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The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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No. 8 Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

After-School Clubs Resume

After-School Clubs will resume week beginning Monday 10th 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

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.

Harvest donations

We would like to thank-you for all the generous contributions for the harvest. Well done to Class 10 for taking on the responsibility for collecting all donations. All items will be donated to people in need within the Community, during the half-term break.

Halloween and Bonfire Night Safety

I have been asked by Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service to stress the importance of staying safe during the half-term break whether you be celebrating Halloween or are enjoying fireworks and a bonfire. I realise that we return to school on Monday 3rd November and that many firework/bonfire events may not take place until the middle/ end of that week, but we are aware that several celebrations are planned for half-term. Please keep your children safe when trick-or-treating and around fireworks and bonfires.

Marking Remembrance

Thank-you to Mrs Susan Doyle who has created beautiful poppies which will be on sale after half-term. The suggested donation is £1 per poppy, with all proceeds going to the Royal British Legion.

Parents' Open Afternoon - Wednesday 12th November 2025

The next opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher will be on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 12th November.

Letters inviting you to book an appointment will be issued week commencing Monday 3rd November. Please return these as quickly as possible so we can accommodate the times that suit you.

If you require more than one appointment (i.e. for parents who do not attend together) please make us aware of this. Consultations will be for ten minutes, and it is most important that we stick rigidly to the times specified - failure to do so can mean that appointments are missed.

If the ten-minute slot does not give you sufficient time to discuss all that you need to with your child's teacher, please arrange another appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November 2025

As always, we will be supporting the national Children in Need appeal on Friday 14th November with a non-uniform day. In exchange for a donation to Children in Need (we suggest £1) children may wear non-uniform. Children wishing to wear their Children in Need/Pudsey Bear t-shirts, pyjamas, onesies and other accessories are very welcome to do so.

School Nurse online Drop-In Service – Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Our School Nurse will be holding an online drop-in session on Tuesday 2nd December at 9.30 a.m. -11.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Details of how to access this online session can be found with this newsletter.

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.

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**.

What's going on in the community?

Please see previous newsletters, details of activities and events taking place in our community.

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.

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2025

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
	Book Fair this week
Wednesday 5 th November	Free legal advice drop-in service 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Monday 10 th November	After-school clubs resume
Wednesday 12 th November	Parents' open afternoon
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 2 nd December	School Nurse online drop-in service 9.00 a.m.- 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Monday 8 th December	After-school clubs finish this week
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Reception - Year Two Christmas performances
Wednesday 10 th December	Nursery nativity at 10.00 a.m.
Friday 12 th December	Santa Dash
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Year Three - Year Six Christmas performances
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th December	Term ends at 1.30 p.m.

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 half-term!

Gwyn Evans - Head of School

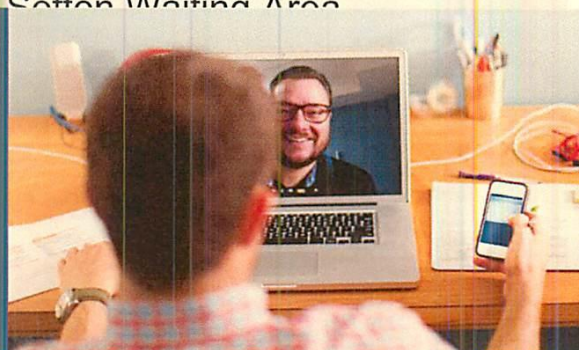
Attending your appointment via video

5-10 yrs School Health Team Central Sefton Waiting Area

Where appropriate, you can attend your consultation online via a video call.

Video calling is as convenient as a phone call, with the added value of face-to-face communication.

It can save you time and money, and brings your care closer to home.



Where do I go to attend my appointment?



Go to: <https://nhs.vc/schoolnursesseftonmaghull>

Instead of travelling to your appointment, you enter the clinic's online waiting area. The health service is notified when you arrive, and your clinician will join you when ready.

There is no need to create an account.

No information you enter is stored.



What do I need to make a video call?



A good connection to the internet

If you can watch a video online (e.g. YouTube) you can make a video call



A private, well-lit area where you will not be disturbed during the consultation



One of these:



Google Chrome web browser on a desktop or laptop, or on an Android tablet or smartphone



Safari web browser on an Apple iMac, MacBook, iPad, or iPhone



Web-camera, speakers and microphone already built into laptops or mobile devices



Is it secure?

Video calls are secure; your privacy is protected.

You have your own private video room that only authorised clinicians can enter.



How much internet data will I use?

You don't use any data while waiting for a clinician to join you.

A video call uses a similar amount of data to Skype® or FaceTime®.



How much does a video call cost?

The video call is free

(except for your internet usage).



Smartphone and tablet users

If you can, connect to a home or work Wi-Fi network to avoid using your mobile data allowance.

See over for more information on how to make a video call

Get ready to make video calls

Make sure that you use one of the following web browsers



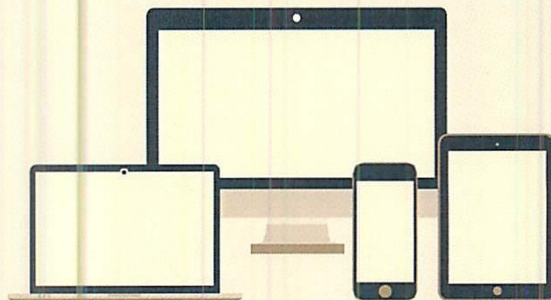
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Windows 7+, Android 5.1+, MacOS 10.11+, iPadOS 13+



Apple Safari

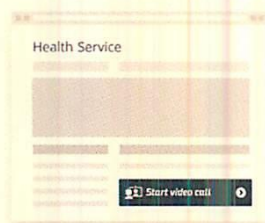
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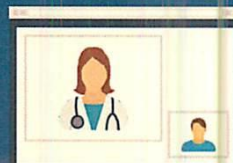
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On this web page, click the **Start video call** button and follow instructions



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Wait in your own private video room



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Your healthcare provider sees you arrive in the waiting area queue...



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...and joins you in your video room when they are ready

What do I do if something is not working?

Visit <https://england.nhs.attendanywhere.com/troubleshooting>

More information

Visit <https://nhs.attendanywhere.com/callers>