GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

**'Together we make a difference'**

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## FREE SPEECH & LANGUAGE DROP-IN

Need advice on your child's speech, language, or communication? Pop along to an informal session with qualified therapists for quick observations, practical tips, and guidance.

- When: Every Wednesday, 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Where: Ribbleton Family Hub (Ribbleton Hall Drive, PR2 6EE)
- Cost: Free – no booking required, just turn up!

## OUR AWARDS

Here are this weeks Stars and Players' Players.

Star is chosen by the teachers. Players' Player is chosen by the children in a weekly vote.

Elm - Ayisha & Zion
Maple - Ariyah & Autumn
Chestnut - Sorena & Olivia
Rowan - Evie & Talia
Beech - Muntaha & Chidera
Willow - Jessika & Barana
Oak - Harley & Charlotte

## ATTENDANCE

ELM - 96%
MAPLE - 91%
CHESTNUT - 89%
ROWAN - 94%
BEECH - 89%
WILLOW - 90%
OAK - 96%






The winning class get 2 points towards their Popcorn & Pizza Punctuality Party . Any class over 96% get one point. 6 points earns a party!

**Well done to Elm & Oak class who have won this weeks attendance award.**

## READING AWARDS

Every time your child reads at home they earn a sticker on their bookmark. Stickers mean prizes. The more stickers you get the bigger the prizes! Good luck!

## WRITING AWARD

Elm - Ava
Maple - Skyla
Chestnut - Kai
Rowan - Savannah
Beech - Elizabeth
Willow - Leo
Oak - Zaynah



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## DIARY DATES
## (ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED OR AMENDED. PLEASE CHECK SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILED DATES)

| | |
|---|---|
| Every Thursday | KS2 Choir Club (Lunch times) |
| Thursday 3rd December | EYFS Christmas Stay & Play |
| Tuesday 8th December | KS1 Nativity 2pm & 4pm (ticket information to follow) |
| Wednesday 9th December | PANTO at Clitheroe Grand (Free as part of your annual trips and visits contributions) |
| Thursday 10th December | Christmas Jumper Day - Normal uniform with a christmas jumper on. |
| Thursday 10th December | Year 2 Fire Safety Talk - Lancashire Fire Service |
| Thursday 10th December | KS2 Christmas Perfromance 2pm & 4pm (ticket information to follow) |
| Friday 11th December | Year 6 Fire Safety Talk - Lancashire Fire Service |
| Tuesday 15th December | Christingle Service in School |
| Wednesday 16th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 18th December | Grange Christmas Sing-A-Long in the morning |
| Friday 18th December | Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon |
| Friday 18th December | Last day of school |

## WINTER HAF

We have been made aware that recent changes to eligibility for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme have caused some confusion and disappointment for families.

From September 2026, the government introduced changes to free school meal eligibility.

Children receiving targeted free school meals automatically qualify for free HAF places, but those receiving expanded free school meals do not automatically qualify.

Unfortunately, this means that some families who have previously accessed free holiday club places may no longer be eligible.

These are national changes and not decisions made by school.

The HAF team is aware of the issues and has advised us that further guidance will be provided over the next few days. We are working closely with them to understand the changes and how they affect our families, including any transitional arrangements that may apply.

We appreciate that this is frustrating, particularly for families who have previously benefited from the provision. Please bear with us while we work to resolve the confusion. We are actively looking into the situation and will share further information with parents as soon as we receive clarification.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## BIRTHDAY TREATS REMINDER

A gentle reminder that we are no longer able to accept or distribute birthday treats in school. We will still celebrate children's birthdays and sing Happy Birthday to help make their day special. Thank you for your understanding.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

If you have any Christmas decorations that you no longer need and would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful. Any donations will help us make the school look festive for the children. Thank you for your support! 🎄✨



SCHOOL WEBSITE

STUDYBUGS

PARENTPAY

## HOME READING

Did you know that reading at home is one of the biggest keys to your child's success at school?

We are asking all parents to support their child's learning by reading with them for a few minutes at least three times per week.

Thank you for your support!

## MINOR AILMENT SCHEME

NHS Minor Ailment Scheme

If you don't pay for your prescriptions, you may be able to use the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme to get advice and, when appropriate, free treatment for certain common illnesses without seeing a GP. You can find this online by googling NHS Minor Ailment Scheme. They cover everything from colds and coughs to teething.

## PALS AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

PALS (Play And Learn Scheme) are the provider of the OFSTED-registered After School Club at Grange Primary School.
Sessions are designed to be fun, engaging, and supportive, giving children the opportunity to relax, play, and learn in a safe and nurturing environment after the school day ends. Activities will include a variety of games, creative tasks, and structured play that encourage confidence, teamwork, and enjoyment.

We offer three flexible time options to suit your family's needs:
- 3:25pm – 5:30m £10.50
- 3:25pm – 4:30pm £ 6.00
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm £ 6.00

Booking is quick and easy using our online system:
👉 https://pals.ipalbookings.com or Contact Donna on 07930 924993, who will be happy to help.

GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 26/27

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**July 2027**

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**August 2027**

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# Wet Play Games Across School

We would love to offer more games for children to enjoy during wet play, so if you have any of the following at home that you could donate, please let us know.




Board games




Dobble



Cards



Jigsaws
(a sensible amount of pieces)

Please make sure all pieces are there.

Thank you!

# EYFS Christmas Stay and Play Event

2pm - 3:15pm
Thursday 3rd December

The Early Years Team invite the parents/ carers of our Reception children to join them in the school hall for some festive fun!

- Christmas crafts and activities
- Refreshments provided

Please let Miss Hardman know via Tapestry if you are able to attend this event.

# Trips, Visits & Vistors

## Looking forward to this year!

It is a big world out there and we want to make sure your children get opportunities to develop a sense of curiosity about the world around them. However, we know that increasing costs can make trips and visits expensive and at times unpredictable for families.

**The numbers!**

- Like last year, we are asking for £30 per pupil for trips, visits and visitors. This works out at £900 per class.
- To give you an idea of costs. One return coach journey to Blackpool Zoo for a class costs school around £700. This does not include entry, staff costs, lunches. Trips are expensive … but we love them!
- School paid more than £18,000 to support parents with the cost of trips.
- Without your contributions, trips would not happen so **THANK YOU!**

**Next Year's Payments**

Parent and staff feedback is that our trip payment system has worked well! **We are not going to increase contribution costs.** Again, we are asking for £30 across the year. This will cover all trips, visits and visitors for the year even the Christmas pantomime. Here is how it will work.

- It will be called School Trips 26/27
- It will be open for payments in September 2026
- You can pay in one £30 payment, or you can pay in up to 3 instalments (minimum of £10 per transaction)
- We would like the first instalment to be complete by December 2026

We hope that doing this will give you a chance to budget and not worry about upcoming or unexpected payments.

As always, school will endeavour to support you and your children. If you need any support with finances, please come and see us.