

### Weekly Newsletter Summer Term 1

Friday, 25th April 2025



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the much-needed sun. It has been lovely to see everyone back this week and we are looking forward to the term ahead. Please make sure you look closely at the date list as there are lots of events taking place this term. Please also note that school will be **closed** for the bank holiday on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **Congratulations**

Yesterday evening our very own Mary Phillip won the prestigious Keith Alexander Award at the football blacklist awards 2025. This is a huge achievement, and we want to formally congratulate Mary on her achievement. If you would like to find out more about this impressive award please click the link

https://footballblacklist.com/about

#### **Hot Weather**

As the weather is warming up we kindly ask that your child's belongings are labelled with their class and name. Children often remove jumpers when the weather is warmer and it is helpful that they are clearly labelled. Please also ensure your child brings a water bottle to school with them daily and suncream is applied to their skin throughout the day. Please do not send sunglasses to school with your child. Sun hats are permitted but please make sure these are plain black or grey.

### **Ice Cream Friday**

Next Friday we will be beginning our weekly sales of ice cream and Iollies. Please make sure you bring small change (50p/£1) with you at pick up time so you can purchase a cool treat.

### St Georges Day

This week the children were taught about St George the patron saint of England. This day is typically celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> April but due to the Easter dates, this was moved to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. To find out more about the famous Saint take a look at the short cartoon

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cln70 PfDgU

### Online Safety Tip of the Week

Safe games websites for children

Children (and adults)! enjoy playing computer games - they are fun and entertaining, but we can also practise skills and develop problem solving abilities while we are playing. It can be difficult, as parents, knowing what websites are appropriate and safe for children. Some games websites, such as Poki and Friv, can include content that some children may get by, parent might upset or think is inappropriate. If your child enjoys playing games online, then Poki do have a site created specifically for younger users, called 'Poki Kids'.

https://kids.poki.com/

CBBC games also has a wide variety of fun games. https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games

### **Pupil Voice**

Congratulations to year 5 who successfully made a flavoursome yoghurt and honey dip which they served with fruit kebabs during our recent cooking week. These kebabs were so popular the school voted to place them on the lunch menu for this term. Thanks to Mrs. Rahman for organising this event and for The Lunchtime Company for their support with the fun event.

#### Year 6 SATs

During the week beginning 12th May, our year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests. We know how hard the children have been working and want to remind parents to ensure their child is at school during this important week. Letters for every year 6 pupil were sent home during this week so please ensure you read them carefully. For further advice please look at the pages towards the end of the newsletter.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and we will see you all on Monday at 8.50am.
Rebecca





### School Information

#### **Attendance & Punctuality Weekly Attendance** Class % School year: Summer Term Attendance KS1 87.8 Mercury Winner Attendance KS2 Jupiter 91.8 Winner KS1 Punctuality **Planet Earth** 97.3 Winner KS2 Punctuality Neptune & 97.0 Winner Sky Rest of School Punctuality % Attendance% Class Moon 98.2 80.9 Star 87.1 87.1 77.8 Venus 97.2 87.8 94.4 Mercury Earth 97.3 8.08 91.8 Jupiter 93.2 Saturn 92.0 90.0 Galaxy 89.3 94.5 Neptune 97.0 85.6 Pluto 95.7 89.6 Aurora 96.9 8.88

### **Dates for the Diary**

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### **Weekly House Winners**

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Weekly total:

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84.3

86%

Tim PEAKE	10/9	471
Stephanie WILSON		406
Neil ARMSTRONG		497
Helen SHARMAN		520
Bernard HARRIS		430

### **Attendance Ladder**

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned





### Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "manoeuvre". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.



### Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was "Responsibility". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."



### Happy Birthday to You!

First	Class	Age
Name		
Journi	Venus	6
Shaquri	Venus	7
Alice	Planet	7
	Earth	

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#### Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

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Winning Class: **Jupiter Class** School's total points: 34,260





### Class Gallery

### Year EYFS – Moon and Star Classes

Star and Moon Class have learnt that flowers need sun, water and soil to grow. The children had fun drawing their own flowers!







### Year 1 –Mercury and Venus Classes

In Art this this week, the children started their new topic "Magic of flight" they focussed on observational drawing of birds and feathers using chalk and charcoal.















