



Grange Park School

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October Newsletter

23rd October
2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It has already been a busy October! Clubs are well underway. Sporting competitions, such as the netball and football league have started too. The children have experienced a taster day for cricket and our Year 6 have had the opportunity for Bikeability. We support children to develop a lifelong love of a variety of activities, beyond the school curriculum. If you are picking up children after clubs please remember to park respectfully, especially down Burns Close.

The school trips have also begun, both local and beyond. Year 4 visited the local library, to support the children to develop a love for reading. Year 4 went off to enjoy one of the most popular London sites – The National Portrait Gallery to further develop their appreciation for art.

Sporting and Cultural activities are key to supporting children with their academic success as they practice key skills such as resilience, teamwork and problem solving.

We enjoyed the Movie Night and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves. We did have a lot of disappointed children, because their parents did not sign up for the movie night by the deadline. The deadline is in place so that we can plan accordingly. Reminders are on Class Dojo and payment is made through Parent Pay. Please ensure that you are able to access both of these, otherwise your child will continue to miss more exciting opportunities. If you need any help, please visit the main office where they can support you.

As part of our assemblies we have been exploring what it means to STRIVE and as part of Black History month we have learnt the remarkable real life stories of Julius Yego and Wilma Rudolph. Two athletes who overcome difficulties of disability, poverty, segregation and sexism by striving for success. We hope their stories will inspire others.

You can listen to a BBC podcast about Julius Yego and you can discover why he is known as the 'You Tube Man.'
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct8rxr>

We have Parents Evening on Thursday 19th November. But if you have any concerns, at any time about your child, please do speak to a classteacher, or a member of SLT as soon as possible. We are here to help.

At the end of this half term we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Kaur. She has had a long standing association with the school as her children came here. Mrs Kaur has supported the school through a number of roles, including, SMSA, 1:1 support and with Wraparound Care. We would like to thank her for all she has given to the school and we wish her well in her new role.

Have a wonderful half term and fingers crossed for some warm days for us all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing all families back on Monday 2nd November.



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Attendance



REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

If your child is unable to attend school, please call and leave a voicemail by 8:30am

on:

020 8353 4265 (Option 2)

PUNCTUALITY

Gates open: 8:30am

Pupils should be in class by: 8:40am

Learning begins promptly at: 8:45am

96%-100%	Very Good
90%-95%	Room for Improvement
Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)

Attendance in school this week

CLASS	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	93.7%	97.4%	97.8%	96.2%	97.3%	98%	97.8%	96.8%

ILLNESS

If your child has been sick with vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours after their last episode. This is a health and safety requirement to help prevent the spread of illness within the school.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Evidence must be provided for all appointments, including:

Doctor
Dentist
Hospital

ANY OTHER MEDICAL APPOINTMENT

For emergency appointments, including visits to A&E, please obtain and provide an appointment card, discharge letter, or proof of attendance for your child's school records.



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School Council Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Our School Councils had a fantastic visit to the Houses of Parliament. They really enjoyed the train journey and had the opportunity to see Victoria's statue and the art gallery while exploring Parliament. During the visit, they met MPs, visited both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and took part in an engaging workshop. During the workshop, the School Councils learnt about how Parliament works and the different stages involved in making a law. They also explored how MPs discuss, debate and vote on ideas and how people can have their voices heard. The School Councils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were excited to receive some lovely little gifts to remember their visit. It was a great opportunity for them to learn about democracy and see how decisions are made in our country.





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Year 6 trip- National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery

Year 6 pupils from Grange Park School enjoyed an exciting trip to the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery in London.

The children explored famous artworks and portraits by artists they have studied throughout their time at Grange Park. They had the opportunity to see these incredible pieces up close, developing their understanding of colour, composition and how art can tell stories about people and the past. The trip was a fantastic way to celebrate their artistic journey, bringing their classroom learning to life and inspiring their own creativity. The children represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed this memorable experience!





