

The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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No. 6 Autumn Term 2025

Friday 10th October 2025

Clubs Next Week

NEXT WEEK IS THE FINAL WEEK OF THE HALF-TERM - THERE WILL BE NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS W/C 20th OCTOBER.

CLUBS RESUME IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 3rd NOVEMBER.

Monday - Playcourt Football - Yrs. 3, 4, 5, 6 - on the playcourt

Monday - Choir - Yrs. 3 - 6 - Hall

Monday - Storytime - Yrs. 2 - 3

Monday – Tabletop Games and Lego Yrs. 2 – 3

Tuesday - Playtime Pals - Yr. 6

Thursday - Hammer Beads - Yrs. 4 - 5

Thursday - Playdough - Yr. 1

Please collect your child from the front of the school at 4.15 p.m.

Additional Inset Day

Due to exceptional circumstances, there will be an additional INSET day on Thursday 23rd October. The last day of this half-term will be 3.15 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd October. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Harvest donations

Class 10 have taken on the responsibility for collecting Harvest Donations. Please keep gifts of non-perishable foods (tins, packets etc.) coming into the entrance foyer. All donations will be donated to people in need within the Community, before the half-term break.

Parents' Meetings

Reception Class - This meeting will be rescheduled for a later date. We will be in touch soon with the new date.

Homework Expectations

Homework is sent home so that children's learning can be consolidated at home. Sometimes when children are regularly not completing tasks at home, teachers may choose to complete these tasks with children during morning break time or lunchtime. Children will always be reminded that this is not a punishment but an opportunity to get ready for the next stage of learning.

TT Rockstars

Please encourage your child to play TT Rockstars at home this weekend - this applies to children in Years 3 - 6: https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/34616

Term Time Holidays

At The Grange Primary School and Nursery, unfortunately, we do have to abide by Local Authority guidelines to improve attendance so holidays during term time will be unauthorised. For your information, this could result in a fine from the Local Authority.

Height and Weight Screening for Year Six Children

As part of the annual national programme of height and weight screening, children in Year Six will be weighed and have their height measured on **Wednesday 22nd October 2025**. A date for Reception children will be set later in the year.

Reception age children - Online Health, Well-being and Lifestyle questionnaire

Parents/Carers of children in Reception class please complete a questionnaire about your child's health and wellbeing and lifestyle. Please access this link between 02/09/2025 - 10/10/2025 -

https://forms.chathealth.nhs.uk/index.php/729545?newtest=Y&lang=en

Celebrating Good Attendance

The winner of the 100% Attendance Prize for the term to date (100% attendance and prompt arrival) was Mia Edwards (Class 5) and the Class Attendance Award for the week was won by Class Nine - Well done Mia and Class Nine!

Social Media Safety - Parent Workshop

The Mental Health Support Team will be leading a Parent Workshop on Social Media Safety on **Tuesday 21 October 2025 2.15 p.m.** - **3.15 p.m.** If you would like to book a place on the workshop, can you please let the school office know.

Free Legal Advice Drop-In Service

I am very grateful to MSB Solicitors for their continued generosity in offering free legal advice to families at The Grange. MSB will be attending our school on **Wednesday 5th November 2025 from 9.00 a.m** - **12.00 noon**, if you would like to make an appointment can you please let the school office know.

Applying for a Place at High School

The window for applying for a High School place in September 2026 is now open. If you have a child in Year Six, you must follow the instructions on the letter posted on our website or visit:

www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

Parents/carers of ALL Year Six aged children MUST apply for a mainstream high school place, this includes children in Classes 8, 9, 10 and 12 who are unlikely to attend a mainstream school. We appreciate that this may appear to be an unnecessary exercise, but it remains the only way of your child being in the system to gain a place in a special school or similar.

The closing date for registering for a high school place is 31st October 2025.

High School Open Days

Maghull High School - Saturday 11th October - 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2025

Monday 20th October Last day for Harvest Donations to be collected for Class 10. Tuesday 21st October Social Media Safety Parent Workshop - 2.15 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd October

Year 6 Height and Weight screening
Wednesday 22nd October

Half-Term starts at 3.15 p.m.

Friday 31st October Deadline - Secondary applications (see local high school websites for open days)

What's going on in the community?

Please see with this newsletter and previous newsletters, details of activities and events taking place in our community:

- 1. The British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) with kind support from NHSE NW, have translated their flu resources into Urdu, Punjabi, Somali, Arabic and Bengali. These are now on the BIMA website: https://britishima.org/advice/flu
- 2. This Octobers Sefton's Be Active Guide is packed with exciting activities to keep kids, families, and individuals active throughout the holidays!

Check out our guide online using the link below, it includes details of how to book and information on our FREE park nights programme.

Be Active school holiday activities

- 3. Netherton Library Presents Half-Term Horrors see flyer attached
- 4. Join us this half-term for three afternoons of creative hanging out at Netherton Library exploring the area's urban legends and making up our own.

Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th, Friday 31st October 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Netherton Library

Artists Tom Doubtfire, Ria Bagley and Joe, Jessie and Sara from the At The Library team will lead different activities every day. Want to try sound recording in and around the library? Use a VFX machine to play with snippets we film trying out different special effects and transitions? Want to make up folk stories about Netherton, using weird things from the library archive, to work towards a joint story to go with film and sound? If you're going into school years 6,7 or 8 in September this is for you.

People can book through LibCal here.

Please note: We are happy to share information that we receive about events going on for children and parents in the local community. This should not be viewed as an endorsement from the school.

<u>Term dates for 2025 - 2026</u>

Autumn Term 2025

Starts: Wednesday 4th September Half-Term: Thursday 23rd October - Friday 31st October Ends: Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

Starts: Tuesday 6th January

Half-Term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Ends: Friday 27th March Summer Term 2026

Starts: Tuesday 14th April

Half-Term: Monday 25th May - Monday 1st June

Ends: Friday 17th July

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend!

Gwyn Evans - Head of School

Netherton Library presents...

HALF TERM HORRORS

Monday 27th October Andrea Ku workshop - seed bombs & microscopes 1.30-3.30pm

(Online bookings available from 13th)

Wednesday 29th October
Animal experience 1.30pm £3per child
(In person bookings available from 15th)

Saturday 1st November
Board Games 10.30am - 12.30pm

All Week
Spook Search - ask at the desk for more information!

Thursday 30th October L30 Centre
Spooky Netherton trail.
Please contact the L30 Centre for more information.