### Rewards Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: Responsibility

Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Lainey	For remembering to water the seeds every morning
Mercury	Jalaiyah	For taking such pride and responsibility over her work
Planet Earth	Henry	For taking care of our new class member

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Nancy	For using our new phonic sounds in her writing this week.
Mercury	Kemi	For her amazing ideas and writing this week - very impressed!
Planet Earth	Darcie	For an interesting letter giving advice

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Hunter	For using sentence stems verbally and in book work.
Mercury	Ifza	For her use of maths vocabulary in our new unit
Planet Earth	Victoria	For amazing understanding when recognising a half

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Bambi	For her amazing improvement with her fluency.
Mercury	Billion	For his fabulous fluency and hard work at home
Planet Earth	Joey	For amazing progress and effort using expression





### Rewards Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Responsibility** 

Years 3 to 6

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Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Chanel	For always modelling the value of responsibility
SATURN	Samyra	For being really helpful to others during lessons this week!
GALAXY	Muhammed	Always being a responsible member of Galaxy class
PLUTO	Zeemah	For always taking responsibility in her own learning.
NEPTUNE	Madeline	for being helpful and always challenging herself in her learning!
AURORA	Elias	For always contributing to whole-class discussions
SKY	Younus	Showing responsibility with a fantastic effort in completing his homework.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Zane	For his brilliant multiclause sentences
SATURN	Ainhoa	For making such thoughtful predictions in English!
GALAXY	Mica	For making sure her sentences make sense!
PLUTO	Rayaan	For writing great instructions for Pok-A-Tok and incorporating parenthesis.
NEPTUNE	Isha	for using great description in her writing!
AURORA	Isata	For her excellent knowledge of grammatical devices
SKY	Ramatullai	Excellent effort in solving SPAG questions.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Kylie	For her brilliant addition of fractions
SATURN	Max	For an excellent effort partitioning fractions this week!
GALAXY	Hosna	For helping others in maths and explaining her reasoning!
PLUTO	Yassin	For a great effort with decimals this week.
NEPTUNE	Mohamed	for great work comparing and ordering decimals
AURORA	Kayden	For his excellent attitude towards his learning
SKY	Zendayah	Fantastic effort solving long division problems.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Royce	For his fantastic answers during our guided reading sessions
SATURN	Enzo	For showing a great enthusiasm during reading in class!
GALAXY	Liam	for always reading consistently at home!
PLUTO	Alara-Marie	For a great start in our poetry unit.
NEPTUNE	Daniella	for always showing enthusiasm about reading!
AURORA	Celina	For always reading at home!
SKY	Samaha	Showing more confidence when reading aloud in front of peers.





### Parent/ Carer Information and Support



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### KS2 SATs: a parents' guide

If your child will be sitting Y6 SATs, read on for the most up-to-date information for parents.



n the summer term of 2016, children in Y2 and Y6 were the first to take new SATs tests. The current SATs for English and maths reflect the updated national curriculum, and are more rigorous than previous years' tests. There is also a completely new SATs marking scheme and grading system which has replaced national curriculum levels

### What are SATs?

At the end of Y6, English schoolchildren sit national tests in Reading, Maths and Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). These tests are both set and marked

externally, and the results are used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

### KS2 reading

The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have an hour, including reading time, to complete the test. There will be a selection of question types, including:

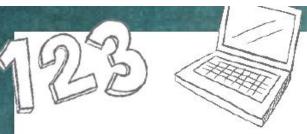
- Ranking/ordering, for example, 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- Find and copy, e.g. 'Find and copy a word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- Short constructed response, for example: 'What does the bear eat?'

### How are SATs marked?

- Instead of national curriculum levels, children are given scaled scores and details of whether they've reached the expected standard ('NS' means that the expected standard was not achieved; 'AS' means it was).
- The scaled scores for the KS2 test range between 80 (the lowest possible scaled score) and 120 (the highest possible scaled score). The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more.

SATs results are used to measure your child's school's performance

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### Find lots more free SATs information for parents at www.theschoolrun.com/sats

In 2018 the Department for Education announced that the reading content of KS2 SATs will be closely linked to the curriculum in future years to ensure children are drawing on their knowledge when answering reading comprehension questions.

- Selected response, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives'
- Constructed response, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

Paper 1 consists of fixed response questions (children have to give correct answers to calculations). Papers 2 and 3 involve question types including multiple choice.

### KS2 grammar, spelling and punctuation

The SPAG test consists of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.

The grammar and punctuation test includes two sub-types of questions:

### KS2 maths

Children sit three papers in maths: Paper 1 (arithmetic, 30 minutes), Papers 2 and 3

### KS2 science

Ministers have decided not to undertake any further science sampling tests at KS2 from September 2022 onwards. Schools will still submit teacher assessment data at both KS1 and KS2



### KS2 SATs 2025 timetable

KS2 SATs will start on the 12 May 2025.

English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions and Paper 2: spelling

#### Tuesday

English reading

#### Wednesday

Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic and Paper 2: reasoning

#### Thursday

Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

### Do all children have to take SATs?

In England, the tests for all seven year olds (KS1 SATs in Y2) is non-compulsory from September 2023 onwards, but will remain compulsory for 11 year olds (KS2 SATs in Y6).



