



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 9th October 2026



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week of learning at Grange. This week Miss Matheson and I visited nearly every class across the school to look at maths books, watch some maths lessons and join in with some learning. It was great to see how well the children can discuss their understanding with each other and the adults.

Next week we will be visiting early years to see how well our newest pupils are settling into their learning routines and lessons.

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/>

Parents Evening

Thanks to all parents that have completed a booking using Arbour. If you have not yet done this, please do this as soon as possible. This is a quick meeting to inform you how your child has settled in and targets for the term ahead. The remaining meetings will be taking place during the last week of term on Monday 19th November and Wednesday 21st 2026.

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.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

This week's theme is **Cross-platform sharing of inappropriate content**

Creepy characters like Slender Man or Huggy Wuggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for young people. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms, like online games, social media, streaming sites or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Huggy Wuggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggywuggy on Instagram.

In the guide at the back of the newsletter, you'll find tips on several potential risks such as accidental exposure, inappropriate language and unsuitable videos.

World Mental Health Day

On Monday 12th October we will celebrate World Mental Health Day. We will be raising awareness of this day 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.

For help supporting your children:

o The Nest in Southwark: The Nest in Peckham offers drop-ins or booked sessions on Wednesdays between 9.30 and 12.30 for parents/carers of young people aged 0-25. You will be offered a slot with a trained counsellor to gain advice or help with signposting. Phone: 0208 138 1805 Website: www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk

o Parenting Smart by Place2Be: Online parenting advice from mental health professionals, with practical tips to support your child with their mental health and wellbeing. Website: www.parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk

SIBs – support for siblings with disabilities

<https://www.sibs.org.uk/supporting-young-siblings>

For parents/carers own mental health:

o Southwark Talking Therapies: If you have a Southwark GP, then you can access support through Southwark Talking Therapies. You can self-refer on the website, and they will then get in touch to assess what support would be the most appropriate for you. They offer online and face to face sessions, and it is free to access. Web: www.talkingtherapiessouthwark.nhs.uk Phone: 020 3228 2194

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o Qwell by Kooth: Free online mental health support without waiting lists, commissioned by the NHS. Download the app and sign up for one-to-one regular or drop in sessions with an accredited therapist Web: www.qwell.io

Year 6 residential

Next week many of our year 6 pupils will be visiting PGL in Marchants Hill where they will stay for two nights. They will take part in some fantastic activities including abseiling, rock climbing, a night walk and orienteering. Look out for updates on the school website during the week to see how they are getting on!

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

Autumn Term Attendance



Award for:	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Venus	97.6%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Pluto	98.1%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Planet Earth	96.2%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Sky	99.2%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality%	Attendance%
Moon	97.0	91.8
Star	97.5	97.5
Venus	96.1	97.6
Planet Earth	96.2	96.2
Jupiter	95.8	97.4
Saturn	98.3	97.2
Galaxy	97.2	97.2
Neptune	98.0	97.0
Pluto	97.6	98.1
Sky	99.2	89.8
Weekly attendance:		96.3%

Dates for the Diary

12/10/26	Vision Screening for Reception pupils (Moon & Star)
12/10/26 to 14/10/26	Year 6 Residential at Marchants Hill
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
23/10/26	Last Day of half term
26/10/26 to 30/10/26	Half Term
02/11/26	2 nd Half of Term Begins - Children return to school at 8.55am



Weekly House Winners

Neil ARMSTRONG		640
Bernard HARRIS		635
Tim PEAKE		623
Helen SHARMAN		615
Stephanie WILSON		600



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Pluto Class**

School's total points: **45,621**



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Word of the Week

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

Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **deflate** **Word Class** (verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables: (de-flate)

Definition:
When something such as a tyre or balloon deflates, or when you deflate it, all the air comes out of it.

The tyre on the car was deflated.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
let down	blow up	-able	elate	tyre
puncture	inflate	-ed	create	fully

Value of the Week

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

"Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world"



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.



