



# Grange Park School Newsletter

## April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Summer Term clubs are now underway and we have over 370 children accessing a wide variety of clubs. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your children to take advantage of these opportunities.

We are delighted to see so many pupils engaging in sporting activities through PE lessons, competitions and taster sessions. A special congratulations goes to our selected Year 3 children, who recently took part in a football tournament at Brentford FC and finished as overall winners! This was a wonderful achievement and a great example of teamwork and the diversity that makes our school community so strong.

Following the success of our first holiday swimming club over Easter, we are pleased to announce that a swimming club will now take place every Saturday. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Our School Council has been working hard to promote healthy eating across the school. In line with new guidelines to further improve the nutritional quality of school meals, we kindly ask that children bring only healthy snacks for breaktime and for after-school clubs.

Please also note the upcoming school closures over the next few weeks, including Thursday 7th May, when the school will be used as a polling station.

We were pleased to welcome Franclean Rajalingam, a former pupil who is standing for the Belmore Ward, to the school last week. He spoke with our School Council about the importance of contributing to the local community and how to make a difference. It is always inspiring to hear from former pupils and learn about their journeys since leaving our school and remembering their time at Grange Park.

As the weather is sunny, children in Key Stage 2 may bring handheld fans to school; however, the school cannot accept responsibility if they are lost or damaged. Please ensure your child has sunscreen applied at the start of the day. Sunglasses are not permitted in school, but caps and hats are allowed. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Madar  
Headteacher





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29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### DREAM BIG / NO PEN / PYJAMA DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to inform you that we will be holding a special **Dream Big Day** at school to celebrate creativity, imagination, and curiosity.

This will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

On this day, children will take part in a wide range of engaging activities and tasks that do not involve any writing. Instead, the focus will be on exploring ideas through discussion, problem-solving, creativity, and hands-on experiences. It's a wonderful opportunity for pupils to think differently, express themselves in new ways, and enjoy learning beyond the page.

As part of our theme of curiosity and dreaming, we invite all children to come to school wearing a **fresh pair of suitable pyjamas and appropriate footwear** to help create a relaxed and inspiring atmosphere for the day and to continue the theme of dreaming.

To round off our celebrations, we may even finish the day with a movie for the children to enjoy together.

To summarise:

- Pyjama day
- No pen day
- Arts and Crafts
- Movie

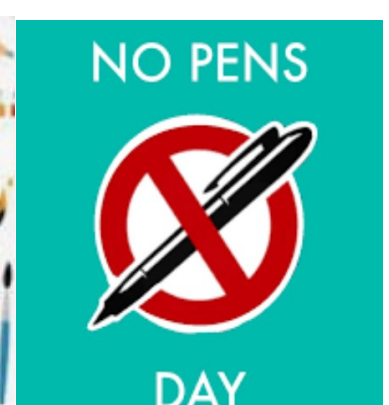
We are looking forward to a fun-filled and memorable day, and we thank you for your support in helping make this event special.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Arun Sharma

Deputy Head



Census Day—Thursday 21st May

## Fun Food Day!

On Thursday 21st May it is Census Day.

We encourage as many children as possible to enjoy a school lunch on this day, as this directly supports the funding our school receives. Increased participation can make a meaningful difference to the resources and opportunities we are able to provide for all pupils.

Children will have a choice of chicken or vegetarian pizza or Italian pasta. If you have any concerns about your child not liking the menu, they are very welcome to bring a packed lunch as a backup. Children will be able to make their choices in class.



## Our Vision and Values—April

**Respect** is the value for April

What does **Respect** mean?

Respect means 'treat people politely and thoughtfully, to show we value them.'



On Friday the children were given a certificate if they showed Respect by having good manners. We included the following for children to demonstrate across the school community:

- We use kind hands and kind words
- We use 'please', 'thank you', 'sorry' and 'after you'
- We pay attention to people who are speaking by looking at them, or not fiddling
- We wait politely if someone is already talking and we want to say something
- We abide by the class rules – such as putting our hand up when we want to speak
- We wait politely in a queue for our turn, we don't push in
- We hold a door open, or stand back if someone else wants to walk through it too
- If someone says good morning, say good morning back

# **South Asian Football Tournament**

## **Year 3 at Brentford FC**



Grange Park were fortunate to take part in the Year 3 South Asian Football Tournament held at the training ground of Brentford FC. This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience playing in a professional football environment and represent the school with pride.

The tournament was organised by Brentford FC and their Community Sports Trust as part of a wider initiative to identify and support talented young players of South Asian heritage within the local community. Whilst the tournament welcomed players from South Asian backgrounds, it also encouraged participation from children of all backgrounds. It was a brilliant celebration of diversity, talent and teamwork.

