



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 11th September 2026



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and welcome to our Reception starters! It has been a fantastic first full week and great to meet all the new starters and welcome everyone back. I do hope you all had a lovely holiday; the children have enjoyed sharing some of their exciting adventures with us all. It has been lovely visiting your children in their classes this week and hearing all about their holidays. There is a lot happening this term so please make sure you read the newsletter weekly. As always if you wish to meet with me or any other member of staff please call the office to arrange an appointment.

Welcome

There are a few new faces this year so please make them feel welcome when you see them. Mr. Rogan Horsefield is our new premises officer; Mr Matthew Hubbard has joined us as the new teacher in year 5 and Miss Fiona Fiarweather has joined the team in year 3. I am sure you will make them feel part of the Grange community.

Meet the teacher

Thanks to the few parents that attended our meet the teacher sessions this week. It was nice for you to get to know your child's teacher and learn about the events this term. If you missed these meetings the presentations will be available for you on the school website by the end of next week you can find out the information by visiting our parent coffee morning/workshop [page](#) on the school website.

Homework

You should have received your child's topic homework scrap book, homework sheet, class newsletter and a reading book and diary for their book bag. Please support your child and read with them as often as you can. Prizes and awards are given for reading at home. We recommend reading every day for at least 10minutes, however we understand many of you work and this might not be possible. If this is the case perhaps read multiple times at the weekend and sign the diary each time you read together! Reading egg, and Mathletics passwords will be printed and given out by the end of next week. Weekly maths homework will be set by class teachers in year 2-6 for children to complete.

This year children will be completing a weekly spelling assessment so please look out for information about this coming soon.

Water bottles

All classes have a box for children to store their water bottles in class. These boxes are taken to the playground for children to refill at lunch and play. Please ensure you provide a labelled water bottle for your children each day.

Uniform

We will hold a nearly new uniform sale next Friday 18th where you will be able to pick up some uniform if you need any. Please remember to dress your child in full school uniform daily. Children are expected to wear dark grey bottoms (skirt, shorts or trousers) a white polo shirt or shirt and tie, a school jumper or cardigan. At the end of the newsletter there is a flyer for some free uniform so please check this out!

PE days

Please remember to send your child's PE kit to school each week on a Monday and remind your child to bring it home for a wash on Friday. Children in nursery, reception and year 1 may come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE. PE kits are part of our uniform. Children are expected to wear black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt. PE kits should be labelled with your child's name and class.

Well school

This year we will be focussing on our mental health and looking at ways to squeeze in an additional 15minutes of exercise each day. As part of this once a week your child will run a 15minute mile. This will take place before registration from 8.50 – 9.05. You are invited to join your class for this run to model keeping fit – healthy body/ healthy mind! We will send a separate poster out advertising the times for each class so please be sure to join in!

Walking home alone 2026-27

If you have a child in **year 5 or 6** and you wish for them to walk home alone this will only be authorised once we have permission in writing from you. Please email the school office to request the walk home alone form.

office@grange.southwark.sch.uk

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Talk about it:

TikTok is designed for teenagers and adults, not primary-age children, and it can expose younger pupils to content and interactions they may not be ready to understand or manage. Children can quickly come across unsuitable videos, unsafe challenges, strong language, advertising, pressure to copy trends, or comments from strangers. The fast-scrolling nature of the app can also make it hard for children to stop watching, affecting sleep, concentration and wellbeing. Although TikTok has safety settings and an age limit of 13, these protections are not a replacement for parental supervision. Parents should talk regularly with their child about what they see online, set clear boundaries around screen time, check privacy settings, and make sure children know never to share personal information or communicate with people they do not know.

We ask that you regularly check your child's devices to ensure they are safe.

Donations Needed

If you have had a clear out over the summer or are intending on doing so soon, we are in desperate need of small world items, items for the mud kitchen and role play area. Please see a list of items needed below. If you have any to donate, we kindly ask these are dropped off to a member of staff on the gates in the morning.

We need;

Clean pots and pans, colanders, wooden spoons, metal spoons, sieves, dressing up clothes, small dinosaurs, trains, cars, small figures, animals, Lego, Duplo.

