

Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing together; Achieving together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

After almost 27 years of working at Granard, **Debbie Turner** (Front Office Administrator), will be retiring at the beginning of October. To mark her long and sustained commitment to our school and her support for our families, we are having a **special assembly at 2.45 p.m. on Friday, 2nd October**. Parents who would like to come and say 'goodbye' to Debbie are invited to attend this assembly.

The PTA are meeting regularly in school on Wednesdays. Their next meetings are at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 30th September and Wednesday, 14th October. They are organising a number of upcoming events such as our 'Break the Rules' Day, Halloween (or other costume) dress up day (there will be prizes!), a 'Spooky' Cake Sale and our Christmas Fair. PTA meetings are open to all parents. Please do come along and join them to find out how you might be able to offer your support (you don't need to attend every meeting). Thank you.

We are excited to share with you that the final project to support the expansion of our ASD Base will be starting from Monday, 5th October. This will increase the amount of secure outside space for our children to access. The trim trail area on the KS2 playground is being resurfaced, expanded and made more secure. This will also make some of our land which can currently only be used in dry weather more accessible for children. Old, uneven paving is being replaced and fencing (with gates for access) is being installed to make the outside areas more secure.

In addition, the previously unused strip of land between the Westleigh Avenue building and Westleigh Avenue is being made secure so that children will be able to access this space safely during the school day. We expect the work to be completed by Christmas.

We have a number of **Open Mornings** coming up this term. These are for parents of children who are looking to start **Nursery or Reception in 2027**. Nursery applications come straight to the school. Reception applications need to be submitted to the Local Authority where you live by 15th January 2027. Please note that, even if your child attends Granard Nursery, you **MUST** still apply to your Local Authority for a Reception place. **Do contact the front office to book your place. We look forward to seeing you!**

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SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

As parents, there are times where we can struggle to manage our children's behaviour. The [NSPCC Positive Parenting Guide](#) is a practical resource designed to help parents build strong relationships with their children, set healthy boundaries and manage behaviour without physical punishment.

Top Positive Parenting Tips

- **Keep guidance simple:** Use clear, consistent rules and explain what you want your child to do instead of just what not to do.
- **Make time to listen:** Be available so your child feels comfortable coming to you when they are upset.
- **Avoid criticism:** Focus on the specific action you are unhappy with rather than criticising the child as a person.
- **Adapt as they grow:** Review family rules as children get older, recognising that a teenager's needs differ greatly from a young child's.
- **Keep your cool:** Take a breath before responding when stressed, and seek advice from your GP, health visitor or [Wandsworth's Family Information Service](#) if things feel overwhelming.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

 Saturday 26 th		Wandsworth test for Year 6
 Monday 28 th		Wandsworth test for Year 6
 Wednesday 30 th	8.50 a.m. 9 a.m.	Phonics/Early Reading workshop for Year 1 parents – KS1 Hall PTA meeting

OCTOBER

 Thursday 1 st		'Break the Rules' day (50p per broken rule)
 Friday 2 nd	2.45 p.m.	Debbie Turner's leaving assembly – parents invited
 Tuesday 6 th		Year 6 TFL workshop
 Monday 12 th		London Fire Brigade in
 Wednesday 14 th	9 a.m.	PTA meeting
 Saturday 17 th		Putney Schools' Cross Country event (invitation only)
 Tuesday 20 th	9.15 a.m.	Open Morning
 Wednesday 21 st	p.m.	Year 5 Loudmouth workshop 'Spooky' cake sale
 Thursday 22 nd	1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Halloween/other dressing up competition (bring in £1) Base closes Mainstream school closes
 Friday 23 rd		INSET day – school closed
 Monday 26th – Friday 30th		Half term holiday

NOVEMBER

 Monday 2 nd		Children return to school
 Tuesday 3 rd		ASC Halloween party
 Wednesday 4 th		Harvest (children to bring in food contributions)
 Friday 6 th	2.45 p.m.	6B's class assembly
 Tuesday 10 th	1.30 p.m. 1.45 p.m.	Mainstream children leave Parents' evening

NOVEMBER

 Wednesday 11 th	3.30 p.m.	Parents' evening
 Friday 13 th	2.45 p.m.	5D's class assembly
 Monday 16 th	9.15 a.m.	Open Morning
 Wednesday 18 th	3.30 p.m.	Base parents' evening
 Friday 20 th	2.45 p.m.	5F's class assembly
 Friday 27 th		Flu Immunisations

DECEMBER

 Thursday 3 rd	9.15 a.m.	Open Morning
 Friday 4 th	2.45 p.m.	4B's class assembly
 Wednesday 9 th		Year 2 trip to London Transport Museum
 Friday 11 th	3.30 p.m.	Christmas Fair
 Tuesday 15 th		ASC Christmas party
 Wednesday 16 th		Christmas Jumper Day & Class parties
 Thursday 17 th	10 a.m.	Carol Service at St Margaret's
 Friday 18 th	1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Break up for Christmas Holidays Base children finish Mainstream children finish

5F MORPURGO

5F Enjoy a Special PE Session!

5F have been thoroughly enjoying their PE lessons with educators from Chelsea Football Club. The sessions have given the children a fantastic opportunity to develop their skills, work as a team and learn from experienced coaches.

On 10th September, we were very lucky to welcome Millie Bright, Chelsea and England footballer, to one of our sessions! The children were very excited to meet her and had the opportunity to ask her questions about her football career, experiences and achievements.

It was a wonderful and memorable experience for 5F, and we would like to thank Millie and the Chelsea FC educators for inspiring our children and making their PE lessons so enjoyable.





WORLD CAR FREE DAY 2026



For World Car Free Day 2026, as part of our TFL and Clean Air initiatives, Granard took part in the Golden Ticket Challenge! On Tuesday, 22nd September, children were encouraged to scoot or cycle to school for the chance to win a Golden Ticket. Children who won a Golden Ticket will be entered into TFL's World Car Free Day raffle to be in with the chance of winning some extra prizes!



OAK CLASS

The children in Oak class made some beautiful suncatchers and Oak tree leaves using autumn colours.





BREAK THE RULES DAY

- #1** Wear a wig/hat all day including lessons.
- #2** Wear non uniform
- #3** Bring any snack for snacktime
- #4** Bring juice instead of water
- #5** Have 5 minutes extra play time
- #6** Bring a cuddly toy to school for the day
- #7** Have crazy hair style/colour for the day

**CHOOSE AS MANY RULES AS
YOU WOULD LIKE TO BREAK
ON THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER
50P PER RULE**



GRANARD PRIMARY SCHOOL & 'CEDAR' ASD BASE



Join us for an Open
Morning!





Join us for an Open Morning!

Taking place at 9.15 a.m. on:

Wednesday, 21st September 2026

Tuesday, 20th October 2026

Monday, 16th November 2026

Thursday, 3rd December 2026

Thursday, 7th January 2027

**Granard Primary School,
Cortis Road, London
SW15 6AX**

Granard Primary School and 'Cedar' ASD Base is a friendly, caring and inclusive school that strives to provide learning and social opportunities for each child to enable them to succeed academically and socially. We have a wonderful community spirit that celebrates our vibrant and diverse multi-cultural community.

Open Morning Highlights:

Meet our teachers: Mrs Grigg, Headteacher, and Miss Marsh, Early Years Leader.

Tours: Have a look at our wonderful facilities, including our swimming pool.

Information: Please come along to find out about the excellent teaching we provide and the support we offer.



**Please contact the school office on
0208 788 3606 to book a place.**





Saint Cecilia's
Church of England School

Saint Cecilia's School Open Events - Book Now!

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2027, Saint Cecilia's Church of England School invites you to an open event. Click on the links below to book tickets.

Dates:

Thursday 17th September 5 – 8.30pm

Tuesday 22nd September 9am – noon

Tuesday 6th October 9am – noon

In addition, we are hosting a special introductory talk for all those wanting to apply for a Foundation (faith-based) place on:
Wednesday 7th October 6 – 7pm

To read our prospectuses and for all admissions information, **visit our website**, or scan the QR code.



Saint Cecilia's Church of England School
Sutherland Grove, London SW15 3JR
020 8780 1244

admission@saintcecilias.london

www.saintcecilias.london

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Rosebery School Open Mornings 2026

This year's Open Mornings will take place on:

Friday 2 October
Tuesday 6 October
Friday 9 October

Welcome Talk at 9.15am

Tours to follow from 9.40am.

Please visit our website to access our
online booking form for Welcome Talks.

There is **no need to book** if you wish to **tour the
school without attending a talk.**

Parking **will not** be available on site; please **DO NOT**
expect to be able to park in any of the roads near the
school. Please travel by public transport and/or walk
the last part of your journey - parking restrictions
apply in all local roads.

Southfields Academy

Open Events 2026



"Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement. The success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed."

The Rt. Hon. Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education
January 2026 in reference to our 2024/25 outcomes for disadvantaged students

Autumn Term 2026 Open Events

Thursday 1 st October	08:45-10:15
Tuesday 6 th October	08:45-10:15
Thursday 8th October	17:30-19:30
Tuesday 13 th October	08:45-10:15
Wednesday 14 th October	08:45-10:15
Thursday 15 th October	08:45-10:15
Tuesday 20 th October	08:45-10:15

At all other times, we welcome visits during the school day,
please email: sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com
or phone: 020 8875 2661



St John
Bosco
College

OPEN EVENTS

OPEN EVENING

THURS 1ST OCT | 5PM - 7PM

OPEN MORNINGS

THURS 8TH & THURS 15TH OCT | 9AM - 11AM



REGISTER INTEREST



PARENTS/CARERS WORKSHOP

Session 2

Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation

Learn how to recognise risks beyond the home and keep your children safe.

Who is it for?

