



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 3rd October 2025



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What a busy week it has been at Grange. Year 4 visited Tower Bridge, Year 6 went to the Horniman museum and Year 5 visited the Globe. The children learnt some new poems during World Poetry Day on Thursday and Miss Matheson and I watched some great phonics and writing lessons taking place.

Book Fair

Thanks to all of the parents for supporting the school and purchasing books at the book fair. We raised an impressive amount of money and have some credits to buy some books for school!

Harvest

Congratulations to Venus Class who collected an enormous amount of dried and tinned goods and won the class competition. Together we have collected an impressive amount of goods which will be handed to Haddon Hall and local food banks this weekend. Thanks so, so much for your generous donations.

Colder Weather

As the weather is getting colder, please remember to send your child to school in a warm labelled coat, gloves and hat. We will continue to send the children to play unless there is torrential rain, so it is important they stay warm.

Big Cat Collins

On Thursday 9th October publishers from Big Cat Collins will be visiting. They will be spending the day with us, listening to children read, observing lessons, talking to teachers and finding out about reading at Grange. Some of the teachers will be interviewed and some of our children will be photographed reading. The interviews and photos will form part of Big Cat Collins advertisement posters. This is an exciting opportunity for us here at Grange.

World Space Week

Next week is World Space Week. The children will be learning about all things Space including the latest Space news. If you want to find out more information, there are loads of events taking place this weekend. Look at the back of the newsletter for a detailed poster!

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Online Safety Tip of the Week

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In the guide at the back of the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of ways to set up parental controls.

World Mental Health Day

Next Friday 10th October it is World Mental Health Day. We will be raising awareness of this day and for mental health by wearing yellow on this day. The children will learn about keeping healthy both in mind and body. They will learn about the importance of sleep, community and friendship as tools to keep themselves mentally well.



Year 6 residential meeting (school journey)

If you have a child in Year 6 who will be going on the residential trip this year, please attend a meeting with Mr Crewe on Wednesday 8th October at 3pm in the nursery building. This meeting will help you know what to pack for your child, what activities they will be completing when away, meals and information about the dormitories. Mr Crewe will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

National Teacher Day

Sunday 5th October is National Teachers Day. I would like to say a huge thanks to all the teachers here at Grange for the work they do daily to support your children. Have a lovely day everyone!

We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week. See you on Monday at **8.50am.**

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality

Autumn Term Attendance



School year: Summer Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Earth	100%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Aurora	99.3%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Earth	99.5%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Sky	99.3%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Moon		
Star		
Venus	96.7	98.7
Mars	98.9	91.6
Planet Earth	99.5	100
Jupiter	98.5	95.9
Galaxy	98.6	98.6
Supernova	96.8	97.3
Neptune	97.2	96.2
Aurora	96.8	99.3
Sky	99.3	97.8
Weekly attendance:		98.7%

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

05/10/25	World Teachers day
06/10/25	Nursery REAL homestart parent session
06/10/25	Yr 3 and 4 – Reading parent workshop –9.15am Old nursery building
07/10/25	Yr 5 and 6 – Reading parent workshop –9.15am Albert McKenzie Hall
08/10/25	Year 6 residential meeting
13/10/25 – 15/10/25	Year 6 residential
22/10/25 & 23/10/25	Parents evening
24/10/25	Big draw art event
27 th October – 31 st October	Half term
03/11/25	First day back for staff and children Autumn 2

House Winners

Tim PEAKE		383
Stephanie WILSON		431
Neil ARMSTRONG		456
Helen SHARMAN		394
Bernard HARRIS		490

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Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **monstrosity** Word Class (noun)
Pronunciation / Syllables (mon-stros-i-ty)

Definition:

If you describe something, especially something large, as a monstrosity, you mean that you think it is extremely ugly.



The new school uniform was a **monstrosity**.

Synonym: eyesore, grotesque
Antonym: beauty
Prefix / Suffix:
Rhyme: curiosity, velocity
Link Word: sight, extreme

Value of the Week

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

"I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it." Maya Angelou



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.

away



Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Age	Class
Deonnah	Sky	11
Jorge	Aurora	11
Intisar	Jupiter	8
Kandji	Sky	11
Yalldah	Supernova	9
Yarran	Supernova	9
Isaac	Galaxy	9
Charlotte-Rose	Neptune	10
Harley	Jupiter	8



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Aurora Class**
School's total points: **89,310**

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



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Class Gallery

Year 2 – Earth Class

Earth Class practiced block printing a technique used by Andy Warhol. We enjoyed mixing bright colours and using Q-tips to draw our pictures. We were very excited when we saw our print.



