



The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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Friday 13th February 2026

Congratulations to the Choir!

Last Friday's Young Voices concert at the Co-Op Live Arena in Manchester was a fantastic success. Our school choir shone on stage after weeks of dedication and hard work. Under the excellent direction of Mrs Carol Minton-Allen and Miss Jennifer Butler, the children performed beautifully and represented our school with pride. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone involved for making the event such a memorable experience.

Year Six Residential Visit to Condoover Hall

I am delighted to share that our 29 Year Six children, along with staff, enjoyed a fantastic week at Condoover Hall. The children threw themselves into every activity on offer—including axe throwing, zip lining and a film night—and created memories that will last a long time.

I know families will join me in offering heartfelt thanks to the staff team who supported the visit and gave so generously of their time to make this experience possible. Let's hope that a week's half-term provides everyone with enough time to recover!

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.

Please see the flyer for costume swap from any Sefton Library.

Valentines Biscuits!

Love was definitely in the air this week thanks to our fantastic Catering Team, who surprised the children with a batch of delicious, heart-themed Valentine's Day biscuits. Judging by the smiles (and crumbs!) in the dining hall, they were a huge hit. We've included a photo so you can see just how brilliant they looked—almost too good to eat... almost!



New start time for Phonics

From the first day back after the half-term break, phonics sessions will begin promptly at **9:00am**. To ensure children do not miss this essential part of their learning, it is important that all pupils arrive at school on time and are ready to start their day.

After-School Clubs

The following after school club will start on Monday 23rd February 2026 and the last session will be on Monday 23rd March 2026:

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

The following after school clubs will start Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March 2026 and the last sessions will be on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March 2026:

Tuesday - Card and Table Top Games -Years Two and Three

Thursday - Playdough - Year Two

Thursday - Hammer Beads - Years Five and Six

Please note there are no further Choir sessions.

Individual and Family Group Photography

For **free delivery to school**, please place your child's photograph order by **Sunday 22nd February 2026**. Order using your unique Tempest QR code or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk (**tempest-orders.co.uk**). For assistance, call Tempest **01736 751555 (option 5)**.

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.

Santa Dash - Final Total

We are delighted to share that this year's Santa Dash raised an amazing £1,291.50. A huge thank-you to all families for your generosity and support. Every contribution helps us continue providing memorable experiences and opportunities for our children.

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. Children's University February Half-Term Challenge

3. 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/tu3fnqxx/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

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| Monday 23 rd February | Term re-starts |
| Thursday 5 th March | Class 2 Trip to Clitheroe Castle Museum |
| Friday 6 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

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| 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. |

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. I hope the week ahead brings plenty of rest and time with family.

Mr Gwyn Evans - Head of School



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

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| <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

World Book Day *Costume Swap*



From 23rd Feb to 4th March, bring along gently used and pre-washed past-years' costumes and swap them for something new to you, for your child to wear this World Book Day!

**Drop-off/pick-up from any Sefton Library!
(Crosby, Bootle, Netherton, Formby, Maghull, Southport)**



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