Weekly Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear families,

We've had a wonderful first half term back. The children have settled straight into their learning, and we've already had so many lovely trips, school events and visitors. Our recent focus on Black History Month has led to so many amazing entries that we will be holding a special **Gallery event in the hall on 18th November.**

Next term, we will start getting Christmassy – please note the date for our **Key Stage 2 Carol Concert on Thursday 10th December**. There's also exciting news of a new partnership with Canine concern – who are offering **therapy dog** sessions in school! It's going to be a great half term. Until then, have a lovely week off and we will see you on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Maloy

Our Rules

Ready **Respectful** **Safe**

Our Values

Compassion **Honesty** **Respect** **Confidence** **Curiosity** **Resilience**

Our Learning Attitudes

Creativity **Enquiry** **Problem solving** **Independence** **Collaboration** **Risk taking**

Important Dates	
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens Flu vaccinations in school – NHS led
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 2 sponsored walk for Nepal
Thursday 5th November	Year 1 sponsored walk for Nepal
Friday 6th November	Year 3 sponsored walk for Nepal
Saturday 7th November	PTA Festival of Lights Fireworks show!
Monday 9th November	Year 4 sponsored walk for Nepal
Wednesday 11th November	**School photo day 1 – individual and sibling photos** Remembrance service 11am Year 6 sponsored walk for Nepal
Thursday 12th November	**School photo day 2 – individual and sibling photos**
Friday 13th November	Year 5 sponsored walk for Nepal
Wednesday 9th December	Flu vaccinations in school – NHS led
Thursday 10th December	**Key Stage 2 Carol Concert** Christmas Jumper Day, and School Christmas Dinner day!
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	School closed – INSET day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	School re-opens for the Spring term
Monday 1st March	Book Week begins!
Monday 15th March	Year 5 Residential Trip – Hilston Park

You said… we did

We love to hear your suggestions. There is a real-life box next to the new "You said… we did" display in the main Reception foyer, and also an **online Google suggestion box** available here: https://forms.gle/aVCVkNcH8bvN6CHE7

GRANGE PADLET

A collection of resources just for Grange Primary School families all about:

-Mental Health
-Wellbeing
-Safeguarding
-SEND
-E SAFETY
-Advice and Support
-WORKSHOPS!

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House Points

1st Place	**Lion House**	**5,691**
2nd Place	**Unicorn House**	**4,945**
3rd Place	**Mountain Hare House**	**4,915**
4th Place	**Dragon House**	**4,663**

House points are awarded for exceptional work, great behaviour, and showing our School Values. The winners each term get special events and prizes!

Language Assembly

Celebrate **Ukrainian**, **Albanian** and **Romanian** Language

with us in the assembly on **Friday 20th November** at **2.45pm.**

Children can wear their traditional clothes to the assembly.



Celebrating Black History Month: A Special Visit from Dame Professor Elizabeth Anionwu

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, our Year 4 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to learn about the life and achievements of Dame Elizabeth Anionwu.

Dame Elizabeth is a pioneering nurse, professor and campaigner who dedicated her life to improving healthcare and supporting people living with sickle cell disease. She shared her inspiring life story with the children, highlighting the importance of kindness, determination and standing up for what is right. Dame Elizabeth won 'Pride of Britain' lifetime achievement award in 2019, and is one of only 24 people to be awarded the Order of Merit from the Queen!

The visit gave our pupils a valuable opportunity to learn about an influential Black British woman whose work has made a lasting difference to so many lives. It also encouraged the children to think about the importance of equality, inclusion and following their dreams, whatever challenges they may face.

We are incredibly grateful to Dame Elizabeth for sharing her experiences with us and helping to bring Black history to life. Her visit was a memorable and inspiring part of our Black History Month celebrations!

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

This is a reminder that **school holiday vouchers have ended** following changes to government funding.

The **July 2026 voucher was the final voucher** issued to families who previously received school holiday vouchers. **No vouchers will be issued for the October half-term break or future school holidays.**

While the voucher scheme has ended, support is still available through a range of council and community services. Information about financial support, food support and other help available during school holidays can be found at:

www.ealing.gov.uk/holiday-support

There is also a wide range of support available through the council's cost of living webpages:

www.ealing.gov.uk/costofliving

Different types of support have their own eligibility criteria and may be subject to availability, so please check the relevant webpage to see what help may be suitable for you.

It is always worth checking that you are receiving all the financial support you may be entitled to. The council's online benefits calculator provides a quick and easy way to do this:

www.ealing.gov.uk/benefitscalculator

Although school holiday vouchers have ended, there have also been changes to free school meals eligibility. These are separate schemes.

From September 2026, all families receiving Universal Credit can apply for free school meals for their child or children.

If you receive Universal Credit and have not yet applied, it is important that you do so. This will help make sure your child's school receives funding towards the cost of meals and other support for pupils.

Apply at:

www.ealing.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Canine Concern – Dog therapy



We are very excited to share with you that on some occasions this year we will have a therapy dog visiting our school.

There will be an opportunity for some children to meet Biscuit the dog. This is an amazing opportunity for children to interact with Biscuit but we do not recommend this for children who have allergies to dogs or are scared of dogs.

Please let the school know if you do not want your child to meet Biscuit the dog.



Possible activities:

- They can be in the sensory garden – playing with her
- reading to her
- stroking or brushing her fur