



# Weekly Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been a great week at Grange, thanks to all of you that attended our first Winter Carol Concert which took place on Thursday. It was lovely to hear the fantastic performance from Year 1, 2 and 3. I can't wait to hear the Year 4, 5, and 6 pupils singing next week and am very excited to watch the early years nativity performance on Tuesday. Please make sure you are on time for these events to avoid disappointing your child.

### Online Safety Tip of the Week

#### Setting up parental controls and privacy settings on devices your child uses:

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings, these can help you protect your children from inappropriate content, online grooming, cyber-bullying and other online safety issues. This website has guides for setting parental controls or privacy settings for different devices, social media and search engines:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

### Ukulele concert

Well done to all of the children in Year 4 who performed in the ukulele concert on Monday. I was so amazed by the coordination and timing of the performance. It was clear to see how hard you have all worked this term. Thanks to Anna from Southwark Music Services for her help and support.

### Winter Performance Dates

The children have been working hard rehearsing for their concerts and can't wait to share with you all.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Nursery @ 10.30am**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4,5 and 6 @ 2.45pm**

### Choir

Our wonderful school choir have been very busy; this week they performed at the Southwark Stands Together concert. We received a wonderful letter congratulating them on their superb performance, well done to everyone in the Choir who performed. Thank you to Miss Emma, Ms Jo and Mr Tiplady.

Next week the choir perform again, this time to the residents of our local care home. This is an amazing opportunity for our students, and we cannot wait to hear how they get on!

### Swim Gala

Congratulations to our Grange swim team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Southwark school swim competition held at Darwin court on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We were really proud of your athletic ability. The pupils were treated to a special lunch with a famous GB medallist during this event. Thanks to the staff at Darwin Court for organising this fabulous event.

### Clubs Complete After School Service

Our after-school club provider Clubs Complete will close for the winter on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will not be any after school club provision on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure you have made alternate arrangements for this date. If you need a space at after school club, please ensure you have registered with Clubs Complete ready for the new year. The service will resume on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

<https://www.grange.southwark.sch.uk/clubscomplete-after-school-clubs/>

### Winter Class Report

Your child will receive their winter report on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This report will give you a brief overview of your child's progress for this term and will set a target for you to work on at home. Please speak with your child about their behaviour, attitude to learning and attendance to ensure they come back in January ready for a great term. You will receive an additional report in the summer term which will highlight your child's overall achievement and end of year assessments.

### Winter Holiday

School will close promptly at **2pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Please ensure you arrive on time to collect your child so that staff can get away to be with their families. All families with a child remaining at school will be charged a late collection fee for each of their children. We thank you in advance for your support.

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: Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Planet Earth	94%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Supernova	99%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Planet Earth	98%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Sky	99.6%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Moon	94.0	96.0
Star	97.3	86.7
Venus	93.8	85.2
Mars	95.0	93.0
Planet Earth	98.0	94.0
Jupiter	96.2	96.6
Galaxy	98.6	98.1
Supernova	95.0	99.0
Neptune	97.2	94.8
Aurora	98.9	98.6
Sky	99.6	94.8
Weekly attendance:	94%	

## Dates for the Diary

Important  
DATE!

Monday 15+ 16/12/25	House winners' trip
16/12/25	EY winter performance 10.30am Albert Mackenzie Hall
17/12/25	Year 4/5/6 Carol concert 2.45pm Albert Mackenzie Hall
18/12/25	Class Parties (PM)
19/12/25	Reports sent to parents
19/12/25	Last day – school closes at 2pm
06/01/26	Children return to school



## Mathletics



Winning Class: Aurora Class  
School's total points: 84,071



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### Word of the Week

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

**W Shinobi Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** lavish

**Pronunciation / Syllables:** (lav-ish)

**Word Class:** (adjective)

**Definition:**  
If you describe something as lavish, you mean that it is very elaborate and impressive and a lot of money has been spent on it.

