

Dear Grange community,

We have made it! We celebrate today, the completion of our Autumn 1 half-term 2025. It has been a half-term full of deep learning and great progress and it has been filled with a very special ingredient which will require your support and assistance for the next half-term especially! I am talking about our powerful launch of planned, purposeful, motivating and enjoyable OUTDOOR LEARNING.

We have seen so many wonderful lessons including Maths and English lessons outdoors and we can see the children improving their collaboration and problem-solving skills amongst many other benefits. This has been part of our School Development Plan and a report on this was presented at our Governor committee on Wednesday.

Our big challenge is carrying this on into the winter with the challenges of weather. This is why I am writing to ask you specifically to send in coats for the rain with children so they can be outside when it rains. Please make sure the coats have hoods and are not too heavy so that the children can move in the coats. This will also allow us to minimise the loss of playtime for the children in the case of inclement weather.

Please label the coats so we can find them easily in lost property if they misplace them. If you have wellies for your children - please bring them in (label them please). If your children like umbrellas they are also welcome to bring them in. We will work together to solve all the storage and cleanliness problems but our mission is to get outside as much as possible.



Ms Watson, our Deputy Headteacher, has researched the evidence for the benefits of outdoor learning and led multiple staff training and professional development sessions related to outdoor learning - we know that it is worth it! So.....please send your child in with a labelled coat next half-term so we keep doing great learning at Grange.

Attendance: We are sending the parents of every child whose attendance is under 90%, a letter to highlight our need for improvement in attendance. If children are in school every day, they do better in all aspects of their development.

Mufti Day on 7th November in the colours of Spanish flag to celebrate our Spanish learning at Grange



Have a safe and happy and healthy half-term

Monday 27th - Friday 31st
Half Term

3rd November INSET DAY
(No school for children)



CC Salute
Mr Kerbel
Headteacher
Grange

4th November School
OPEN for Children

Para-athlete, Nerys Pearce visits Grange!

On Monday 20th October, we were delighted to welcome Nerys Pearce - a nine time world record holder in para sports - to Grange. We had an action-packed morning filled with fitness challenges for all year groups and an inspirational assembly where Nerys shared her incredible story of resilience and overcoming adversity.

Here's what some of our pupils thought:

I really enjoyed the fitness challenges because we met a famous athlete! Learning about her accident and story made me feel heartbroken. However, she never gave up and she inspired me! Even though her legs do not work, she did it! The PE lesson was amazing; although it was very tiring, it was very good! - Ruviana, Year 6.

I enjoyed it because Nerys was funny and I had fun as well! As I like sport, it was nice! - Manar, Year 6

I enjoyed it when we did the exercises and she told her story. She did very well and she boosted my bravery. - Narisa, Year 6

I felt really happy and energetic; I loved it! To be honest, it was hard work but a lot of fun! - Nives, Year 6.



Year 5 Football Tournament!

On Tuesday 21st October, our Year 5 boys and girls football teams took part in a tournament held at Bannisters Sports Centre. Well done to all the children for representing our school well and a big thank you to Mr Dowling and Ms Barnes for accompanying the children to the competition. A special mention to Ashvi who won an award for displaying great sportsmanship throughout the competition. She was only one of four selected from over 100 children that took part! We are extremely proud of her and all our children.





Last Friday, Year 2 children had a fantastic time getting hands-on with our healthy foods science topic by making delicious samosas!

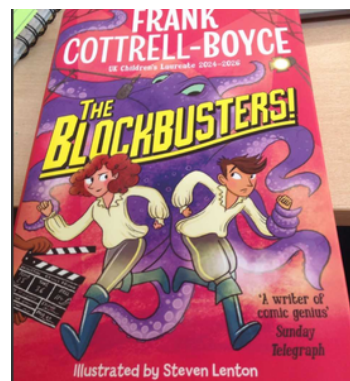
This engaging activity was a perfect blend of learning about balanced ingredients and celebrating the joyous festival of Diwali, the festival of lights. The children loved, stuffing the dough, and learning about the different food groups involved.

It was a wonderful way to bring science, culture, and culinary fun together in the classroom!

On **Wednesday 22nd October** Year 5 visited the **South Bank centre** for a school trip. This trip was organised by the Children's Bookshow. Many schools across London visited the theatre and met the author Frank Cottrell Boyce.

At the end of the show children received a free copy of the book, 'The Blockbusters' this trip was organised to encourage children's love for reading.

According to Sophia and Mohammed from Turing class, "The author Frank Cottrell Boyce was very creative and funny and we also received a free book."



On **Thursday 16th October** me and my class went to the **RAF Museum**.

It had all the amazing aircrafts used in WW2. Me and my classmates went to a workshop about evacuation about WW2 and how people were safe.

I learnt that it was terrifying to be in an air raid and also what clothes jobs different types of people did: warden, military service, land army, air force and the navy. Most importantly I learnt about different aircrafts like Avon Lancaster and what were they used for, which country it was from and how strong was it.

My favourite aircraft used in WW2 were the Avon Lancaster and Supermarine Spitfire. Those were my most-liked aircrafts because of how massive they were and powerful. The colours of the aircrafts were khaki colour because to blend in grass and trees so their enemies can't see them.

My favourite part was when trying to find all the cool looking aircrafts. Because it was a fun activity and we got to look at the aircraft also the other part was when we went to the aircraft workshop. It was interesting and the instructor was very funny. We also went inside a safe place which was to protect people from bombs and harmful attacks.