Your

Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Yalldah	NEPTUNE	10
Yarran	PLUTO	10
Tshiobi, Isaac	NEPTUNE	10
Charalambos, Charlotte-Rose	SKY	11



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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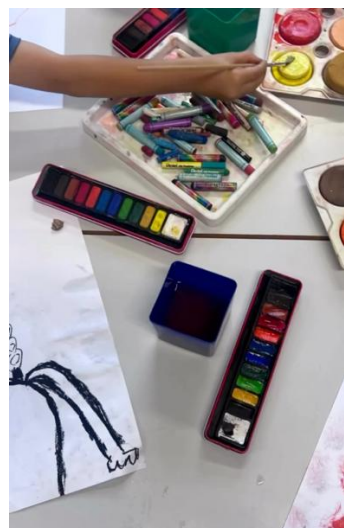
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Class Gallery

Ballet Club / Art Club

It has been lovely seeing some of the creativity happening afterschool. Our ballet and art clubs are proving very popular!





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Nabil	For always showing a positive attitude to learning.
Planet Earth	Gloren	For answering lots of questions on the carpet

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Chizarum	For sentence about what she would do if an alien came to visit.
Planet Earth	Izaiah	For his great use of adjectives!

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Jameerah	For her great data handling in science
Planet Earth	Dottie	For her excellent counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Ocean	For her amazing phonics this week.
Planet Earth	Carmen	For great reading during guided reading lessons.



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Fatima O.	For confidently performing our class poem in assembly.
GALAXY	Aisel	For settling in well in Galaxy class!
SATURN	Jalaiyah	for speaking with excellent volume in assembly
NEPTUNE	Issam	For performing clearly and confidently in drama activities.
PLUTO	Yarran	For always trying your best and having a great attitude to learning
SKY	Annabelle	For facing her fears and touching different animals.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Andre	For great handwriting practise this week.
GALAXY	Jake	A great understanding of fronted adverbials and using it in his writing!
SATURN	Eva	for her brilliant story telling this week.
NEPTUNE	Roman	For trying hard to plan an imaginative story.
PLUTO	Yana	For adding fantastic details into your writing
SKY	Sabrina	Great writing on her scientist

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Ifza	For good work with place value this week.
GALAXY	Jamaima	For always working so hard in Maths!
SATURN	Luciana	for great work comparing numbers this week
NEPTUNE	Enzo	Excellent effort with addition and subtraction.
PLUTO	Shahira	Consistent hard work and always applying yourself
SKY	Eimy	Great work on multiplying 4 digit by 2-digit numbers.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Khadijah Barrie	For great work in Reading this week.
GALAXY	Hanan	Always reading at home and signing his reading record!
SATURN	Layla	for reading lots at home and showing enthusiasm in our reading lessons
NEPTUNE	Princess	Excellent effort reading at home.
PLUTO	Parker	Being such an avid and enthusiastic reader
SKY	Amal	Great reading with expression and sharing his knowledge on adaptation

Parent/ Carer
Information and Support

**Wear
YELLOW!**

On
Monday 12th October

We'd love everyone to wear
something yellow.

It can be anything you like —
clothing, a hair accessory, socks, or even
a small yellow detail!



Clothing



Hair accessory



Socks



Or any small
yellow detail!

Let's brighten up
the day with a splash
of yellow!

HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION

Supporting



Pecan

Kindness | Belief | Hope

Help us make a difference to local families this Harvest season by donating food items for Pecan, our local food bank charity.

COMPETITION TIME!

The class that brings in the MOST donations will win a

FILM AFTERNOON!

Please bring donations in by

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED



Tinned tomatoes



Tinned fish



Cereal



Tinned vegetables



Biscuits



Tinned fruit



Tinned non-pork meat



Long-life juice



Long-life milk (whole)

Every item counts! ♥
Let's work together to support our community.

♥ **Together we can make a difference!** ♥

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
"Sharing what we have helps others to thrive."

STAY FIT & HEALTHY

JOIN YOUR CHILD EACH WEEK

at the following times and help encourage them to stay fit and healthy.

SESSION TIMES

MONDAY

8:50am
Galaxy and Jupiter class

TUESDAY

8:50am
Neptune and Pluto class

WEDNESDAY

8:50am
Saturn and Venus class

THURSDAY

8:50am
Earth and Sky class

FRIDAY

8:50am
Moon and Star class

DID YOU KNOW?

An extra **15 minutes** of exercise a day can make you feel **happier**, help you **focus** for the day and **prevent heart disease!**



HAPPIER MOOD



BETTER FOCUS



HEALTHIER HEART



Together we can make a difference!

Thank you for your support in helping our children stay fit, healthy and happy!

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