Year 2 – Mars Class

Mars class loved their reading together sessions this week, they were able to share their story telling skills with their families. We can't wait for next week to share some more stories with you all.





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Resilience**
Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
VENUS	Issah	For making the right choices for his learning
EARTH	Khadijah	For working hard to push through when work is hard!
MARS	Jalaiyah	For completing her fabulous English work this week!
Class	Writer of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Deqa	For writing simple sentences in phonics independently.
EARTH	Aria	For an amazing use of verbs in her writing
MARS	Eva	For her writing in role
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Amy	For reasoning well when comparing numbers
EARTH	Ibrahim	For excellent effort in comparing numbers
MARS	Yousef	For his fabulous attitude in maths
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
VENUS	Ismael	For accurately applying his phonic knowledge in all subjects
EARTH	Tiana	For excellent progress in learning tricky words
MARS	Francis	For showing good progress with his reading



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Resilience**
Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Intisar	For modelling the value of resilience during her first week at Grange. Welcome!
GALAXY	Samyra	For always working hard and not giving up!
SUPERNOVA	Kylie	for challenging herself and never giving up!
NEPTUNE	Isabelle	For always trying her best and never giving up.
AURORA	Jayson	For his drive to become "rock hero" on TTRS
SKY	Amadou	For working very hard this week to ensure he makes the right choices.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Jamaima	For her brilliant independent story. Very impressed!
GALAXY	Abdul-Raheem	For trying very hard with his writing!
SUPERNOVA	Hana	For a brilliant retell of Weslandia!
NEPTUNE	Meltem	For trying hard to improve her presentation.
AURORA	Nabila	For using sophisticated language throughout her work
SKY	Saihaan	For writing an amazing descriptive write with Ms Cormier
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Harley	For his improved results in maths. Well done!
GALAXY	Knadia	For always working hard in maths!
SUPERNOVA	Royce	For working hard to round numbers this week!
NEPTUNE	Liam	Excellent effort when rounding to the nearest 10,100 and 1000.
AURORA	Samson	For his excellent drive to complete extra maths.
SKY	Mikaeel	For always working extremely hard in maths.
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Alice	For improved effort and confidence in reading.
GALAXY	Roman	For being such an enthusiastic reader!
SUPERNOVA	Amir	For always showing enthusiasm about reading!
NEPTUNE	Ava-Simone	For thoughtful contributions at a Michael Morpurgo book launch.
AURORA	Elliot	For his excellent answers during guided reading
SKY	Amadou	For confidently reading out loud to an audience



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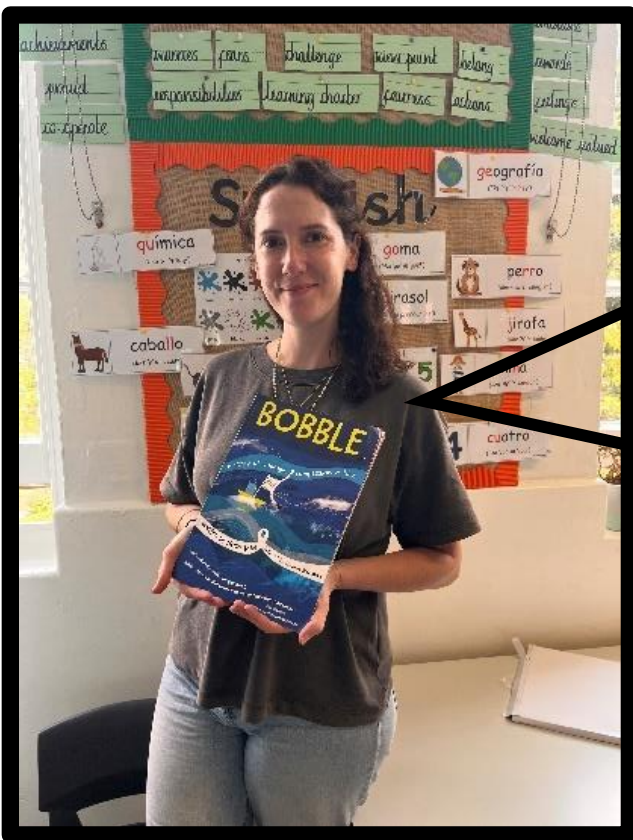
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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

In an effort to encourage reading for pleasure each week one of our staff members will share their favourite children's book. This book will then be available for children to borrow to see if they enjoy reading it also.