- Parents & carers of young people aged 9+
- Wandsworth residents only

What you'll gain

Build safeguarding confidence

Understand exploitation and risks beyond home

Practical tools to spot risks early

Guest Speakers

1. George Turner from Carney's Community
2. Davis Williams from Manhood Academy
3. Young Person & Parent with Lived Experience

Thursday, 8 October 2026

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Arrival at 5:30pm

Caius House

2 Holman Rd

London SW11 3RL

Online: **Microsoft Teams**

 Free food provided at the in-person session

 Only 25 in person spaces available



Register Now

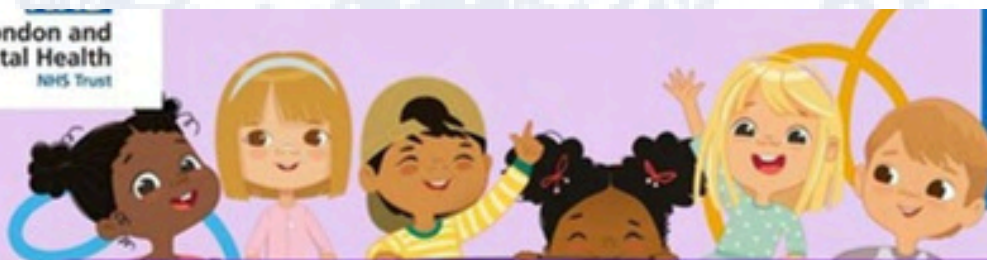
Scan the QR code to secure your place

More workshops coming soon on **Online Safety & Knife Crime Awareness**

Delivered in partnership with
Wandsworth Council's Community Safety and Children's Services

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St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

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Goodbyes and Goodnights Online Parent/Carer Group

**Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?
Does your child struggle to separate from you?
Are you worried that your child might find it difficult to settle back into a
routine after the school holidays?**



**Join our 4-session online group
to connect with other parents/carers
and learn new ways to support
your child towards their
independence.**

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following
Fridays - 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd October 2026
12:30pm-1:30pm. [Please click here to sign up.](#)

Further groups will be offered throughout the year.

If you are interested but cannot attend these
dates/times please sign up and we will be in touch.



**In many schools, we also provide free 1:1 early support for parents/carers of
primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or
support children's tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to
find out more.**



**Please scan the QR Code
or [click here](#) to sign up.**



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Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service



PARENTS/GUARDIANS! EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

**DO YOU HAVE
CHILDREN AGED
3-11?**



**DOES YOUR
CHILD HAVE
REGULAR
TANTRUMS?**

**IS THE
MORNING/BEDTIME
ROUTINE A DAILY
STRUGGLE?**



**DO YOU
STRUGGLE TO
GET YOUR
CHILD TO
SCHOOL IN THE
MORNINGS?**

**DOES YOUR
CHILD FEEL
ANXIOUS IN
NEW / SOCIAL
SITUATIONS?**



**DOES YOUR CHILD
EXPRESS MANY
WORRIES/FEARS
AND SEEK
FREQUENT
REASSURANCE?**

**DO YOU FEEL
STUCK IN A
NEGATIVE CYCLE
WITH YOUR CHILD?**

**AN NHS WELLBEING PRACTITIONER
BASED IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL
MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!**

SELF-REFER TODAY!

**ASK THE SCHOOL'S SENCO,
HEAD, LEAD, CLASS
TEACHER OR RECEPTION
FOR AN APPLICATION FORM**



**1:1 GUIDED SELF HELP FOR YOU
TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING**

**6-8 WEEKLY PARENT-LED
SESSIONS TO HELP YOU
REFLECT ON HOW TO GET THE
BEST OUT OF YOUR CHILD AND
LEARN TO PUT EFFECTIVE
STRATEGIES IN PLACE SO
THAT FAMILY LIFE CAN FEEL
CALMER AND HAPPIER.**

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**SCAN THE QR CODE
WITH YOUR CAMERA
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BELOW TO FILL OUT
AN ONLINE
APPLICATION FORM**

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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Feeding and its difficulties in the Early years

A 1.5 hour long webinar to explore how feeding develops in the early years and how to create healthy eating habits that last a lifetime.

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DATE / TIME

Monday 5th October 2027

12.00-1.30pm

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Online - Hosted on Teams

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free on Eventbrite
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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Through The School Gates: Overcoming daily challenges getting into school

There can be many challenges with supporting your child to get into school well and in as relaxed a way as possible.

This webinar aims to:

Think about some of the different challenges that can be faced in the morning getting ready for school.

Understand child anxieties using cognitive-behavioural approach

Discuss ways to talk about worries

Provide a step-by-step approach to building confidence with attending school should there be early school avoidance to prevent it becoming problematic.



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Monday 5th October
7.30-8.30pm



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DATE / TIME

Friday 9th October
1.00-2.00pm



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.

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Thursday 8th October
7.00-8.00pm



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Wednesday 14th October
12.30-1.30pm



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TUESDAY

Group 1

Year 1-2

4pm – 5pm

£150

THURSDAY

Group 2 Musical Theatre

Year 3-6

4pm – 5.30pm

£160

SATURDAY

Group 2 Drama

Year 3-6

9am – 10.30am

£160

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in theatre? Sign up for
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