The team played exceptionally well throughout the day and came 1st overall in the second phase of the tournament. A huge congratulations to the team on this amazing achievement.



# **FUNWEEKS**

## **MAY HALF TERM**

# **ACTIVE CAMP**



SCAN TO BOOK

**GRANGE PARK SCHOOL**



**TUESDAY 26TH & WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY**



**9AM - 3PM**



**FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 7**

**Multi Sports**  
**Arts & Crafts**  
**Sibling Discount**  
**Prizes**  
**Games**

**EARLY BIRD PRICING:**

<b>BOOK BEFORE MIDDAY ON 20TH MAY</b>	<b>BOOK AFTER MIDDAY ON 20TH MAY</b>
<b>£20.00</b>	<b>£22.00</b>

**[WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/PSD-FUNWEEKS](http://WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/PSD-FUNWEEKS)**

## Mini Marathon

On Friday 17th April, our school came together to take part in the Mini Marathon in Schools. Children across all year groups completed a 1-mile challenge around the school field, choosing to walk, jog, or run at their own pace. The atmosphere throughout the day was incredibly positive, with pupils showing great determination, enthusiasm, and encouragement towards one another. Whether they were taking steady steps or sprinting to the finish, every child demonstrated resilience and a real sense of achievement. The focus on participation and enjoyment truly shone through, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their effort and positive attitude. The remaining mile of the Mini Marathon challenge has been completed during PE lessons and other active times.



## Cricket Festival



Children recently enjoyed an exciting and active visit to Uxbridge Cricket Club, where they took part in a fun-filled cricket session led by professional players.

Throughout the day, the children rotated through a variety of engaging activities and games designed to develop their core cricket skills. They practised batting techniques, improved their bowling accuracy, and sharpened their fielding through dynamic drills and team challenges. The professional coaches provided expert guidance and encouragement, helping each child build confidence while learning new skills. The session was not only a great opportunity to develop sporting ability but also to promote teamwork, enthusiasm, and a love for the game.

Overall, it was a highly enjoyable and enriching experience that left the children inspired and eager to continue playing cricket.



## London Marathon 2026

We are incredibly proud to congratulate the 23 children who represented our school at the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday 25th April 2026. It was a truly memorable afternoon, filled with sunshine, excitement, and an amazing sense of achievement.

Some of our runners took on the challenge alongside parents and other family members, making the experience even more special. Every single child showed outstanding effort and determination, completing the course with resilience and enthusiasm. They should all feel proud of what they accomplished. We were also thrilled to share the event with Joe Wicks and his family, which added to the excitement of the day and created a real buzz among the children.

Seeing the smiles as the children received their medals was a highlight—each one was over the moon and rightly so. The children selected for this event were chosen for consistently demonstrating determination, courage, and perseverance during their Daily Mile sessions in the Spring term.

They represented these values brilliantly throughout the race.

It was a fantastic afternoon that we will remember for a long time, and we are already looking forward to taking part again next year!



## The Breck Foundation—Online Safety

### **Breck Foundation was set up in 2014 in response to the tragic murder of Breck Bednar, aged 14**

Over the course of a year, Breck was groomed online by an 18-year-old man who ran the internet gaming server that Breck and his school friends used every day.

The groomer used lies, manipulation and false promises to gain Breck's trust. Despite many attempts by Breck's parents to stop Breck's communication with the groomer, he ignored the safety advice he had been given by friends and family and was lured to the groomer's flat.

On February 17, 2014, Breck was murdered by his online groomer.

As a result of this tragedy, Breck's mother, Lorin, founded Breck Foundation. Lorin was determined that no other family should suffer the same fate.



Learn more about Breck's Story in our resources

***Lorin believes that had her son seen a Breck Foundation talk, he would still be alive today***

The Breck Foundation delivered a series of important online safety workshops for our pupils on Tuesday 21st April, alongside an online parent workshop held on Monday 20th April.

The sessions focused on helping young people understand the importance of staying safe online. Pupils explored key topics such as recognising the signs of grooming, the risks of speaking to strangers online and the importance of keeping personal information private. They were also reminded of the essential steps to stay safe: block, report and tell a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents and carers who attended the online workshop on Monday. Your engagement plays a vital role in reinforcing these messages at home and supporting children to navigate the online world safely.

For those who were unable to attend, or who would like to revisit the information shared, a recording of the parent webinar is available for the next two weeks via the link shared on Class Dojo.

We urge all families to take some time to watch the session, explore the Breck Foundation website and continue these important conversations at home.

## Think Big – Crack the Code Workshop



The challenge was how to keep secrets safe in the cloud. In this live, experiential challenge, students explored how encryption and decryption are used to protect information in cloud-based systems. Through hands-on activities, learners experiment with different ways of hiding and revealing messages. Along the way, they discover how simple rules can secure data and how weaknesses can leave it exposed.