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Cricket Taster Sessions

Year 2 & Year 5 took part in the Cricket taster sessions organised by Hillingdon Sports Partnership. The sessions aimed to introduce children to cricket, develop their skills and encourage them to give a new sport a try.

We hope the children enjoyed the experience, learnt something new and went home excited to share what they had learnt!

Interested in joining a cricket club? Hayes Cricket Club offers opportunities for children to get involved and develop their cricket skills. Find out more here:
<https://hayescricket.com/play-at-hayesccl/>





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Year 4 trip to Charville Library

Year 4 had a wonderful visit to Charville Library, where the children explored different book genres, took part in an exciting book-finding adventure and learnt how the Dewey Decimal System helps organise and identify books.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the engaging activities and received their very own library cards to begin their reading adventures. We hope this visit inspires them to make the most of our local libraries and the fantastic resources they offer. A huge thank you to Charville Library for making the visit such a memorable and enjoyable experience!





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Bikeability

This week, some of our Year 6 children have been taking part in Bikeability training, developing essential cycling skills and learning how to stay safe on our roads.

A huge congratulations to all of the children who successfully passed their Bikeability training! We are incredibly proud of their determination, positive attitudes and the responsibility they have shown throughout the sessions. Bikeability is a fantastic FREE opportunity that we are delighted to offer our pupils. It helps children develop their confidence and independence while teaching vital road safety skills, including recognising potential hazards, understanding road signs, making safe decisions and becoming more aware of other road users. These are valuable life skills that will help keep children safe as they become more independent.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the Bikeability team for their continued support of Grange Park School and their commitment to helping our children become safer, more confident cyclists.

A Reminder About Cycle Helmets

We strongly encourage all children to wear a properly fitted cycle helmet every time they ride a bike, whether cycling to school, visiting friends or enjoying a family bike ride. Helmets can significantly reduce the risk of serious head injuries in the event of a fall or collision. Developing this simple safety habit from a young age is an important part of responsible cycling.





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Movie Night!



Thank you to everyone who came to support our very popular Movie Night on Tuesday 20th October! KS1 and KS2 enjoyed pizza, chips and juice whilst watching some very exciting films! It was a great success and we can't wait to host the event again!





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Netball Team

We are delighted to have launched our school netball team, with training sessions taking place every Thursday!

Last Thursday and again yesterday, some of our talented players had the opportunity to take part in friendly matches at Hayes Park, competing against Hayes Park, Charville and Belmore. We are incredibly proud to share that our team won both of their friendly matches!

These friendly games have been a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their skills, build confidence, learn the rules of netball and gain valuable match experience ahead of the league season, which begins in February.

Our netball club will continue to run every Thursday as we prepare for the exciting season ahead. We are extremely proud of the children's enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship, and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow as a team.

Well done to all our netball players!





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Coffee Mornings



COFFEE MORNINGS

AUTUMN 2



All Coffee Mornings take place on **Tuesdays**, 9:00am – 10:00am



Location: **KS1 Hall**



Parents and carers: please arrive via **Main Reception**

All parents and carers are welcome!

Date	Coffee Morning	Led by
 Tuesday 3 rd November	 PASTS Pastoral: The PANTS Rule Come along to understand how we teach children about private parts and how to keep themselves safe. 	Miss Alexis
 Tuesday 10 th November	 Homework Come and speak to the English, maths and phonics lead, all about supporting your child with their homework at home.	Miss Jenkinson, Mrs Bishop, Mr Keen & Mr Sharma
 Tuesday 17 th November	 Multiplication Tables Check Join us to learn about the MTC test our children complete in Year 4 and how you can help them at home using TT Rockstars.	Miss Allen, Mrs Patel & Mrs Doohan
 Tuesday 24 th November	 School dinners & packed lunches Dine with us and experience the lunches cooked in-house by our chefs and learn about how to pack a healthy lunch with minimal cost.	Mrs Ramtohl-Butler & Mrs Kumar



Please note: There will be no Coffee Morning during the last two Tuesdays of the term due to Christmas events.





