



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 18th September 2026



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have had a great week at Grange. Your children worked very hard and sat their first assessments of the year. This assessment helps us to check your child's end of year grades to see if there are any gaps. We are then able to plan lessons to suit the needs of the individual learners in each class.

Next week each teacher will be set targets for their class which will be shared with you during parents evening.

Tuck Shop

One of our lovely parents will be selling hot chocolate and snacks every Friday after school (weather dependent). All snacks will cost £1. A percentage of money made will be given to the school. Please help by treating your child.

Curriculum Update

All classes started their new topics this week. Please help them by discussing the vocabulary on the knowledge organisers which we sent home via Arbor.

Reception + Nursery – All about Me

Year 1 – Local Area and London Landmarks

Year 2 – UK Study

Year 3 – My Locality

Year 4 – The UK over time

Year 5 – Britain and Beyond

Year 6 – Global Citizens

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 the education welfare team. Please ensure you report any absences to the office before 9am to make sure they are reported in line with our absence reporting system. Absence will be listed on your child's school report both before we break for the winter holiday in December and again in July. 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 with attendance for the upcoming year.

Harvest Food Collection

This year we will be supporting local food banks by collecting dried and tinned foods, toiletries and baby products. Each class will be provided with a collection box; they will be encouraged to fill their class box. Classes who collect the most items will win a prize so please help them to bring in a few items for the class collection! Our donations will be given to the Pecan Harvest Drop Off Day (see information at the end of the newsletter)

<https://www.pecan.org.uk/rachel-leigh-pantry/>

School Council

Last week the children in classes from year 2 -6 voted for their class school councillor. School councillors have an important job to do at our school. They meet each half term to discuss improvements they wish to make to our school, raise vital funds for school improvement and suggest ways to keep the curriculum exciting and engaging. Last Friday in our celebration assembly the children were awarded with their school council badge. Congratulations to the following children;

Year 2 – Shahinaz

Year 3 – Nkateko and Amanatu

Year 4 – Hannan

Year 5 – Ainhwa and Safura

Year 6 – Scarlett and Akram

Junior Technicians

This year we have been fortunate to purchase new iPads and Chromebooks to use during our computing lessons. These items were very costly to the school, so we want to look after them carefully. Last week each class in year 6 voted for our school Junior technicians. These children will be responsible for ensuring the equipment is charged each day and ready for learning! Congratulations to Janat, Sabrina, George and Azion!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

It is important that we keep up with technology especially 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>

Late Collection

Please remember we will be charging for any child that is collected late. A £5 on the spot charge will be required if you are late to collect your child between 3.35pm and 3.45pm. A further charge of £1 will be added each minute for any child collected after 3.45pm. The school is no longer responsible for after school club. If you need to book your child into after school club, please register them using the link below

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

I 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 Class Winners of The Week

School Year Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Venus	99.7
Attendance KS2 Winner	Neptune	98.9
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Venus	98.2
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Neptune	98.9
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance %
Venus	98.2	99.7
Earth	96.2	93.5
Saturn	97.9	94.2
Jupiter	97.4	92.1
Galaxy	97.7	98.5
Pluto	95.2	98.6
Neptune	98.9	98.9
Sky	98.4	98.8
Whole school	97.5%	96.8%

Dates for the Diary



21/09/26	Open morning – new starters
25/09/26	SEND parents coffee morning- 9am- Middle Hall
25/09/26	Y1/Y2 – Reading parents coffee afternoon introduction to Reading together – parent/child reading sessions- 2.45pm AM Hall
25/09/26	National Teaching Assistant Day 2025
28/09/26	Reading together parent sessions begin for KS1 pm + EYFS am
30/09/26	Individual photos
01/10/26 – 31/10/26	Black History month
01/10/26	National Poetry Day (https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk) Lisa
05/10/26	World Teachers Day
06/10/26	Nursery REAL Homestart play with me session
07/10/26	YR3/4 – Reading parents coffee morning– 9am - AM hall
08/10/26	YR5/6 - Reading parents coffee morning– 9am - AM hall
09/10/26	Year 6 residential meeting – Steph 2.45pm – AM hall
09/10/26	Open morning – new starters
19/10/26 & 21/10/26	Parents evening (3.45 – 7.00) (3.45 – 7.00)(Mon + Wednesday)
23/10/26	Big Draw Day and parent event

Weekly House Winners

Neil ARMSTRONG		549
Bernard HARRIS		528
Tim PEAKE		526
Helen SHARMAN		532
Stephanie WILSON		549



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Pluto Class**

School's total points: **61,200**



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Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **precaution** Word Class (noun)
Pronunciation / Syllables (pre-cau-tion)

Definition:

A precaution is an action that is intended to prevent something dangerous or unpleasant from happening.



Mr Hinds wore goggles and a helmet as a **precaution**.

Synonym: safeguard
Antonym: neglect
Prefix / Suffix: -s
Rhyme: caution
Link Word: take necessary
defence thoughtlessness -ary

Value of the Week

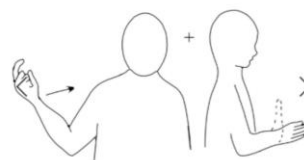
The value of the week this week was "cooperation". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is a process, working together is success"
(Henry Ford)



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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Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Tiana	JUPITER	8
Aya	SKY	11
Muhammad	VENUS	6
Niyaz	VENUS	6
Luciana	SATURN	8
Emily	VENUS	6



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

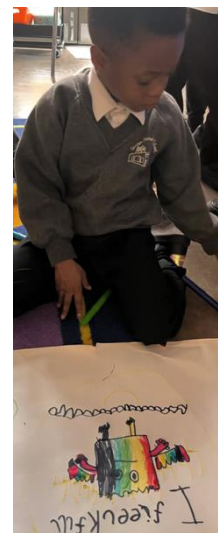
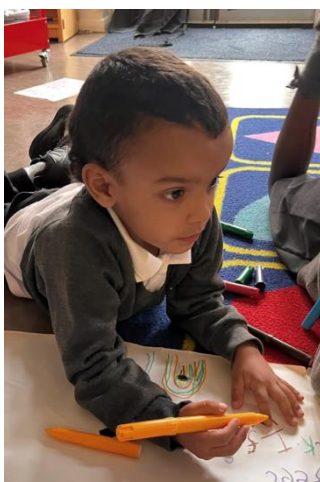
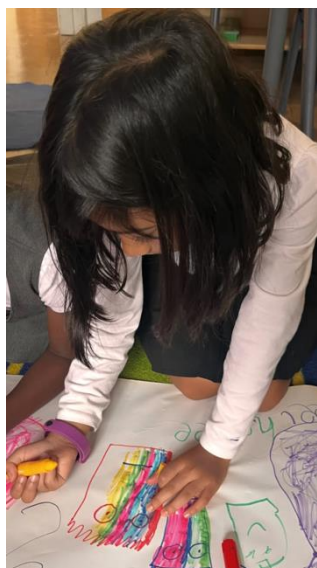
Reception/Nursery - Moon Class

Moon Class have been strengthening their finger muscles this week with lots of fine motor activities 🖐



Year 1- Venus Class

Year 1 started their new book 'The Colour Monster'. The children worked on their oracy skills by saying how they felt and listened to one another. They then spent some time drawing their colour monster and writing their feeling.





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Sarwar	For co-operating in English and reading The Colour Monster with expression to the whole class
Planet Earth	Reily	For always working well with her classmates

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Isabel	For writing good sentences about her feelings and using 'because'.
Planet Earth	Stephanie	For writing accurate sentences beginning with "When"

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Jameerah	For good explanations when explaining her answers.
Planet Earth	Mina	For counting in 10s with improved accuracy!

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Shehrooz	For blending unfamiliar words.
Planet Earth	Halimah	For reading multiple times at home!



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Manel	For working well with all her classmates.
GALAXY	Suhaila	working well with pupils in her class
SATURN	Amanatu	for helping others and being a great talk partner
PLUTO	Max	Trying hard to work well with others.
NEPTUNE	Santana	For working well with your classmates and being a good leader.
SKY	George	Great effort in his assessments.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Bambi	For her creative descriptions of the circus.
GALAXY	Aila	For great sentences with adverbial phrases!
SATURN	Eva	for her wonderful ideas to describe the circus
PLUTO	Isaac	Writing thoughtful questions about Beowulf.
NEPTUNE	Isabella	For extending yourself to write detailed responses.
SKY	Hosna	Using clues to give great predictions about a book.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Lainey	For a great effort in her Maths Assessments this week!
GALAXY	Joey	For working hard in our maths lessons!
SATURN	Nancy	for great reasoning this week
PLUTO	Suleman	Excellent effort on a Maths test.
NEPTUNE	Zane	For your terrific answers
SKY	Eimy	Great effort in her maths assessment.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Tiana	For making a great start with her home reading! Keep it up!
GALAXY	Zendaya	For showing great independence during our guided reading lessons!
SATURN	Fatima	for thoughtful responses in guided reading this week
NEPTUNE	Betsie	For excellent effort in a reading test
PLUTO	Safura	For reading the class text with expression and enthusiasm.
SKY	Charlotte-Rose	For great explanations during a poetry lesson

Parent/ Carer Information and Support

Date: 15/09/2026



121a Peckham High Street,
London, SE15 5SE
tel. 020 7732 0007

Pecan Harvest Drop-Off Day Harvest Festival 2026

Dear School,

Harvest Festival 2026

Last year, Southwark Foodbank provided food to 6,992 adults and 2,578 children in our local community. Behind these numbers are people experiencing financial hardship, including challenges such as rising household costs, insecure income and unemployment

This Harvest, we're inviting schools to come together to support **both of Pecan's food services – Southwark Foodbank and Peckham Pantry.**

At Peckham Pantry, we support roughly **1,700 households each year**. For £5, households can access more than £15 worth of food, helping household incomes stretch further.

This year, your support will particularly help people who rely on our food services more frequently and may be experiencing greater financial hardship. For many people, food insecurity is not an isolated issue. It can be linked to rising household costs, insecure income, unemployment and other barriers that make it difficult to move out of poverty.

That is why our food services are part of Pecan's wider approach to **Financial Resilience and Food Security**. Alongside immediate food support, people can connect with our employment, community and other services, helping them build greater independence, stability and resilience for the longer term.



Harvest Drop-Off Day

Tuesday 20 October 2026

10am-12.30pm



Shopping List

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned fish

Cereal

Tinned vegetables

Biscuits

Tinned fruit

Tinned non-pork meat

Long-life juice

Long-life milk (whole)



Bermondsey & Rotherhithe Locality

South Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, Ellen Brown & Pilgrims' Way

Southwark Family Hubs



FAMILY HUBS



UK Government



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PARENTING COURSES
Chattertime 1-5 years South Bermondsey 10:00am – 11:30am 14th September – 19th October 2026 Meet a speech and language therapist and practise general communication strategies with your child. Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months South Bermondsey 1:30pm – 2:15pm	Parent Advice and Support South Bermondsey 10:00am – 4:00pm Email or call to make an appointment 0207 358 2878 familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk Advice on housing, SEND, navigating Southwark services. All members of staff are available to assist or signpost to 'What's on in the Best Start Family Hub'.	Southwark Housing Advice Clinic 9:00am – 4:00pm South Bermondsey 9th September 2026 & 14th October 2026 For more details and to book a place please email familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk	Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months South Bermondsey 1:30pm – 2:15pm	Adolescent Sure Start Team Drop In 11+ years 2:30pm to 5:00pm South Bermondsey Every week Citizen Advice Advisor 10:00am to 4:00pm South Bermondsey Email to book an appointment familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk or call 0207 358 2878 Rose Vouchers Collection South Bermondsey 9:30am – 12:00 noon Rose@VOUCHERS fruit&veg	Fussy Eating Workshop - Henry Programme 10:00am – 12 noon South Bermondsey 29th September 2026 To book or more details for Starting Solids Workshop and Fussy Eating Workshops please email below gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net Toilet Training Workshop 15 months + 10:00am – 11:30am South Bermondsey 22nd October 2026 For more details and to book a place please email familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Little Crocs Football 22 months - 3 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11:00am Please book your place familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk	Little Steps to Nursery 18 months – 2 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11:30am 10 week themed sessions for parents and children Introduction sessions 15th September – 29th September to book your place. Full 10 week programme starts on 6th October. Baby Boogie Miles 0-12 months Rotherhithe 2:00pm – 2:45pm	Play Together (Twin & Triplet group) 0-3 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11:30am	Breastfeeding Café Infant Feeding Drop in Rotherhithe 10:00am – 12 noon Walk & Talk Group walking in Southwark Park WEATHER PERMITTING Meet outside Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre 1:30pm – 2:15pm	*CHANGE: check age of your child for the correct group Toddler Boogie Miles 1-2 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 10:45am Toddler Boogie Miles 2-4 years Rotherhithe 11:30am – 12:15pm	Outdoor Play (Messy Play) (weather permitting) 2-5 years 19TH September 3rd October 17th October 10:00am – 11:30am If raining the group will be cancelled. 'Welcome to Parenthood' Support Group BOOKING ONLY New group starts in November 2026 Email to book your place familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk
					Sunday Junior Park Run every Sunday – 9am 4-11 years Free, fun and friendly 2K run in the park. Southwark Park, Gomm Road, SE16 2TX. southwarkjuniors@parkrun.com

