



# The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## World Book Day - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Although World Book Day falls on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, we will be celebrating it in school on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## New start time for Phonics

Phonics sessions started this week and now begin promptly at **9:00 a.m. each day**. To ensure children do not miss this essential part of their learning, it is important that all children arrive at school on time and are ready to start their day.

## After-School Clubs

The following after school club started on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 and the last session will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026:

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

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

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

**Tuesday - Games and P.E club - Class One**

**Thursday - Playdough - Year Two**

**Thursday - Hammer Beads - Years Five and Six**

*Please note there are no further Choir sessions.*

## Class 2 Trip - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, Class 2's trip to Clitheroe Castle on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 has had to be **cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances, as the castle is currently undergoing essential maintenance work. All refunds will be issued via the original payment method.

## Year 5 Residential to CHET - Update

Year 5 have some fantastic news about their residential to CHET — children will now leave school **at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**, as CHET have kindly arranged additional activities for them to enjoy on arrival. Children should still arrive at school for normal registration time, and parents are very welcome to come and wave them off as the coach departs promptly at **10:00 a.m.**

### Community Garden Working Party Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The first Community Garden working party of the year will burst into action at **12:30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. We can't wait to welcome back our brilliant parents, grandparents, children and friends of the Garden – and we'd love to see some new faces joining the fun too!

For anyone who hasn't discovered it yet, the Community Garden is a peaceful little haven on our school grounds, lovingly cared for thanks to the brilliant dedication of Mrs. Doyle and the wonderful volunteers who help keep it looking beautiful.

If you'd like to know more or get involved, please pop in and see Mrs. Doyle in Class 1.

### Free Legal Advice Drop-In Service

I am very grateful to MSB Solicitors for their continued generosity in offering free legal advice to Grange families. Details of how to make an appointment to meet with MSB legal advisors can be found at the school office. Following another successful drop-in session this week, I am pleased to announce that a further session is planned in the spring time. The next drop-in in school will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon**.

### Comic Relief / Red Nose Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

We're gearing up for a brilliant Red Nose Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026, and we can't wait to see the school bursting with colour and fun! It's a non-uniform day, so children are welcome to come dressed in their favourite Red Nose Day outfits and accessories or their own clothes – the sillier and brighter, the better!

To support this fantastic cause, we ask that each child brings a donation of £1 on the day. Let's make it a fun-filled Friday while raising money for a great charity.

### Parents' Open Afternoon - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Parents' Open Afternoon will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026. **Appointment letters will be sent out in due course.**

As always on Parents' Open Afternoon:

\*Appointments will start from 1 p.m. and allocated up to 6 p.m.

\*If your appointment is before 3.15 p.m. you may take your child/children home when it has finished - most children will be in the hall watching a film.

\*If your appointment is after the end of the school day and you have no childcare, you may bring your children who will be supervised in the hall during your appointment.

\*If you require a separate appointment to your child's other parent, please make the school office aware of this. We will be happy to arrange an additional appointment.

\*If you are unable to keep your appointment, please make us aware of this as soon as possible - we will arrange a new appointment at a mutually convenient time.

### Year Six Achievement School

The dates for the revision sessions were sent home with children this week. These additional lessons are designed to support and extend their learning in preparation for the Key Stage Two Tests, which will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Please return the consent slip to class as soon as possible so the teaching team can plan ahead for those who will be attending. Dates and times for the additional sessions are:

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 - 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 - 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon**

**Would you like your child to attend our Nursery?**

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

**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](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk) and click on the 'Children's University in your area' tab to get started.

**Dates for your diary**

**Spring Term 2026**

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Five Residential to CHET
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Five return from CHET
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Free Legal drop-in session
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Book fair opens
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Open Afternoon
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends at 3.15 p.m.

**Summer Term 2026**

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

**Wishing you all a pleasant weekend!**

**Gwyn Evans - Head of School**