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CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER!

1. Take part in RunPudsey 2026!

On Friday 13th November, our Sports Crew and House Captains will organise a fun obstacle course for children to complete in school with their class or year group.

We are encouraging families to sign up and help raise money for this fantastic cause.

How to sign up:

Visit the RunPudsey school landing page:

<https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/grange-park-school>

Sign up your child using the school code (C308).

Your child will receive their own fundraising page.

Share the page with family and friends and ask them to sponsor your child.

You can choose how much your child aims to raise. Every child who fundraises will receive a RunPudsey 2026 medal! Medals will be sent to school and given to the children.



2. Learn our Children in Need dance!

On Friday 13th November, the whole school will participate in a whole school dance for Children in Need! The dance will be taught in school but we encourage the whole family to get involved at home!

3. Buy a Children in Need wristband!

Children in Need wristbands will cost £1 each.

Please pay through ParentPay.

Payment must be made in advance, by Monday 2nd November.

Please make sure you complete your payment by the deadline.

Every wristband purchased will help support this important cause.

4. Wear Yellow!

Children are welcome to wear yellow on Friday 13th November to help us celebrate Children in Need and show their support.

We will not be taking cash donations on this day.





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Important Reminder – Payment Deadlines

We kindly remind all parents and carers of the importance of making payments before the advertised deadlines.

Organising school trips, events and activities involves a great deal of planning behind the scenes, including confirming bookings, arranging transport, organising meals, purchasing tickets and finalising numbers with external providers.

Once a payment deadline has passed and final numbers have been confirmed, it may not be possible to add additional children to an event. We understand that deadlines can sometimes be missed, but unfortunately, arrangements cannot always be changed once bookings have been finalised.

To avoid disappointment, please check ParentPay regularly and ensure all payments are made on time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us organise these valuable experiences for our children.

PAYMENT REMINDERS

Upcoming Events & Payments

Please check ParentPay for the following items that need to be paid or are coming up soon.

- DRAMA WORKSHOPS**
(Anti-Racism workshops that were held in September)
£5
- CHILDREN IN NEED WRISTBANDS**
£1
- BECK THEATRE PANTOMIME TICKETS**
£15
Payment due **23rd October (This Friday)**
- YEAR GROUP TRIPS**
Any relevant year group specific trips.
Please check ParentPay for further details.

ParentPay | Please log in to ParentPay to make payments.



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Uniform Requirements - Nursery & Reception

Polo Shirt, Jumper & Black Jogging Bottoms



With grey socks

Polo Shirt, Cardigan & Black Jogging Bottoms



With grey or white socks

(Flat black shoes & black trainers for Reception PE days)

Price List

All branded items are available to buy from school between 2:00 - 3:00pm

Blue Jumper
(with school logo)



£13.00

Blue Cardigan
(with school logo)



£13.00

White Polo Shirt
(with school logo)



£8.00

Book Bag
(with school logo)



£9.00



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Uniform Requirements - Years 1 - 6

Full Uniform (with flat black shoes & grey or white socks)



PE Uniform (with black trainers/plimsoles & grey or white socks)



Price List

All branded items are available to buy from school between 2:00 - 3:00pm

Blue Jumper (with school logo)	Blue Cardigan (with school logo)	School Tie (normal)	School Tie (clip on)	PE T-Shirt (with school logo)	Book Bag (with school logo)
					
£13.00	£13.00	£5.00	£6.00	£9.00	£9.00
Jumper & Grey Trousers / Skirt	Cardigan & Grey Trousers / Skirt	Jumper & Grey Shorts	Cardigan & Grey Shorts	PE Kit T-Shirt & Black Jogging Bottoms	PE Kit T-Shirt & Black Shorts



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Autumn 2 PE Days



Mondays	1B, 3B, 3E, Year 2, Year 5
Tuesdays	Dragonflies, 2G, 3K, Year 1, Year 4
Wednesdays	Honey Bees, 1P, 2B, 5G, Year 3, 4N
Thursdays	Butterflies, 1C, 2H, 4P, 5K, Year 6
Fridays	Year 6