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	Planet Earth	91.3%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Neptune	100%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Venus	99.2%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Jupiter, Saturn, Galaxy & Sky	100%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance %
Venus	99.2	78.0
Earth	97.1	91.3
Jupiter	100	92.5
Saturn	100	88.7
Galaxy	100	92.6
Neptune	97.4	100
Pluto	98.8	90.5
Sky	100	89.0
Whole school	99.1%	90.3%

House Winners

Tim Peake 	661
Stephanie Wilson 	747
Neil Armstrong 	714
Helen Sharman 	756
Bernard Harris 	660

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

WB 14/09/26	Reception baseline assessment
WB 14/09/26	Whole school baseline assessments
18/09/26	EYFS - Reading parents coffee afternoon introduction to Reading together – parent/ child reading sessions EYFS – 2.45pm AM Hall
18/09/26	Year 6 secondary school transfer 9.05am
21/09/26	Open morning – new starters
25/09/26	SEND parents coffee morning- 9am- Middle hall
25/09/26	Yr 1/2 – 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 - Amina



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Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: well-being
(well-be-ing)

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:
Someone's well-being is their health and happiness.

Everyone's well-being was the school's priority.

Synonym: welfare health	Antonym: injury danger	Prefix / Suffix	Rhyme: guaranteeing agreeing	Link Word: physical mental
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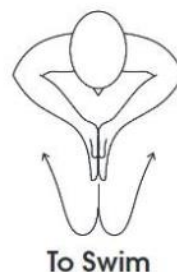
Value of the Week

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 the thing with feathers / That perches in the soul / And sings the tune without the words / And never stops at all."
(Emily Dickenson)

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.



Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Age	Class
Edith Christina	VENUS	6
Aya	SKY	11
Muhammad	VENUS	6
Niyaz	VENUS	6
Nasir	JUPITER	8
Isabel	VENUS	6
Enzo	NEPTUNE	10
Roman	NEPTUNE	10
Royce	PLUTO	10
Roman	SUN (moon)	5



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

Coming Soon!

**Keep posted for weekly photos
of your children and their
lovely work !!**



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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	Shehrooz	For wanting to improve with his handwriting.
Planet Earth	Mohamed	For his excellent effort during lessons.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Anifa	For labelling her picture with verbs.
Planet Earth	Dega	For her excellent expanded noun phrases

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Thiago	For finding the other part of a number quickly.
Planet Earth	Carmen	For her excellent work

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Chizarum	For her fantastic fluency in her reading this week.
Planet Earth	Eyad	For his excellent fluency



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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	Aria	
GALAXY	Martina	For always trying so hard in all her lessons!
SATURN	Norissa	for looking out for others and trying her best all week!
NEPTUNE	Isaac	For excellent effort and always trying his best
PLUTO	Calvin	for making an excellent start to the year and settling into the class.
SKY	Sophia	for her brilliant first full week back and settling in so well.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Harrison	For trying out new and ambitious vocabulary.
GALAXY	Kayden	For a great poem this week!
SATURN	Hunter	for using adventurous adjectives in his noun phrases this week
NEPTUNE	Samyra	Fantastic effort writing a review of a poet's performance.
PLUTO	Chanel	For extending your writing and using a varied vocabulary
SKY	Kamil	for his fantastic poem.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Peace	For being a confident mathematician and making a great start to Year 3!
GALAXY	Hannan	great work on place value!
SATURN	Yousef	for fantastic work on partitioning numbers this week
NEPTUNE	Enzo	Excellent effort when learning about Roman numerals.
PLUTO	Sheriffdeen	for your excellent explanations of how to get an answer
SKY	Hosna	for her brilliant effort in Maths.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Grace	For making great predictions.
GALAXY	Ibrahim	Great reading with expression
SATURN	Harleigh	for reading aloud with confidence
NEPTUNE	Rubie	For being a very enthusiastic reader.
PLUTO	Amir	for doing a fantastic job of locating answers in reading lessons
SKY	Isabelle	for her brilliant answers during our reading session.



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

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!**

