



The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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Friday 6th February 2026

Class 1 Story Telling Session

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined Class 1 for our Book Sharing and Storytelling Session on Wednesday 4th February 2026. We really appreciated you taking the time to come in and share stories with the children. It was a lovely way to start the day, and the children thoroughly enjoyed having you there to celebrate a shared love of reading. Thank you again for your support.

Number Day - Friday 6th February

A day of exciting maths activities and challenges took place today. Children enjoyed a range of engaging number-based activities in their classrooms.

World Book Day - Friday 6th March

Although World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating it in school on **Friday 6th March 2026**. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character or in pyjamas for our Bedtime Stories. There is no expectation for elaborate costumes, but we always look forward to seeing the creative ideas the children bring.

Update INSET Day

Please note that there is **NO INSET day** this half term and all children should **attend school as normal on Friday 13th February**. School will close at 3.15 p.m. and half term will begin at that time. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused and thank you for your understanding.

After-School Clubs Next Week

The following after school clubs will start next week:

Monday - Playcourt Football - Years Three, Four, Five and Six

Individual and Family Group Photography

You should have received proof copies of the individual and family group photographs taken on Wednesday 28th January. Details of how to order copies can be found with the proof copy.

Children's University Passports

Children's University passports are available to purchase from the School Office at a cost of £4.00. Passports can be used to record all CU Learning Activities that your child takes part in outside of school, at weekends and in holiday periods. To find out where you can use your Passport To Learning please visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk and click on the 'Children's University in your area' tab to get started.

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.

Community Events and Additional Flyers

Please see details of activities and events taking place in our community, plus additional information:

1. Trans Pennine Trail - February Half Term Activity Pack

<https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/childrens-page/tpt-activity-packs/>

2. MGL Online Safety Flyer

3. Children's University February Half-Term Challenge

4. Be Active February half term holiday programme bookings are live, a number of camps have already sold out.

We have some limited availability on the following camps:

Sports and Games camp at Litherland Sports Park Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm

Ditch Your Stabilisers at Litherland Sports Park Tuesday 17th February 9-12 or 1-4pm

Dance workshop at Meadows Leisure Centre Thursday 19th February 1-4pm

Swim crash course at Bootle Leisure Centre Mon - Fri 9.30-12noon (30 min slots each day)

Call us during office hours on 0151 2886286 and secure your place by making payment.

To see further details please use this link to view the booklet: Be Active Guide February Half Term Guide 2026

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/media/tu3fngxx/2523-be-active-guide-february-2026-web.pdf>

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

Spring Term 2026

Wednesday 11th February

Year Six Residential to Condoover Hall

Friday 13th February

Half Term starts at 3.15 p.m.

Year Six return from Condoover Hall

Monday 23rd February

Term re-starts

Thursday 5th March

Class 2 Trip to Clitheroe Castle Museum

Friday 6th March

World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March

Year Five Residential to CHET

Friday 13th March

Year Five return from CHET

Friday 20th March

Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day

Wednesday 25th March

Parents' Open Afternoon

Friday 27th March

Term ends at 3.15 p.m.

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 14th April

Summer Term Starts

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 11th May

Year Six SATs Week

Friday 22nd May

Half term starts at 3.15 p.m.

Monday 1st June

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 2nd June

Term re-starts

Friday 17th July

Term ends at 1.30 p.m.

Wishing you all a pleasant week ahead! Gwyn Evans - Head of School

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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SMART TECH, SAFE CHOICES – EXPLORING THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI

ISSUE 19 - SPECIAL

SAFER INTERNET DAY SPECIAL

Welcome to this **Special Edition** of our Online Safety Newsletter, just in time for **Safer Internet Day!** Safer Internet Day is an annual day, where children all over the country explore how to be safe online. However, it is not just limited to children!

This year, Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday the 10th of February.**

This year's theme is **Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.**



SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming part of everyday life, often without us realising it. While tools like ChatGPT are well known, AI is also used in things like video recommendations, predictive text, photo filters, and navigation apps.

AI can be a helpful tool that saves time and supports learning, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. A good question to ask is - **"Does this feel right?"** - AI isn't always accurate and can sometimes give incorrect or unsuitable information.

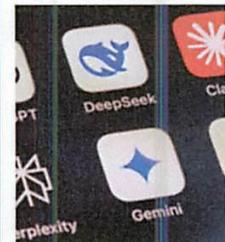
Always take a moment to check and review anything created by an AI tool before using or sharing it, especially when children are involved.

WHY IT MATTERS

It is important that we, and especially children, are familiar with the benefits of AI and, most importantly, how to use it responsibly.

AI has made significant advancements over the past decade, and it will continue to develop rapidly in the years ahead.

Being able to recognise AI-generated content, such as false information or fake images and videos, is an important skill as we browse, use, and share content online.



FIND OUT MORE!

There are some great resources below to help you find out more about Safer Internet Day and using AI responsibly.



This is a quiz that you can use with your child to test your knowledge!



Top tips for Parents and Carers.



Top tips for young people.



Safer Internet Day site.



Complete all 15 challenges on our 'Year of Reading' Bingo and receive 5 bonus credits at the end of the year! 3 new challenges each half term!

February Half Term Challenge 2026

<p>Activity 1 Valentines Fun Saturday 14th February is Valentines day. Why not treat someone you love by creating something fabulous for them? Here are some ideas 30 Valentine's Day Activities for Kids (with Printable List!)</p>	<p>Activity 2 Chinese New Year 17th February marks the start of the Chinese New year celebrations. 2026 is the year of the horse. Find out 5 facts about Chinese New Year, including which animal you are! Here is a link for some ideas Chinese New Year: 2026—Year of the Horse (Lunar New Year)</p>	<p>Activity 3 Pancake Day 17th February is Pancake Day! With the help of an adult, have a go at making pancakes. You could choose different toppings, savoury or sweet! We would love to see your recipe as well as a photo of your best pancake! Pancake Day recipes - BBC Food</p>	<p>Activity 4 National Year of Reading Bingo 2026 is the National year of reading so each half term we will set 3 new reading challenges! 1. Read a book that you borrowed or swapped 2. Recommend something you have enjoyed reading 3. Read a book that makes you laugh! *Send a picture & record your answers*</p>
<p>Activity 5 Heart month 2026 February is heart month, so set yourself a challenge to raise your heart rate each day of half term * Check your pulse at rest for 1 minute * Check again after a few minutes exercise (eg walking, skipping, running, dancing, boxing) * Make a chart to record your resting heart rate versus after exercise, don't forget to record the type of exercise you do each day!</p>	<p>Activity 6 Still life drawing Why not collect items from around your home and arrange them together ready to create a still life drawing/painting? You can choose a vase, plant, fruit...anything that doesn't move! You will need paper and pencils/paints/crayons. Get some ideas here! Still Life - BBC Bitesize</p>	<p>Activity 7 Fun Science experiments If science is your thing, why not try out one of these experiments? You might choose 'Brush, brush', 'Floating fish', 'Sticky Ice' or 'Invisible Ink'! Record what you did and include a photo! 45 Best Science Experiments for Kids to Do at Home or In School</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you send evidence to your local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk