



Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Friday, 8th January 2026



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,
Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see you all this week and welcome the children back to school. We hope you enjoyed the break, are well rested and ready for a new term. We have a short but busy term ahead.

Homework and class newsletters

This term's homework and class newsletters were handed out today and sent to you all on Arbor. Please make sure you read them carefully, PE times have changed for some classes, and you will be able to find out about the topics your child will be studying this term.

Attendance

Please remember it is your legal duty as a parent to ensure your child attends school daily. It is tempting with rising living costs to take your child out of school for holidays, however this can result in statutory fines and involvement from Family Early Help. Please ensure you report any absences to the office before 9am to make sure they are reported in line with our absence reporting system. If your child's attendance falls below 90% you will receive a letter regarding absence and in some cases, you will be invited to meet myself and/or the local authority to discuss ways in which we can support you further.

Internet safety

A number of children have been using the internet in an unsafe/derogative way. Please make sure you are checking your child's browsing history to make sure they are researching items that are appropriate for their age. Any inappropriate use of the computers at school will result in an internal exclusion and we will be contacting you to let you know.

Cold Weather

It has been very cold this week so please remember to wrap your child up for the chillier conditions. Please make sure their name is clearly written on coats, scarves, hats and gloves to ensure items get back to the correct owners.

Chickenpox

We have had several children absent with chickenpox this week. Please remember your children are no longer contagious once spots have appeared and are scabbed over. As long as your child feels better once scabs have formed, they are welcome to return to school. For more information about Chickenpox please click the link.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Term events

This term we have several events to look forward to. In January the children will be learning about Holocaust Memorial Day, the Lunar New Year and taking part in National Storytelling Week. In February we will celebrate Number Day, Safer Internet Day and Mental Health Week. Please make sure you keep an eye out for more information.

Parent Workshops / Events

This term we will be running the following parent workshops. Please add the dates to your diaries.

30th Jan – Yr 6 SATs workshop for parents

4th Feb – Yr 1 phonics screening check

6th Feb – EYFS Number Day celebration event

13th Feb – Whole school Tutorial Day

Online Safety Tip of the Week

It is important that we keep up with technology especially in order to help keep our children safe. Research shows that involving parents and carers in a child's digital journey increases the impact of online safety education, helps children thrive online, alleviates parental concerns. We will be running some online safety parent workshops later in the year but until then please see details for a free online safety webinar. Did you know 76% of children have shared an inappropriate image online and 30% of 5-7 year olds have a social media account?

<https://natterhub.com/online-safety-parent-workshop>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Class Oracy Assemblies

We are excited to announce and invite you to our class oracy assemblies which will be taking place this term. Each week starting on Monday 12th Jan with Earth Class, a class will hold a special oracy assembly. This assembly will focus on presenting skills. We will be supporting your children when speaking in front of an audience by teaching them about stance, voice projection, clarity of voice and tone and performing to an audience. The assemblies will last between 10 – 15 minutes and we welcome parents from the performing class to attend. We will send the timetable of assemblies out to parents on Monday, and it is likely that teachers will send home lines to learn in advance so please help your child learn their part.

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

Spring Term Attendance



School year: Spring Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Mars	89.5%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Sky	94.1%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Mars	98%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Supernova	99%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Moon	92.0	98.0
Star	97.3	88.0
Venus	94.6	88.2
Mars	98.0	89.5
Planet Earth	95.2	88.6
Jupiter	96.2	84.1
Galaxy	97.1	93.8
Supernova	99.0	88.0
Neptune	95.2	93.1
Aurora	97.9	93.6
Sky	97.4	94.1
Weekly attendance:		90.3%

