

The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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No. 11 Autumn Term 2025

Friday 21st November 2025

After-School Clubs next week

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.

Parents' Open Afternoon

If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office to re-arrange an appointment with your child's teacher. Parents and carers of children in **Class Eight**, meetings will take place **Wednesday 3rd December** – text messages have been sent to all parents.

Fantastic Fundraising - Children in Need

We are delighted to share that we raised £231.65 for Children in Need! A huge thank-you to everyone who took part, donated, or supported the event. Your generosity helps make a real difference to children and young people across the UK.

Class One 'Stay and Read' Workshop

Class One parents/carers are invited to a 'Stay and Read' workshop on **Wednesday 26th November at 8.50 a.m.** - **9.30 a.m.** In this session we will share tips on how to support your child with their reading and phonics at home and there will be an opportunity to have a tour of our new classroom and share a book with your child.

Believe Multi-Skills Festival

Well done to the eight Class 3 children who took part in the Believe Multi-Skills Festival at Kings Leadership Academy at The Hawthornes this week! They showed great teamwork, energy and enthusiasm throughout the event.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are delighted to announce that £908.13 was raised from the Scholastic Book Fair. A huge thank-you to Miss Beverley Wright for organising the event and to all colleagues who helped run the fair. Thank you also to everyone who made a purchase. Your support made the fair a great success! We are thrilled to share that 50% of the funds raised will go towards new books for our school and library, helping us continue to grow our reading resources – that's a brilliant amount of £454.07 for our school!

IMPORTANT: Use of the school car park

We respectfully remind families that the school car park—including the area behind the L30 Centre—is for the use of those with children in Classes Seven to Twelve only. This measure is essential for maintaining a safe environment for all pupils, particularly our younger children. If you believe there are exceptional circumstances that require access, please get in touch and I will be happy to discuss this with you. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.

School Nurse Online Drop-In Service - Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Our School Nurse will be holding an online drop-in session on Tuesday 2^{nd} 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 on our website.

Santa Dash - Friday 12th December

We're excited to share that our annual Santa Dash will take place in four weeks' time. This is our main fundraising event of the term. Sponsor forms were sent home earlier this week, so please check bags if you haven't seen them yet.

Children are welcome to come to school dressed in Santa outfits or any festive costumes they'd like. We'll also be sharing details shortly about how the funds raised will help enhance the school experience for all children at The Grange.

Winter is here!

As the weather has become very cold and wet, we kindly ask that all children come to and from school wearing a coat. They'll also need to have their coats on during break and lunchtime to keep warm. If your child brings a hat, gloves, scarf or other winter items, please make sure they are clearly named so we can easily return anything that gets misplaced.

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

Flu Vaccination Drop-In Clinic

If your child has NOT yet had their flu vaccination, they are invited by the Sefton Immunisation team to attend a drop-in clinic:

Date: Sunday 23rd November Time: 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Location: Linaker Family Wellbeing Centre, Linaker St, Southport, PR8 5DQ

No appointment needed. For any questions, please call 0151 247 6130. Flu is spreading quickly—please take this opportunity to protect your child.

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.

What's going on in the community?

Please see details of activities and events taking place in our community:

1.Netherton Christmas Light Switch on - Wednesday 26th November 2025 5pm-8pm

2. Your Voice You Future - please see the attached poster

3. National Autistic Society EarlyBird Programme - January 2026 - poster attached

4.Rampworx is pleased to advise that the FREE Xmas Holiday Club is now available to book online using the following link: https://rampworx.com/product-category/holiday-clubs/

All Flyer's and further information can be found on the "What's On" section of the school website.

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

Sunday 23rd November Flu vaccination Drop-in clinic 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. (see above for location)

Wednesday 26th November Class One 'Stay and Read' Workshop - 8.50 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 2nd 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 8th December After-school clubs finish this week

Tuesday 9th December KS1: Reception - Year Two Christmas performances - 10.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday 10th December Nursery nativity at 10.00 a.m.

Friday 12th December Santa Dash

Tuesday 16th December KS2: Year Three - Year Six Christmas performances - 10.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday 17th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th 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 weekend!

Gwyn Evans - Head of School



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EarlyBird Programme

Does your child have a diagnosis of Autism or on the pathway for a diagnosis. Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird programme for parents and carers of children aged under 6 years.



Our next programme will run for 6 consecutive Wednesdays starting 21st January 2026 (there will be no session during half term 18th February 2026) There will be sessions available AM and PM and confirmed once all applications have been received

The sessions will take place at Thomas Gray Primary School, Chestnut Grove, Bootle, L20 4LX

The six-session programme covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- understanding autistic experiences
- supporting daily living
- · health and wellbeing
- connections.

"This has made a real difference to me. In general, life-changing." Parent



The EarlyBird programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

For more information and an application pack please contact

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Applications to be submitted by Monday 01.12.25

