enjoyed by the whole school and it was fantastic to welcome all Year 2 parents to watch the performance. Overall, it was a huge success and a memorable celebration of the children's hard work and achievements



Year 5 VR Space Workshop

Year 5 pupils recently participated in an engaging Space VR workshop, which supported their current science unit on Earth and Space. This immersive experience enabled the children to explore the planets and the wider solar system in a highly interactive way. Pupils demonstrated excellent engagement throughout and were able to recall and apply a range of scientific knowledge, further enhancing their understanding of the topic.



Comic Relief 2026

A big thank you to all our pupils and staff for helping to raise funds for Comic Relief. It was fantastic to see so many pupils dressed in red, proudly showing their support for such an important cause.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised valuable funds for Comic Relief, supporting people facing challenges both in the UK and around the world.



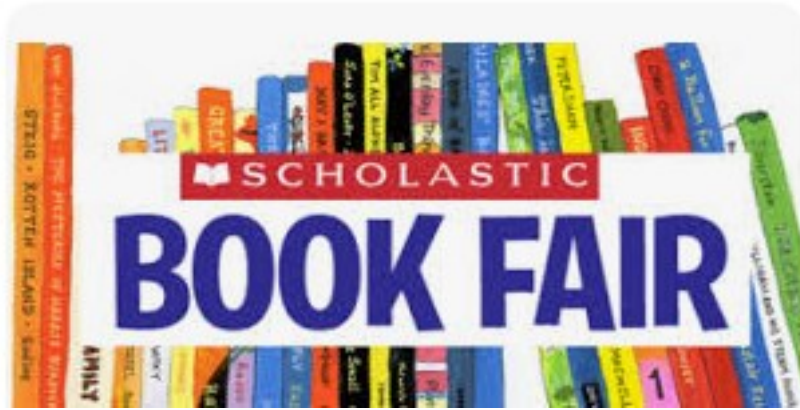
Cricket Taster Sessions

Year 3, 5 & 6 had great fun during their cricket taster sessions! They learned the basic skills of the game before putting them into practice. The children were then split into two teams and enjoyed a friendly competition, showing fantastic teamwork and excitement throughout.



Book Fair

Thank you to all the families that bought books from our Scholastic Book Fair. We hope the children will enjoy reading their new titles as part of the 'Year of Reading.'



PTA—Mother's Day Sale

A huge thanks to all the PTA members, who volunteered to support the Mother's Day Sale and those who created, purchased and wrapped the wonderful gifts. It was an opportunity for the children to visit a 'shop' and buy presents for the 'mother' in their life. We were able to raise money for the school to support all of our children further.



Year 6 TfL Independent Travel Workshop

Year 6 took part in an engaging TfL workshop, where they learned all about travelling safely and responsibly. They explored how to use public transport with confidence, stay aware of their surroundings, and make sensible choices when out and about. The session was interactive, informative and highly valuable for preparing them for independence.



TfL Explorers – Dragon’s Den Event

We are incredibly proud of our TfL Explorers, who recently took part in a local Dragon’s Den event — and successfully secured £400 funding for their road safety project! The pupils presented a powerful and well-researched pitch focused on improving safety outside our school during drop-off and pick-up times. Drawing on their own observations, surveys and experiences, they confidently explained the challenges and proposed practical solutions to help make the school run safer for everyone. Their project, The Safer School Run, will focus on encouraging positive behavior through a parent pledge, promoting Park & Stride, raising awareness of safer crossing areas, and engaging families through information and events.

The Dragons were extremely impressed with their teamwork, confidence and commitment to making a difference in our community.

A huge congratulations to our TfL Explorers — a fantastic achievement!

We look forward to seeing their ideas come to life and make a real impact on our school community.



I Rock Concert

A huge well done to our iRock performers in KS1 and KS2 who did an incredible job rocking on stage to show their friends, parents and carers how much they have learnt this term! Mr Lei led the band and they performed confidently! Well done!



Swimming Gala

On Friday 20th March, Grange Park School proudly took part in our very first HHPSSA Swimming Gala, held in the evening at Botwell Leisure Centre. It was an exciting milestone for the school, with nine of our pupils representing us and competing against other schools from the Hayes and Harlington area.



The children gave their absolute best in every event and showed fantastic determination in the pool. What stood out even more was their incredible team spirit—throughout the evening, they continually supported and encouraged one another, embodying the true values of sportsmanship.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, family members, and friends who came along to support. Your energy and enthusiasm created a brilliant atmosphere, and your cheers truly lifted the children throughout the gala.

A special thank you also goes to Mr Gibson for his dedication in training the team in preparation for the event, as well as to all Grange Park staff who attended and supported the children on the night.

Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care provision runs everyday during term time.

The provision is staffed by current members of the Grange Park School team and operates 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.

April Calendar Dates



Monday	13th April		All children back to school for the Summer Term
Wednesday	15th April		Year 1 Norman Leddy Memorial Gardens walk
Thursday	16th April	All day	Year 3 Living Rainforest School Trip
Friday	17th April		Grange Park Mini Marathon in school - whole school
		2 - 3pm	Year 6 PSHE Coffee Afternoon
Monday	20th April		All after school clubs start this week
			Breck Foundation - Online Parents Workshop 6-7pm
Tuesday	21st April	9 - 10am	Coffee Morning - Maths (early years to Year 6)
			Breck Foundation workshops - all year groups
Wednesday	22nd April		Year 5 Pedestrian Training
			Year 3 Brentford Football Tournament - select children
Friday	24th April		Year 3 Shakespeare Performance
			Cricket Festival - select children
Saturday	25th April		TCS mini marathon in London - Select children
Tuesday	28th April	9 - 10am	Coffee Morning - External events in our area
			Year 2 & 4 - Olympic Festival
Thursday	30th April	2.30 - 3pm	Year 3 Assembly



April Year 4 Swimming

Monday	13th April	4N
Monday	20th April	4N
Monday	27th April	4N
Tuesday	10th March	5I
Wednesday	11th March	5I
Thursday	12th February	5I
Friday	13th February	5I
Tuesday	17th March	5S
Wednesday	18th February	5S

April Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday	14th April	5G
Wednesday	15th April	5G
Thursday	16th April	5G
Friday	17th April	5G
Tuesday	21st April	5G
Wednesday	22nd April	5G
Thursday	23rd April	5G
Friday	24th April	5G
Wednesday	29th April	5G
Thursday	30th April	5G

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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, 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:	92.5	92.9	94.4	94.5	95.4	95.7	94.8	95.8
	96%-100	Very Good				Whole School 94.7		
	95%-90%	Room for Improvement						
	Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)						