



The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to all our children after the Christmas break. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday, and we're delighted to see everyone returning ready for a new term of learning and opportunities.

Individual and Family Group Photography

On Wednesday 28th January, the school photographer will be taking individual and family group photographs. We know that many of you treasure these photographs so please ensure that your child is wearing smart school uniform and that his/her hair is tidy and clean.

After-School Clubs

Clubs will start in the week beginning Monday 19th January - children will bring more information home next week.

Celebrating Good Attendance

The winner of the 100% Attendance Prize for the term to date (100% attendance and prompt arrival) was Lennon Riley (Class 5) and the Class Attendance Award for the week was won by Class 2 and Class 9 - Well done Lennon, Class 2 and Class 9!

You can't teach an empty chair!

On-line Safety

As children spend more time online—whether for learning, gaming, or staying in touch with friends—it's important that we continue working together to keep them safe. In school, we teach children how to use technology responsibly, recognise potential risks, and know what to do if something doesn't feel right.

We encourage families to talk regularly with their children about their online activities and to set simple, age-appropriate boundaries at home. Remind children never to share personal information, to use strong passwords, and to speak to a trusted adult if they come across anything worrying or confusing online.

By staying informed and working in partnership, we can help ensure that all our children enjoy the benefits of the digital world safely and confidently.

Please see details below for further advice and guidance.

Do you have a child born between 01.09.2021 and 31.08.2022?

Applying for a Reception Class place in September 2026

Application for Reception Class places must be submitted by 15th January 2026. Please visit

www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

Information is also available on posters around the school and from the school office.

Please remember, if your child attends The Grange Nursery and you would like him/her to attend our Reception Class next year you must apply. A Nursery place does not guarantee a Reception place.

Cold Weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate clothing for the very cold weather that is forecast to continue next week - t-shirts, vests under polo and sweatshirts are encouraged as are warm winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves etc.

What's going on in the Community?

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

1. **EY SEND Coffee Morning**

Date: Monday 12th January Venue: South Sefton Adult Education Centre L21 1EZ

Children are very welcome!

2. **Liverpool Football Development in association with First Kick Football**

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.

Would you like your child to attend our Nursery?

Parents/carers of children who have their third birthday before 31st March 2026 may now apply for a Nursery place - there are limited places available! Application forms are available from the main school office.

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.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2026

Thursday 15 th January	Parent meeting for Year Six Residential to Condover Hall Staff at 3.30 p.m.
Monday 19 th January	After-school clubs start this week
Wednesday 28 th January	Individual and Family Photographs
Wednesday 11 th February	Year Six Residential to Condover Hall
Thursday 12 th February	Half Term starts at 3.15 p.m.
Friday 13 th February	Staff Training Day
	Year Six return from Condover Hall
Monday 23 rd February	Term re-starts
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th March	Year Five Residential to CHET
Friday 13 th March	Year Five return from CHET
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Open Afternoon
Friday 27 th March	Term ends at 3.15 p.m.

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 14 th April	Summer Term Starts
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May	Year Six SATs Week
Friday 22 nd May	Half term starts at 3.15 p.m.
Monday 1 st June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd June	Term re-starts
Friday 17 th July	Term ends at 1.30 p.m.

EARLY YEARS SEND TEAM

Parent / Carer Coffee Morning



Has your child got Special Educational Needs/Disabilities?
Do you want to know more about SEND processes and the support available in Sefton?

Do you want to meet other parents/carers of children with SEND?

Meet with professionals from Aiming High, Early Help, Sefton Parent Carers and the Autism and Complex Needs Teams.

North Sefton

Southport

Linaker Family Hub,
PR8 5DQ
10am-12pm

7th November 2025
9th March 2026
19th June 2026

Central Sefton

Maghull

Hudson Family Hub,
L31 5LE
10am-12pm

28th November 2025
2nd February 2026
22nd May 2026

South Sefton

Seaforth

South Sefton Adult
Education Centre,
L21 1 EZ
10am-12pm

12th September 2025
12th January 2026
16th April 2026

Take time for you and have a brew! All children welcome.