November Swimming Dates

YEAR 5

THU 5 NOV	5I
THU 12 NOV	5I
THU 19 NOV	5I
THU 26 NOV	5I

YEAR 6

MON 2 NOV	6CK
TUE 3 NOV	6CK
FRI 6 NOV	6CK
MON 9 NOV	6CK
TUE 10 NOV	6CK
FRI 13 NOV	6CK
MON 23 NOV	SELECTED CHILDREN
TUE 14 NOV	SELECTED CHILDREN
FRI 27 NOV	SELECTED CHILDREN
MON 30 NOV	SELECTED CHILDREN





NOVEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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MON 2 NOV • ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

TUE 3 NOV Coffee Morning - Pastoral - PANTS rule

THU 5 NOV Flu immunisation catch up for Reception to Year 6
Eco-Warriors at Brunel University – TBC

SUN 8 NOV Diwali

MON 9 - FRI 13 NOV • INTERFAITH WEEK

TUE 10 NOV Coffee Morning - Homework

WED 11 NOV Remembrance Day

THU 12 NOV Girls Football Match – TBC

FRI 13 NOV Children In Need

MON 16 - FRI 20 NOV • ANTI BULLYING WEEK

MON 16 NOV Odd Socks Day

TUE 17 NOV Coffee Morning - Multiplication Check

THU 19 NOV Parents' Evening
School Photos – Individual
No After School Clubs

MON 23 - FRI 27 NOV • ROAD SAFETY WEEK

MON 23 NOV Pedestrian training for Year 4 & 5
Reception Children - Hearing/Vision checks

TUE 24 NOV Coffee Morning - School Lunches

WED 25 NOV Pedestrian training for Year 1
SEND Pupil Voice TRIP

THU 26 NOV Year 2 to visit St Nicholas Church
SN – Be Bright Be Seen Day



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Food Banks Information & Havest Festival Donations

Support for Families – Local Food Banks

I understand that times can be difficult for families, and I want to make sure that our school community is here to support you.

There are local food banks and food support services available to families who may need a little extra help with food and essential items.

If you or your family would benefit from support from a local food bank, please feel free to message me, Miss Alexis, privately on ClassDojo. Your message will be treated confidentially, and I can help make a referral to a local food bank or food support service on your behalf.

I am here to help and support our families in any way I can.

Need support?

Please private message me, Miss Alexis, on ClassDojo and I will be happy to help.

Miss Alexis

Local Food Banks

Foodbank Support Contact: 0800 208 2138

Contact: Hillingdon Foodbank 07859 710747
Email: hillingdonfoodbank@kingsborough.org.uk
Website: www.hillingdon.foodbank.org.uk

- Hillingdon Foodbank** 31 Oxford Road, Denham, UB9 4DQ. Open Monday-Friday: 10:00am-10:00pm. Bus: 223, U4, U4, U5, U6, U7. Train: Elizabeth Line at Uxbridge Station.
- St Margaret's Church** 52a Windsor Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1AB. Open Fridays: 11:00am-10:00pm. Bus: 223, U5, U5, U2, U7, U4. Train: Uxbridge Station.
- St Gregory the Great Catholic Church** 447 Victoria Road, South Ruislip, HA4 9KQ. Open Saturdays: 10:00am-2:00pm. Bus: 194. Train: Central Line at South Ruislip Station.
- Life Oasis Centre** 59 Carfax Road, Hayes, UB3 4RD. Bus: 90, 276, H96, U4, H95, 66. Train: Elizabeth Line at Hayes & Harlington Station.
- Emmanuel Church Centre** High Street, Northwood, HA6 1AS. Open Friday: 11:00am-12:00pm. Bus: H95, 282. Train: Metropolitan Line to Northwood Station.
- St Edmund Centre** St Edmund's Church, Edmunds Chase, Hayes UB4 9NA. Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm. Train: Elizabeth Line at Hayes & Harlington Station.
- Wembley & West Drayton Foodbank St Matthew's Church Centre** High Street Wembley, UB7 7QH. Open Mondays and Fridays. Bus: 223, U5, U5. Train: Elizabeth Line at West Drayton Station.
- Stell Farm Christian Centre** South Road, West Drayton, UB7 9LH. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bus: 350, 223. Train: Elizabeth Line at West Drayton Station.
- Crown Church, The Living Room** High Street Cowley, UB6 2DZ. Open Wednesdays. Bus: 223, U5, U5. Train: Elizabeth Line at West Drayton Station.
- St Anselm's Foodbank** Hayes UB7 4DF. Opening hours: West 12:00pm-2:00pm. Bus: 90, 276, H96, U4, H95, 66. Train: Elizabeth Line at Hayes & Harlington Station.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is Harvest Time!