Students designed and tested their own methods for protecting information, they begin to think like cybersecurity designers. They explored questions such as:

- What does it mean to lock information before it is shared?
- How do rules and keys control access?
- Why are some systems easier to break than others?

These ideas form the foundation of how data is kept safe when it lives in the cloud.

## Year 3 Trip to Living Rainforest



Year 3 had an amazing trip to The Living Rainforest as part of their learning about rainforests. The children loved exploring the rainforest and seeing all the different animals up close. The biggest highlights were definitely the frogs, the toucan, and the sloth, everyone was very excited to spot them! It was great to see these animals in a setting that felt just like a real rainforest.

The trip helped bring their learning to life, and the children had a fantastic day full of curiosity and excitement.

## Year 1 trip –Norman Leddy Memorial Gardens



We took the children on a short walk to our local memorial gardens to observe the seasonal changes that had taken place. During the visit, they had the opportunity to explore the natural environment, noticing changes in plants, trees and wildlife. The walk to and from the gardens also helped the children become more familiar with their local area, encouraging curiosity and awareness of the world around them.

## Year 5—Pedestrian Training



Year 5 took part in an informative and practical pedestrian training programme, delivered by trained instructors. The sessions took place just outside the school grounds, giving pupils the opportunity to practise crossing roads in a real-life environment. Children were taught the importance of the “Stop, Look, Listen, and Think” approach, helping them to assess traffic, identify potential hazards, and make safe decisions when crossing. They also learned what to look out for, including parked cars, junctions, and changes in traffic flow.

In addition to pedestrian safety, pupils explored how to stay safe while travelling in a car. They discussed the importance of wearing seatbelts, being aware of their surroundings, and behaving responsibly as passengers. The training helped to build their confidence and independence when near roads, while reinforcing key safety messages that will support them in their everyday journeys.



## Olympic Festival

We were delighted to host the Year 2 and Year 4 Olympic Festival at Grange Park School, organised by SHSSN. It was fantastic to see so many children involved, taking part with enthusiasm, and most importantly, enjoying themselves with plenty of smiles all around.

A big thank you to the schools who joined us for the event and to SHSSN for coordinating such a well-run and engaging festival. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to come together, be active, and celebrate sport in such a positive atmosphere.



### Year 3—Ancient Greek Assembly

*A huge well done to our fantastic Year 3 pupils for their brilliant Ancient Greece assembly! The children truly brought their learning to life through a wonderful mix of singing, rapping, dancing and acting. From energetic Olympic scenes to powerful Greek gods and dramatic theatre performances, every child played their part with confidence and enthusiasm.*

*It was a joy to see how much hard work had gone into the performance, and we are incredibly proud of all of them. The assembly was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who watched it.*



## Easter Swimming lessons at Grange Park School

Our Easter holiday swimming lessons were a fantastic success, and it was wonderful to see so many children taking part with such enthusiasm and energy! Over the course of the programme, we were incredibly impressed by how quickly the children developed their swimming skills. Many showed real progress in a short space of time, improving their technique, water confidence, and overall ability. It was especially rewarding to see nervous swimmers grow in confidence, becoming more relaxed and independent in the water with each session. We are very proud of all the swimmers who took part and grateful to our dedicated staff, Miss Alexis & Mr Gibson, for making the experience so enjoyable and impactful. We will be running Saturday swimming lessons on site over the Summer term and are looking to run Summer Holiday swimming lessons too. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Mrs Doohan or email [swimming@grangeparkschool.co.uk](mailto:swimming@grangeparkschool.co.uk)



### ***Feedback from parents:***

***“By the fourth day both of my children were swimming without floats. Their confidence in the water was amazing within 4 days. Teachers were brilliant and they couldn’t wait for the next lesson.”***