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

06/01/26	Children return
09/1/26	Class newsletters and new homework project sent to parents
27/1/26	Holocaust Memorial Day
31 st - 8 th Feb 26	National Story Telling Week
04/2/26	Phonics screening parent morning - yr 1
06/2/26	Number Day
06/02/26	Early Years celebration morning - Number
WB 9/2/26	Children's mental health week
WB 9/2/26	Classes to learn about Lunar New Year (17.2.26)
10/2/26	Safer Internet Day
13/2/26	Tutorial Day - school closed for children
Half Term	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February

House Winners

Tim PEAKE		425
Stephanie WILSON		385
Neil ARMSTRONG		398
Helen SHARMAN		359
Bernard HARRIS		379



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Aurora Class**
School's total points: **82,641**



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Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: compassionate Word Class (adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables (com-pas-sion-ate)

Definition:

If you describe someone or something as compassionate, you mean that they feel or show pity, sympathy, and understanding for people who are suffering.

She showed **compassion** by helping up Jen up.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
caring	heartless	un-	passionate	act
warm	mean	-ly		person

Value of the Week

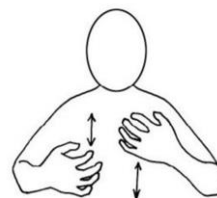
The value of the week this week was "HOPE". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"Hope is able to see that there is light despite all the darkness." (Desmond Tutu)



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.



Exciting

Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Age	Class
Izaiah	Venus	6
Francis	Mars	7
Billion	Planet Earth	7
Alpha	Sky	11
Knadia	Galaxy	9
Frankie Lee	Sun (Star)	4
Yousef	Mars	7
Woomy	Supernova	9



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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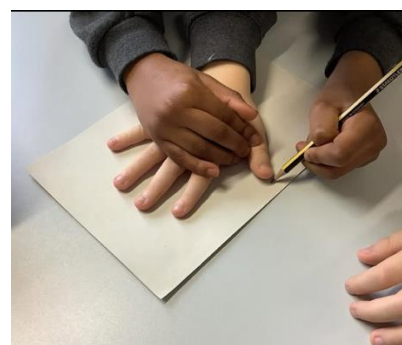
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Class Gallery

Year 3 –Jupiter Class

Year 3 started the new term with lots of collaborative work! They started the term by sharing their goals for 2026 and then worked in pairs to create a collage of handprints depicting what makes us special ✨



Year 1,2 and 3

Many of the children were lucky enough to see and feel the spattering of snow this week. It was great observing the children having such fun experimenting with the weather!





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
VENUS	Eyad	For becoming a wonderful part of our class and settling in so beautifully.
EARTH	Aaliyah	For being really focused and having a great first week back
MARS	Hunter	For trying so hard to perfect his handwriting without giving up!
Class	Writer of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Mina	For spelling new words by breaking down the word in our sensory writing session.
EARTH	Ibrahim	For using finger space independently
MARS	Bambi	For her fabulous adjectives to describe our villain!
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Luna	For confidently answering subtraction questions and checking them using her resources.
EARTH	Khajiah	For confidently solving subtraction problems this week.
MARS	Ifza	For having such pride in her maths work
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
VENUS	Halimah	For reading with confidence, clarity and a brave voice in class.
EARTH	Nkateko	For reading with expression this week.
MARS	Francis	For reading aloud during our lesson



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Harley	For always finding the positive in any situation.
GALAXY	Yalldah	For settling in her new class really well
SUPERNOVA	Chanel	For always trying her best and being a caring friend to others
NEPTUNE	Hosna	For being a kind and caring member of the class.
AURORA	Ibrahim	For his great effort in all areas of learning
SKY	Saihaan	For always willing to help his peers
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Gift	For her brilliant descriptive sentences using onomatopoeia.
SUPERNOVA	Santana	For using creative noun phrases in his setting description
GALAXY	Issam	Taking time to think about his sentences before writing them in his book
NEPTUNE	Sabrina	Excellent effort when participating in a debate.
AURORA	Toddreic	For his excellent work on ancient Greece
SKY	Slawanos	Working hard when doing noun phrases.
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Henry	For his brilliant effort in maths and using the learning environment to help him.
GALAXY	Leah	For great work on multiplying by 10
SUPERNOVA	Alpha	For great work finding factor pairs this week!
NEPTUNE	Azion	Fantastic effort converting improper and mixed fractions.
AURORA	Yassin	For dividing decimals with great accuracy
SKY	Jamal	Working extremely hard when converting fractions to decimals
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Joey	For his progress in reading and his improved fluency.
GALAXY	Aisling	For great reading in our reading lessons
SUPERNOVA	Hana	For using retrieval skills to answer questions about our new story.
NEPTUNE	Kamil	For being a very enthusiastic reader.
AURORA	Alice	For her excellent scientific presentation
SKY	Amadou	Reading clearly and confidently out loud.



