



The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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No. 7 Autumn Term 2025

Friday 17th October 2025

Clubs Next Week

THERE WILL BE **NO** AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK.
Clubs will resume week beginning Monday 3rd November.

Additional Inset Day

Polite reminder - 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.

Exciting news!

During our Inset Days on 23rd and 24th October, we're planning some exciting changes to classrooms. We're having a move-around so that we can develop even better spaces for our children to learn. Nursery will move into the current Reception classroom, Reception will move into the current Class 1 room and Class 1 will move into the current Nursery room. This will mean that Nursery and Reception are next door to each other and can share their outside space. Outside learning is incredibly important for early child development and we're excited to be able to develop this provision for our youngest children in school. Next week, we'll send more information for parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Class 1.

In this morning's assembly

This morning's assembly featured an intense Diamond Dash showdown, with Olivia Georgeson and Ruby Evans going head-to-head in a thrilling tie. These two are among our top TT Rockstars champions - their mastery of multiplication tables is truly incredible! Well done Olivia and Ruby!

Girl's football match

Our girls football team put in a great effort in last Friday's football match, narrowly losing 3-0 to a strong St Benedict's side. Well done to the team - keep pushing forward!

Help Us Keep Learning Disruption-Free

We are asking for your support in monitoring your child's use of messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat. Recently, staff have spent increasing time resolving social media-related conflicts that occur outside school hours but impact learning during the day.

On average, teachers lose 17 minutes of teaching time each day due to these issues — that's over 11 days a year. Please help us ensure your child stays focused on learning by keeping a close eye on their online activity.

Together, we can maintain a positive and productive environment for all our children.

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. Last day for donations will be Monday 20th October 2025.

Parents' Meetings

Reception Class - This meeting will be rescheduled after the half-term break. We will be in touch soon with the new date.

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>

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.

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 Stevie Gabbittas (Class 3) and the Class Attendance Award for the week was won by Class 6 - Well done Stevie and Class 6!

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**.

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2025

Monday 20 th October	Last day for Harvest Donations to be collected for Class 10
Tuesday 21 st October	Social Media Safety Parent Workshop - 2.15 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 6 Height and Weight screening
Wednesday 22 nd October	Half-Term starts at 3.15 p.m.
Thursday 23 rd October	INSET day
Friday 24 th October	INSET day
Friday 31 st October	Deadline - Secondary applications (see local high school websites for open days)
Monday 3 rd November	Term re-starts
	After school clubs resume
	Book Fair this week
Wednesday 5 th November	Free legal advice drop-in service 9.00 a.m - 12.00 noon

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. Masons World Stay & Play sessions Flyer - please see the attached
2. Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack - <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

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.

Term dates for 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Starts: Wednesday 4th September

Half-Term: Wednesday 22nd 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

Stay & Play sessions

- Cozy Corner
- Baby area
- Weekly themes



- Sensory toys
- Messy Play
- Lego

WEDNESDAY'S @ 4:30PM-6:00PM

A safe space for children with disabilities to play and express themselves!

**registration required*

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