**The dinner staff had prepared a lavish Christmas dinner.**

**Synonym:** luxurious, sumptuous    **Antonym:** meagre, barren    **Prefix / Suffix:** -ly, -ed    **Rhyme:** wish, ravish    **Link Word:** feel, brace

### 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 price of greatness is responsibility" - Winston Churchill



**Happy Birthday to you!**



First Name	Age	Class
Sheriffdeen	Supernova	9
Martina	Jupiter	8
Jannat	Neptune	10



### 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.

**Up**



### Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?





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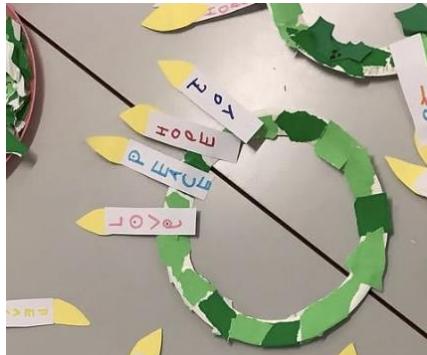
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## Class Gallery

### Year 2 – Mars Class

Mars class made Advent wreaths as part of our RE topic, 'What do candles mean to us?'



### Year 3 – Jupiter Class

Year 3 used papier-mâché to create masks based on the art of Ancient Egypt. Next week we will paint our masks and add embellishments.





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# Rewards

## Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Responsibility**

**Year 1 and Year 2**

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
VENUS	Ava	For consistently keeping her classroom tidy and organising the resources so that her friends have a nice class.
EARTH	Tiana	For taking responsibility for her things and helping her friends to do the same.
MARS	Nasir	For taking responsibility over his work and doing it to the best of his ability.
Class	Writer of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Sikario	For forming simple sentences using an adjective to describe the characters feeling.
EARTH	Nancy	For an amazing informative newsletter about the Great Fire of London
MARS	Hunter	For his fabulous independent write, retelling our story with new characters
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Izaiah	For demonstrating good part - whole and using our sentence stems.
EARTH	Aaliyah	For amazing effort in using the column method
MARS	Sako	For trying really hard using our new column method
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
VENUS	Kushaine	For really trying to read with prosody in his reading this week.
EARTH	Sheka	For effort progress in reading using his phonic sounds
MARS	Francis	For his fabulous reading this week



