

Dear Grange Community,

Welcome back to school and wishing everyone a great 2026 full of deep learning and powerful progress.

I could see this week that it was not the easiest for all children to come back to school after the holidays especially with the cold weather and the need for an early start - 8.30am at Grange - every day.

However, it has been wonderful to see everyone greeting each other and I have been particularly pleased to see the amazing examples of the explorer booklets work coming into school.

I have seen that so many children are cooking and crafting because of these booklets and I am proud of this wonderful initiative that Ms Watson, our Deputy Headteacher has put so much work into initiating and getting going.

It feels like our whole Grange community is now into it and I have just enjoyed being shown a crafted house with electric lighting built by a year 2 Grange child, with help from his parents, as part of the explorer booklets.

We continue to improve and make progress at Grange with some physical moves with our leadership room which was for staff leaders, developing into a Leadership centre with Ms Begum running the many pupil leadership initiatives, including the 'Playground Buddies' and Student Council, from this room.

The PTA now have their own PTFA Centre and I believe that quite a few Parents stopped over for the Coffee morning yesterday, I am so excited to see what the Grange PTFA are able to achieve with their new space and their fabulous dedication. Thank you to the PTFA leaders.

A personal highlight for me today was attending the Year 6 violin lesson and seeing the children playing 'forte' and 'piano' in their violin scales and then discussing how they managed to make the difference in sound. It was such a great example of deep learning with the teachers not just 'giving' the information, but rather deepening the knowledge and skills of the children through superb, expert questioning and teaching.

I am proud of the way we teach and learn at Grange and am grateful for the work the Staff Team do every day at school.

A special shout-out for Ms Merchant and Turing class for doing a great Grange English outdoor learning lesson this week. The weather will not stop our focus on active and outdoor learning!

Well done for a great start to 2026 Grange!



CC Salute
Mr Kerbel
Headteacher
Grange



Classroom Open Mornings
Parents and Carers - Join Us
Please

8:45 - 9:15am

- Year 3 - Tuesday 20th Jan
- Year 6 - Wednesday 21st Jan
- Year 2 - Thursday 22nd Jan
- Year 1 - Tuesday 27th Jan
- Year 5 - Thursday 29th Jan
- Year 4 - Friday 30th Jan



Fabulous 'Dance Tuesday's' is now Open to children in Year 1 & 2 as well - Please Book a place via Parentpay



Amazing Adventure Booklet Tasks

Our Grange Explorers are making huge strides. Take a look at our weekly round-up. We are so proud of the great CC choices you are making



Neeyam - Plan and cook a meal



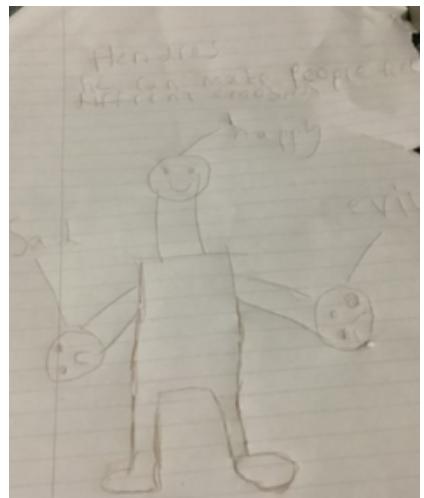
Mayssa
Learn how to access the news



Mayssa
designed a home for the future



Izan - Carry out a weekly chore at home



Ameer
Create your own Greek Myth hero



Izan - Buy items in a shop and check your change



Bahar
Carry out a weekly chore at home



Grange Super Spellers!



Well done to



★ Qasim, Rashford	★ Kai, Rashford
★ Stefan, Laurentiu	★ Dhaveesan, Cervantes
★ Zala, Truth	★ Iustin, Rumi
★ Jason, Turing	★ Hannah, Laurentiu
★ Akul, Cervantes	★ Zakariya, Laurentiu

For being our top 10 Super Spellers this week!

To be in with the chance of being a super speller, log into Spelling Shed and practise your spelling!

Headteacher Hot Chocolate Heroes

Children from Years 3- 6 have been selected for the **Headteacher's Hot Chocolate session** for making brilliant CC choices this past week



Orion
Kulsang
Rataj
Lyrinza
Abdullah
Ruzena
Riyadh
Iustin



GRANGE DATES 2026

January

Tuesday 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 TFL Presentation
Wednesday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3&4 Spanish Story Telling Workshop
Friday 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grange Eco-Warriors & JTA Litter Picking
Tuesday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Intergenerational Workshop 1 • Y3 Open Morning
Wednesday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Open Morning
Thursday 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Intergenerational Workshop • Y2 Open Morning
Tuesday 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 &Y5 DYCE Drama Workshop • Y1 Open Morning • Y6 Malala trip to Roxeth Library 11-12:30pm
Wednesday 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 &Y5 DYCE Drama Workshop

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SPRING TERM 2026

3:15 - 4:15 PM

Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Football Y4-Y6 • Dance Stables Y1-Y6 • Art Ambassadors Y4-Y6
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiskills Y1-Y3 • Grange Gazette Y4-Y6 • CrossStitch/Sewing Y2-Y6
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dodgeball Y1-Y3 • Jewellery Making Y3-Y6 • Violin Practice Y5-Y6
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dodgeball Y4-Y6 • Board & Video games Y3-Y6

The clubs will run between 3:15 - 4:15pm. Clubs will run for a duration of 10 weeks, commencing 12th January 2026 and concluding week commencing 23rd March 2026.