I love the story of Bobble because it shows the importance of being kind to everyone, especially to those who have experienced hard times.

My children really enjoy having this story read to them and it has beautiful illustrations.

I would recommend this book to everyone, big or small!

Mrs Tutty, Year 3



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Webinar: Dyslexia Awareness Week - A Parent's Guide

Thursday 9th October 2025

10:30am - 12:00 noon

Online via Teams

TO REGISTER EMAIL info@southwarkiv.co.uk

This webinar is for parent carers of children and young people who live in Southwark

Supporting Your Child's Learning Journey

Has your child recently been diagnosed with dyslexia or are you a parent concerned about your child's progress with reading, writing, or spelling? Have you noticed they're struggling with homework, or that they seem to be working harder than their peers to keep up?

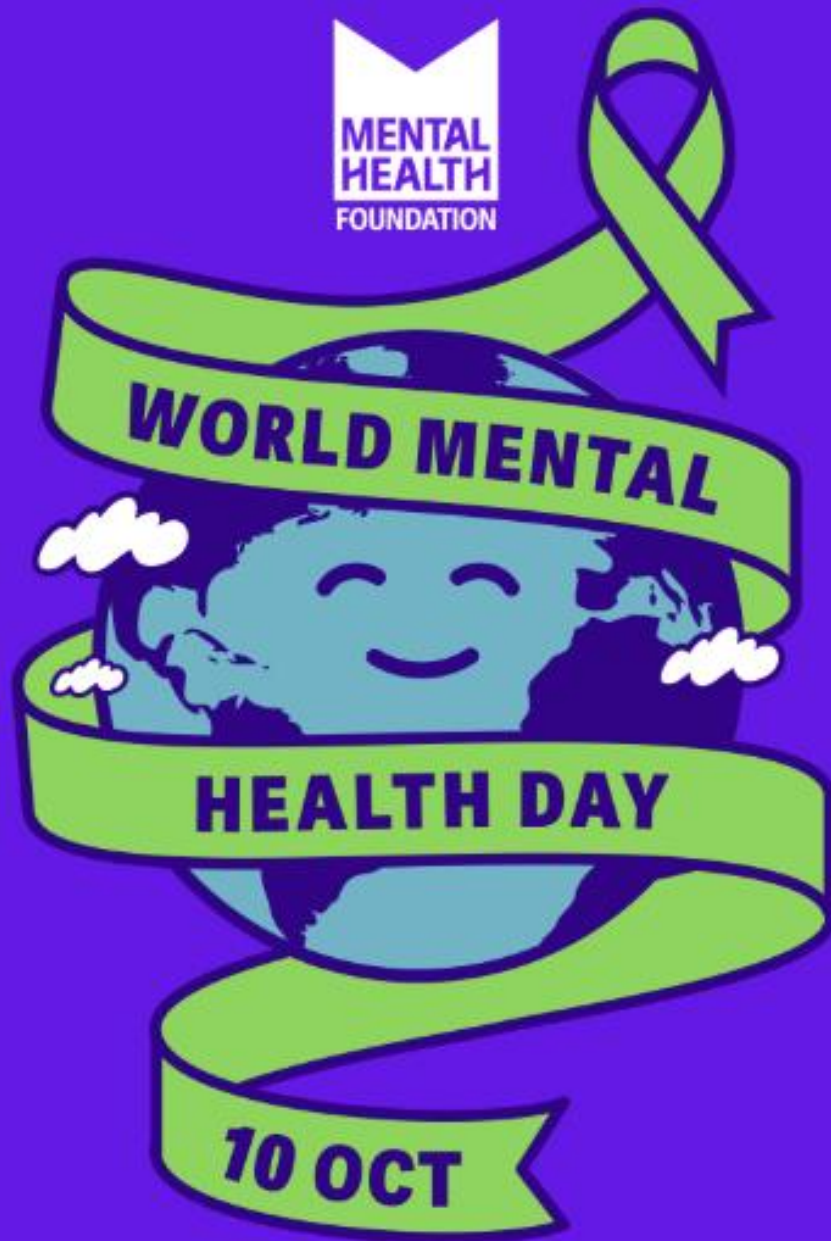
You're not alone. Many parents have the same concerns, and this session is designed to provide you with an overview of dyslexia and some easy to implement support strategies.