For more information please contact:

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Liverpool Football

Development



At King's Leadership Academy (Sports Hall)
Fernhill Rd, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 6AQ
Starting on Wednesday 28th January 2026

In association with First Kick Football



School years - Reception & Year 1	5:30pm - 6:30pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 3	6:30pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Wednesday at King's Leadership Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so **trainers should be worn**. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Callum

0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534

www.firstkick.co.uk



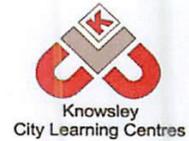
We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked





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Online Safety Newsletter

January 2026

Instagram Teen Accounts - update

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Teen accounts are automatically set up for users aged 13 – 17. Instagram have announced that teens will now see content similar to content that they would see in a PG-13 movie.

Instagram have also updated their policies around content to include "hiding or not recommending posts with strong language, certain risky stunts, and additional content that could encourage potentially harmful behaviors"

Finally, for parents who would like to apply more stringent settings, Instagram are also introducing a new, stricter setting called 'Limited Content.' This setting will mean your child is not able to see, leave, or receive comments under posts as well.

You can read about the updates here: <https://about.instagram.com/blog/announcements/instagram-teen-content-safety-pg-13>



Playing games online

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some risks that you should consider:

Chatting to strangers / risk of inappropriate language

Some games will allow communication via text chat, direct messages or chatting. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off and/or the option to restrict bad language, so make sure settings appropriate to your child are applied. If your child is playing online with strangers, then you need to be aware that there is a risk of grooming. Some games do allow you to restrict communication to 'friends only,' however you would need to monitor that their online friends are real life friends. It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players.



Cyberbullying

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect. Other forms of cyberbullying whilst playing games could be excluding others, criticising the ability of other players and ganging up on others.

In app purchases

Many games include the option to purchase additional items/ subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/ a password to approve purchases.

What can I do?

- **Set up parental controls** - as well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's settings, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on.
- **Check age ratings** - before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store/Google Play.
- **Chat to your child regularly** about the risks above so that they are aware of what can happen online and remind them to always talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns

Further information

CEOP provides further guidance and support regarding this topic: <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Snapchat

Snapchat is a popular social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time, and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



Key Concerns

There are potential risks such as:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map).
- cyberbullying.
- contact from strangers.
- excessive screen time – children may have a fear of missing out (FOMO) as well as pressure to maintain “streaks”.
- “disappearing” messages can lead to more risky behaviour and a “false sense of security.” These messages could be screenshot or another device used to take a photo, so they’re not actually deleted as the sender believes. The image could then be shared.
- in app purchases.

Parental Controls / Safety settings

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and includes tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

If your child is using Snapchat, then make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up, including who can see their location and who can contact them. Also ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

<https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

More information

For more detailed advice and information:

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/snapchat>
- <https://parents.snapchat.com/safeguards-for-teens>

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Family Smart Start

Family Smart Start is a free toolkit designed to help you and your child navigate the milestone of getting their first phone. The toolkit provides support on how to set up their new phone, how to talk to your child about digital safety and a template family agreement. Find out more here:

<https://familysmartstart.com/>

Cyber security

Cyber security is the process of protecting your information and data whilst online against scams and cyber-attacks. Cyber-attacks are the process of maliciously targeting individuals or organisations to disable networks or steal data for example.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have an area on their website with guidance to help protect you and your family. The guidance includes how to manage your digital footprint online, information about anti-virus software as well as top tips for staying online such as:

- Using a strong password
- Setting up 2step verification

You can find the resources here:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/advice-guidance/you-your-family>

The NCSC also provide advice on what you should do if you are the target of a scam or cyber-attack. Find out more here:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/respond-recover/you>

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