Harvest is a time to be thankful for our food and to help others.

We are collecting food donations for our school community food bank to help local families.

If you can, please send in one or two food items.

Tinned food – beans, soup, vegetables

Pasta and rice

Cereal and porridge

Tinned fruit and fish

Long-life milk

Please send only food in tins, packets or boxes.

No fresh food.

Every donation helps! Thank you for your kindness and support.

Harvest Time
A time to say thank you for the food we have.

We are collecting food donations for our school community food bank. Your donations will help local families who need extra support.

You can donate:

- Tinned beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned soup
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned vegetables
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Long life milk
- Jam
- Peanut butter
- Biscuits
- Tea
- Coffee

Thank you!
All donations are very much appreciated.



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Halloween - Staying Safe

HAVE A SAFE AND SPOOKTACULAR OCTOBER HALF TERM!

Stay with a trusted adult
Always go trick-or-treating with a responsible adult.

Be seen, be safe
Wear bright or reflective clothing and take a torch as it gets darker earlier.

Stay safe on the roads
Stop, look and listen.
Always use safe crossing points.

Check your treats
Ask a parent or carer to check sweets before you eat them, especially if you have allergies.

Be respectful
Only visit houses that are welcoming trick-or-treaters and always be polite and kind.

Costume safety
Wear comfortable costumes and keep them away from naked flames.
Consider face paint instead of masks.

Enjoy a fun, relaxing and safe October half term.



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In School Provisions / Activities

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IMPORTANT BOOKING UPDATE
FOR BREAKFAST CLUB & WRAP AROUND CARE

NEW BOOKING DEADLINE
7:00 AM
ON THE DAY OF THE SESSION

Breakfast Club
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Wrap Around Care
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
3:20 PM – 5:45 PM

All bookings must be made via **ParentPay**.

Bookings can now be made up until **7:00 AM** on the day of the session.

After 7:00 AM, a late booking fee will apply and you will need to speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your support!

GRANGE PARK SCHOOL

SATURDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

30 MINUTE SESSIONS

£10 PER SESSION

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

ADULT ONLY SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA THE ONLINE FORM
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/s/Zynl93wc5h>

OR EMAIL swimming@grangeparkschool.co.uk

BOOKING DEADLINE IS 3PM FRIDAY BEFORE EACH LESSON.

Strive, Lead and Succeed

FUNWEEKS
OCTOBER HALF TERM
ACTIVE CAMP

BE QUICK! EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT ENDS ON 14/10/26

GRANGE PARK SCHOOL
TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER - THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-7
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT
9AM- 3PM

SPORTS
ARTS & CRAFTS
PRIZES
HALLOWEEN DISCO

EARLY BIRD PRICING:
BOOK BEFORE MIDDAY ON 14TH OCT **£20.00**
BOOK AFTER MIDDAY ON 14TH OCT **£22.00**

BOOK ONLINE:
WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/PSD-FUNWEEKS



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Local Information Received



From all of us at Grange Park School, wishing all of our children and families a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November