Join us for a 90-minute interactive workshop designed specifically for parents. We will explore:

- **Understanding Learning Differences:** We'll demystify what dyslexia and other learning difficulties are (and are not!) and provide you with a clear, jargon-free overview.
- **Recognizing the Signs:** Learn to identify common indicators of dyslexia, and how to tell the difference between typical learning challenges and those that might require additional support.
- **Practical Home Strategies:** Discover simple, effective techniques you can use at home to support your child's literacy skills and build their confidence.
- **Navigating the School System:** Get advice on how to talk to teachers and the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) to ensure your child receives the right support.

This session will also include **breakout rooms** where you can share your experiences with other parents in a safe, supportive environment. You'll leave with practical tools, a greater sense of confidence, and the knowledge that you have a community of support.

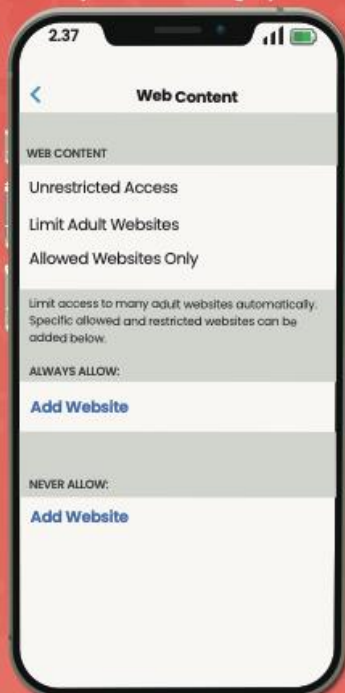
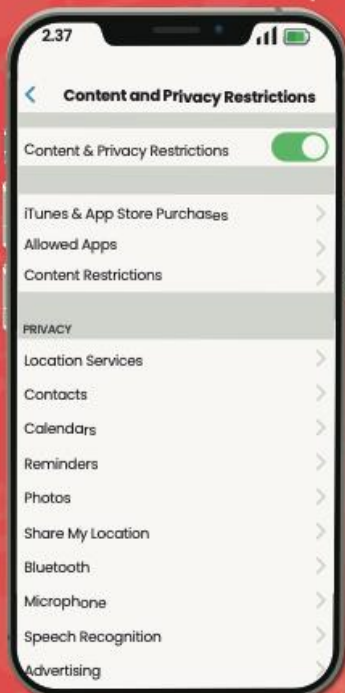
This webinar is being hosted by Southwark Independent Voice in partnership with Southwark Council and a Dyslexia Specialist



How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT iPhone



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18+ Set up content rating restrictions

Content filters keep your child from viewing unsuitable material. They block apps, films and TV shows with specific age ratings, and music and podcasts with explicit content.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Enable Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 5 Choose the Settings for each feature you wish to restrict



Set up web restrictions

Website content filters restrict age-inappropriate content on Safari. You can also blacklist certain websites or allow access only to approved sites.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 4 Tap Web Content
- 5 Choose between Unrestricted Access, Limit Adult Websites and Allowed Websites Only
- 7 Choose which websites you wish to allow/block

Set up Siri web search restrictions

You can screen out explicit language to avoid Siri displaying inappropriate results. You could also disable Siri entirely, so your child can't use it to search the web.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 5 Scroll Down to Siri
- 6 Choose to block either or both Web Search Content and Explicit Language

World Space Week

To find out more about this great week click the link

<https://www.worldspaceweek.org/about>

[Science Museum – World Space Week](#)

During World Space Week in October, the Science Museum in London runs interactive exhibitions and events about space, including special displays and immersive experiences. Science Museum

[RAF Museum London – Jet & Space Week](#)

The RAF Museum in London hosts “Jet and Space Week” with family workshops, mobile planetarium sessions, robot racing, craft sessions (e.g. helium balloon planet / spaceship craft). RAF Museum

[Astronights at the Science Museum](#)

A sleepover event for children (ages ~7–11) in the museum, with space-themed workshops, nighttime exploration, and space shows. Science Museum

[Astro Space Camp, London \(ISSET\)](#)

A multi-day space camp in London with hands-on space experiments, rocket building, live video calls with astronauts, etc. ISSET

[Children's Space Camp \(Eventbrite listing\)](#)

A themed children's space camp event featuring astronaut Q&A and space mission activities. Eventbrite