## Swimming lessons at Grange Park School



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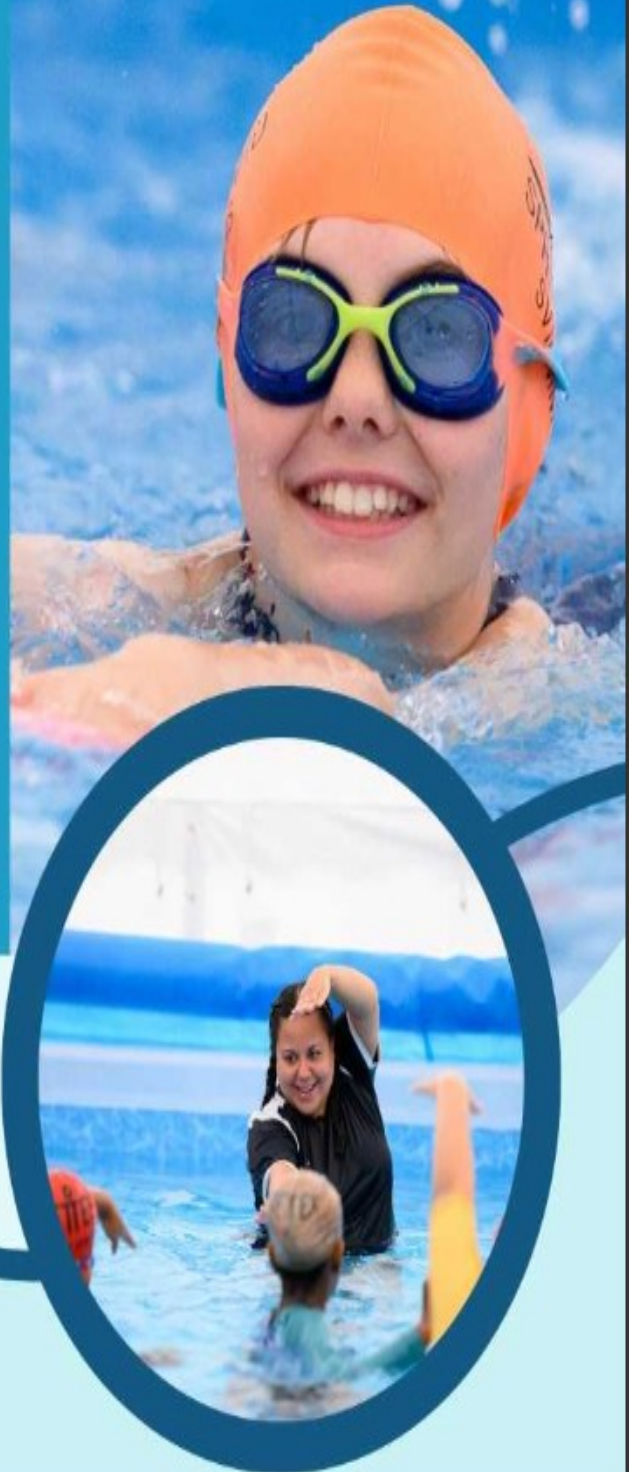
# *SATURDAY SWIMMING LESSONS*

- 30 minute sessions with a qualified swim teacher
- £10 per session
- Build confidence in the water through fun and engaging lessons.

**REGISTER NOW!**



[SWIMMING@GRANGEPARKSCHOOL.CO.UK](mailto:SWIMMING@GRANGEPARKSCHOOL.CO.UK)



## 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](mailto:wraparoundcare@grangeparkschool.co.uk) if you have any questions.

# May Calendar Dates



Monday	4th May	All Day	Bank Holiday - School Closed to All Children
Tuesday	5th May	9-10.00 am	Coffee Morning - Zones of Regulation
Thursday	7th May	All Day	Local Elections (school being used as a Polling Station so closed to all children)
Friday	8th May	All Day	Dream Big Day
Monday	11th May	All Day	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday	12th May	All Day	Year 6 SATS
		9-10.00 am	Coffee Morning - Swimming
Wednesday	13th May	All Day	Year 6 SATS
			Reception - Hearing & Vision
Thursday	14th May	All Day	Year 6 SATS
Friday	15th May	All Day	Cricket Match for selected children at Lords
Tuesday	19th May	9-10.00 am	Coffee Morning - PSHE/ RSE
		9-12 noon	Trip to Gurdwara - 4P & half of 4K
Wednesday	20th May	All Day	Class Photos
Thursday	21st May	9-12 noon	Trip to Gurdwara - 4N & half of 4K
		Lunch	Fun Food Day (Census Day)
Friday	22nd May	All Day	Nursery Open Day (closed to all current Nursery children)
Monday— Friday	25th—29th May	All Week	Half Term (all children back to school on Monday 1st June)



## May Year 4 Swimming

Monday	11th May	4N
Monday	18th May	4N

## May Year 5 Swimming

Friday	1st May	5G
Tuesday	5th May	Selected
Wednesday	6th May	Selected
Friday	8th May	Selected
Tuesday	12th May	Selected
Wednesday	13th May	Selected
Thursday	14th May	Selected
Friday	15th May	Selected
Tuesday	19th May	Selected
Wednesday	20th May	Selected
Thursday	21st May	Selected
Friday	22nd May	Selected

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**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
<b>Attendance so far:</b>	93	93	94.5	94.6	95.6	95.8	94.8	95.9
	96%-100	Very Good				Whole School		
	90%-95%	Room for Improvement						
	Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)				94.9		