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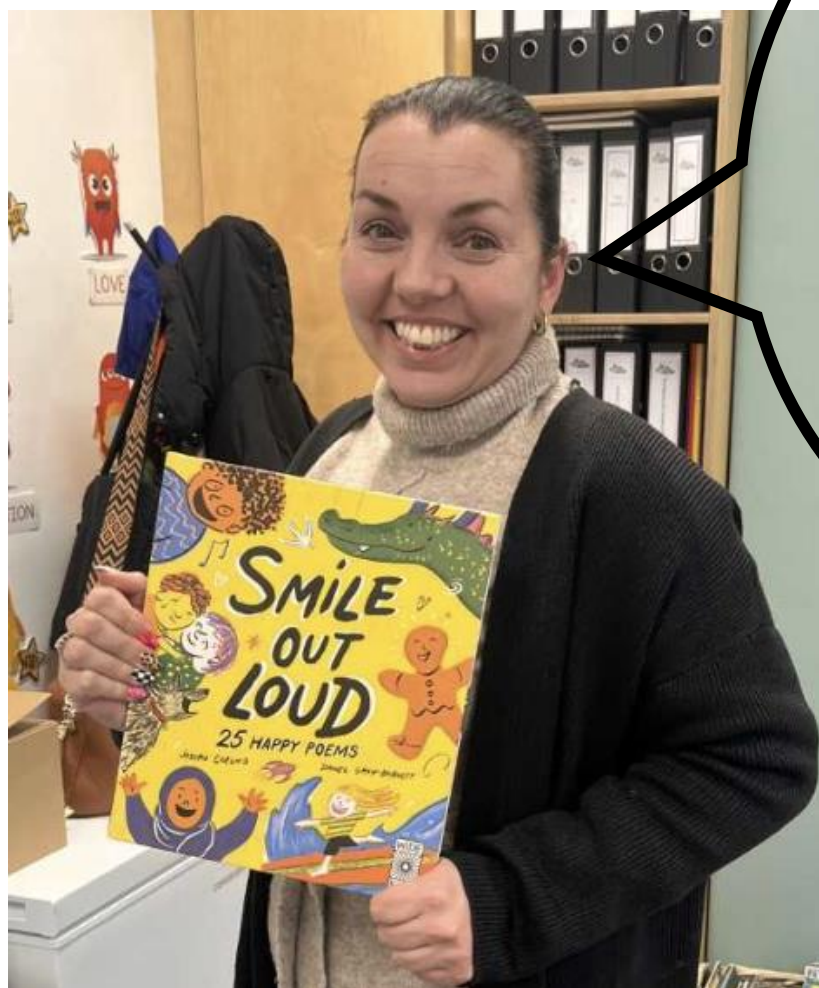
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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

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 collection of poems in this book; it certainly makes me smile out loud each time I read a poem. I would recommend this text to any age. If you would like to have a read, please pop into my office to borrow this witty text!

Miss Benjamins



Southwark Leisure

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You're invited to our FREE Open Day on 10 January!

Start the year feeling good 💙 Join us for a fun, friendly day for all the family designed to help you move more, relax more, and try something new, whatever your fitness level.

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