Ellen Brown

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Little Steps to Nursery 18 months – 2 years Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am 10 week themed sessions for parents and children 10-week themed sessions for parents and children Introduction sessions 14th September – 28th September to book your place. Full 10-week programme starts on 5th October. Tiny Moments – Baby Group 0-12 months Ellen Brown 1:30pm – 2:30pm	Stay & Play (Childminders ONLY group) 12 months + Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am NO GROUP ON 13TH OCTOBER 2026 Rose Vouchers Collection Ellen Brown 9:30am – 12:00 noon ROSE VOUCHERS fruit&veg Starting Solids Workshop Henry Programme 10:00am – 12 noon Ellen Brown 10:00am – 12 noon 13th October 2026 To book or more details for Starting Solids Workshop and Fussing Eating Workshops please email below gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net	Toddler Steps to Nursery 2-3 years Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am 10 week themed sessions for parents and children 10-week themed sessions for parents and children Introduction sessions 16th September – 30th September to book your place. Full 10-week programme starts on 7th October. Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months Ellen Brown 1:30pm – 2:15pm	17th Sept – 1st Oct * Limited time Tiny Moments – Baby Group 0-12 months Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am Melodies for Mums 0-9 months Ellen Brown 8th October until 10th December 2026 Free weekly group singing sessions for new mothers (and their babies) to boost emotional and mental wellbeing. Email to join group or for more information. melodies@breatheahr.org 0203 290 2013	Little Explorers 12-18 months Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am	26th September 10th October Toddler Boogie Mites Group 1 1-2 years Ellen Brown 10:00 – 10:45 am Toddler Boogie Mites Group 2 2-4 years Ellen Brown 11:15am – 12:00 noon

If you have any concerns or would like advice on your child's development, appointments to speak with a SEND practitioner can be arranged by speaking with any member of staff or email familyhub@pilgrimsaway.southwark.sch.uk or call 0207 358 2878



We would like to keep EVERYONE safe and healthy, and some groups have a limited number of families permitted in our centres.

We kindly ask everyone **NOT** to use their mobile phones whilst in our sessions. This is for safeguarding purposes, and it is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child/ren.

South Bermondsey Children and Family Hub

Tenda Road, London, SE16 3PN

Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

145 Grange Road (Spa Park) SE1 3EU

Pilgrims' Way Children and Family Centre

Tustin Estate, Manor Grove, SE15 1EF

Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Southwark Park (Hawkstone Road entrance) SE16 2PF

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

familyhub@pilgrimsaway.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our website for further information

br-cc.org.uk



Free Vitamin D

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

If you live in Southwark and have a child under 5, you can register to receive a FREE book every month until their 5th birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun. Check your eligibility and sign up on the Dolly Parton Website.

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>



50 Things To Do Before Five!

Download the app or visit the website for free fun activities to do with your child and have fun, play, and learn.

Website: <https://50thingstodo.org/>

SOUTHWARK START FOR LIFE offer includes help with:



- Feeding your baby ✓
- Making friends and connections ✓
- Mental health & wellbeing ✓
- Building relationships with your baby ✓
- Support for children special needs & disabilities ✓
- Early education at home ✓
- Everyday parenting challenges ✓
- Accessing information, advice, and your free childcare offer ✓

<https://services.southwark.gov.uk/>



All sessions are free of charge. For more information about our sessions and services please contact familyhub@pilgrimsaway.southwark.sch.uk 0207 358 2878 South Bermondsey Best Start Hub, Tenda Road, London, SE16 3PN

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM

We're working with **PECAN**, our local community partner, to give families **eligible for free school meals** access to brand new school uniform.

Simply come along to one of our drop-in sessions at the Ann Bernadt Centre, 9 Chandler Way, London SE15 6DT

No appointment or referral needed.
Drop-in from **10.00am** to **1.00pm** on:

Week 1

Tuesday 15 September
Wednesday 16 September
Thursday 17 September

Week 2

Tuesday 22 September
Wednesday 23 September
Thursday 24 September

Can't make these dates?

No problem, scan the QR code below.

SCAN ME!



To help as many families as possible items are limited to **two of each item per child**, while stocks last.

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 [@southwarkcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/southwarkcouncil)

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