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## Rewards

### Years 3 to 6

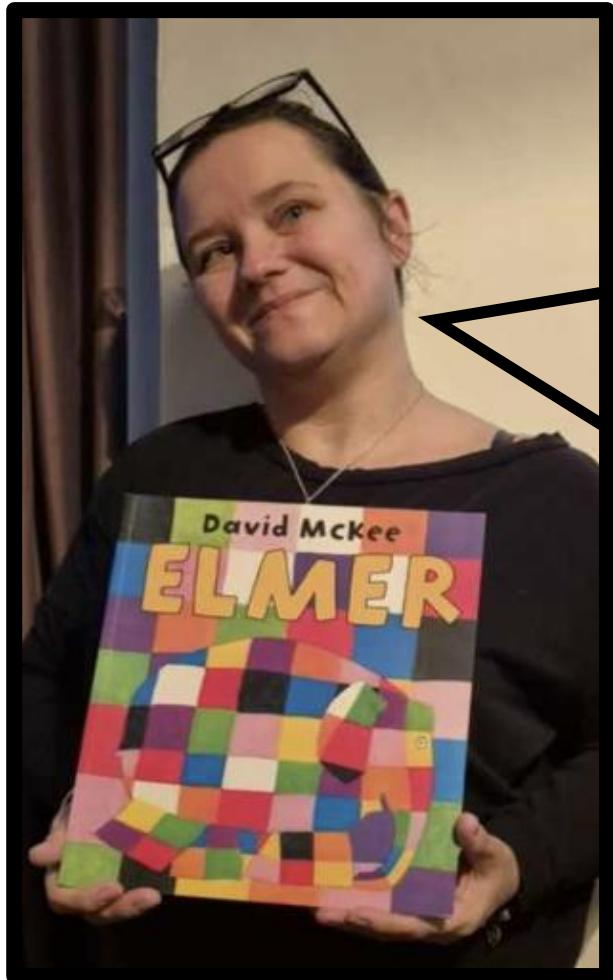
Core Value: **Responsibility**

**Years 3 to 6**

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Alice	For taking responsibility for her learning and trying hard not to get distracted.
GALAXY	Sherlyn	For always taking responsibility for her learning!
SUPERNOVA	Shahira	for always helping others and trying her best with her learning!
NEPTUNE	Imran	For taking responsibility and trying to improve his reading.
AURORA	Rayaan	For his maturity in class and for helping others.
SKY	Mark-Aurel	For trying hard to make the right choices.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Jake	For his brilliant retelling storytelling and fantastic factual information.
SUPERNOVA	Calvin	For writing a brilliant newspaper article about Ernest Shackleton!
GALAXY	Ainhoa	For a huge effort with her newspaper report about Ernest Shackleton!
NEPTUNE	Emmanuel	For trying hard to improve his presentation.
AURORA	Elliott	For his brilliant use of sophisticated vocabulary
SKY	Ayaat	Writing a great diary entry
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Ibrahim	For his brilliant effort in maths and always contributing to class discussions.
GALAXY	Samyra	For great work on area this week!
SUPERNOVA	Yarran	For working hard in maths term!
NEPTUNE	Liam	For trying hard to recognise equivalent fractions.
AURORA	Alice	For making great improvements
SKY	Jimmy	Getting great results in his assessments.
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Khalil	For his progress in reading.
GALAXY	Isaac	For reading every morning in school before lessons start!
SUPERNOVA	Woomy	For amazing progress in his reading!
NEPTUNE	David	For using fantastic expression when reading aloud.
AURORA	Yassin	For always supporting his answers with evidence
SKY	Kandji	Using evidence to support his answers.

# 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 chose the book Elmer, by David McKee because it shows compassion and friendship. As much as Elmer is happy with his patch work appearance among the other grey elephants, he still tries to hide. I recommend this book to children in the EYFS, but anyone can enjoy Elmer as we are all unique.

- Miss Clare

# Christmas at Grange

Date	Time	Event
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Day	Pantomime visiting – see cover nearer the time for timings
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30 – 5.15PM	School winter fair
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45pm	Yr 1,2 and 3 carol concert to parents
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	AM	House winners prize to east Dulwich Picture House – Polar Express Yr 1,2,3
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Time TBC	House winner's prize to Canary Warf ice rink yr 4,5,6
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30	EYFS winter performance to parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45pm	Yr 4,5 and 6 carol concert to parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PM	Class parties
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PM	Reports sent to parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm	School closes early for the holiday
05/01/25	8.45am	Inset Day
06/01/25	8.45am	Children return



# THANK YOU FOR BEING ALL KINDS OF AMAZING



Thank you to the local businesses who supported  
our Winter Fair!

TESCO, MANZE'S PIE & MASH,  
KING OF FALAFEL, LEYLAND HIRE, RUBY NAILS



AND

A MASSIVE THANKS TO OUR PARENTS &  
CARERS WHO SO GENEROUSLY DONATED  
ITEMS FOR THE FAIR AND TO EVERYONE WHO  
CAME AND ENJOYED THE FUN.

We raised a fabulous £601!!

Merry Christmas!



# DARWIN COURT SWIM GALA

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place win for Grange! Well Done!



# Southwark Food and Fun

This winter, the council is funding **free holiday clubs** for children and young people aged 4 – 16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals. There are 29 locations to choose from, and this year's programme runs from **Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 2026** (excluding weekends and bank holidays).

Each programme will provide:

- free, nutritious and tasty food everyday
- fun physical activity sessions
- a wide range of other exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families

[\*\*A map of all our funded holiday clubs is available here.\*\*](#)

Spaces are limited, so if you are eligible for the programme book a place. For more information take a look at this [promotional video](#).

Parents of eligible children can book a place at [www.eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun](http://www.eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun).



# small wonder



wonderful news

All-age  
Christmas Celebration of Hope

Haddon Hall Baptist Church

Sunday 14th December

Coffee and mince pies at 10am

10.30 start



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[office@haddonhall.net](mailto:office@haddonhall.net)



JOIN US FOR

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

21 DECEMBER

6.30PM AT HADDON HALL BAPTIST CHURCH

22 TOWER BRIDGE ROAD

Please come and join us