It was a brilliant trip. I had lots of fun and was very interested to see such amazing things that many people could not witness. It was also telling us about what happened in the past and what could happen. - by Joshua, Rumi Class

Grange Explorers: A New Adventure in Learning!

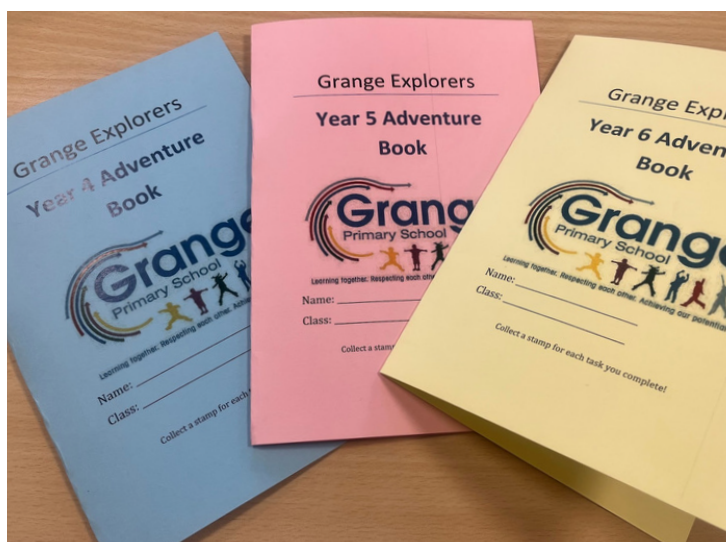
We are excited to introduce a brand-new enrichment initiative for the 2025-26 academic year. This is a fun and inspiring way to encourage all children to go beyond the classroom and explore the world around them while building new skills and experiences.

What is it?

Each child has received an Adventure Booklet filled with 20-30 exciting challenges linked to their year group's curriculum. These include creative activities, outdoor learning, community experiences, and tasks designed to build confidence, curiosity, and independence.

How does it work?

- Children complete tasks at home, in school or on trips with their family over the school year.
- They collect stamps from their teacher as they complete each one.
- They must show their teacher some evidence of what they have completed at home - this could be emailed to the year group email address, uploaded to google classroom or brought in to school
- There's no pressure to complete them all - it's about enjoying the journey and trying new things!
- Children who do complete all the tasks by the end of the school year will receive a special reward



Why are we doing this?

The Grange Explorers programme supports key parts of our School Development Plan, including:

- ✓ Building character and independence
- ✓ Strengthening curriculum links beyond the classroom
- ✓ Promoting outdoor learning and community engagement
- ✓ Supporting British values, creativity, and well-being

How you can help

You can support your child by:

- Encouraging them to try a task each week or month
- Celebrating their efforts with them
- Getting involved with activities that interest them

Task	Where?	Stamp
Design a home for the future	Home	
Create your own Greek myth hero	Home	
Visit an aquarium, sea life centre or museum with your family	Home	
Make fruit batteries	School	
Use a recipe book to plan a 2-course meal	Home	
Buy items in a shop and check your change	Home	
Visit a local charity shop and buy a piece of clothing to upcycle	Home	
Learn how to access the news	Home	

Task	Where?	Stamp
Learn how to play the violin	School	
Visit a palace	Trip	
Use an app to compose music	Home	
Apply for a 'job' within the school	School	
Write a picture book for a Reception child	Home	
Make a model planet	Home	
Read a story to a younger child	School	
Visit a famous bridge	Home	
Design and complete an obstacle course	School	

The half term holiday is the perfect time to start - something to keep your child busy and engaged but also hopefully fun for the whole family!

We're looking forward to seeing all the wonderful adventures our pupils go on this year. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child flourish and grow.



Grange Super Spellers!



Well done to



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| ★ Qasim, Rashford | ★ Luca, Cervantes |
| ★ Antonia, Rashford | ★ Duruvan, Truth |
| ★ Dhani, Alan Turing | ★ Sofia, Greta |
| ★ Kaarunya, Bob Marley | ★ Hannah, Laurentiu |
| ★ Matei, Malala | ★ Asra, Cervantes |

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

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



Retaj
Noah
Mariam
Bianca
Ridan
Faryat
Isaac
Caleb
Arta



GRANGE DATES 2025

SCHOOL CALENDAR November

Wednesday 5 th	Grange Fireworks Welbeck Rd
Thursday 6 th & Friday 7 th	Flamenco Dance Fiesta Workshop
Friday 7 th	Spanish Mufti Day
Monday 10 th	ODD Socks Day
Wednesday 12 th	Parent Workshop (Anti-Bullying) led by Student Council - 2.30pm - all parents are invited
Friday 14 th	KS2 SATs Parent Information Meeting
Monday 17 th	3:30 - 5:30pm Parent Consultations
Tuesday 18 th	1:30 - 4:30pm Parent Consultations & Online Parent Drop in session
Friday 21 st	Reception Phonics Parent workshop

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 2025 3:15 - 4:15 PM

Tuesday	Boys Football Y4-Y6 Homework & Maths Y3-Y4 Gardening Y2-Y4
Wednesday	Multiskills Y1-Y3 Badminton Y4-Y6 Cross Stich/Sewing Y2-Y6
Thursday	Dodgeball Y1-Y3 Jewellery Making Y3-Y6
Friday	Girls Football Y4-Y6 Board & Video games Y3-Y6

Autumn Term afterschool activity clubs

All afterschool activity clubs will
run for 10 weeks starting from
week commencing 22nd September

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