

Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing together; Achieving together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had an enjoyable break and are prepared for the new term ahead!

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your understanding this week. Closing the school is a last resort and only ever done when the children's safety is compromised. We aim to keep the school open as much as possible and it was due to this that we had to change our decision about opening on Wednesday morning as the water pressure in the school dropped significantly between 6 a.m. and 7.40 a.m. We are hopeful that the issue will be resolved over the weekend and that the children will be back in school on Monday.

Harrison's Christmas Crown Competition

During the last week of term, the children were invited to take part in the Harrison's Christmas crown competition. It was lovely to see their crowns – they decorated them so carefully!

The finalists were: Elijah (Nursery), Mariam (Reception), Maiza (Year 1), Zara (Year 2), Youssef (Year 3), Kady (4B), Asharie (4M), Alana (Year 5), Mueez (6B), Rayan (6R), Mayla (Holly), Muhammad Ali (Cherry) and Oscar (Apple).

Well done to Oscar, Alana and Maiza for winning! Thank you to Harrisons for providing the Christmas teddies for the prizes!



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Parent meeting with Mrs Grigg

I would like to remind you about my meeting with parents which is taking place on **Tuesday, 13th January at 9 a.m.** This is a session for you to find out more about the changes at Granard and the plan going forward. I look forward to seeing you then.

Parent/carer book share and curriculum share sessions

We have planned some sessions where parents or carers are invited in to work with their children to share a book and see the curriculum that their children have been covering. Please make a note of the relevant dates below for your child's sessions. We look forward to seeing you then.

Year group	Book Share	Curriculum Share
Reception	1.10 p.m. 27th March	1.10 p.m. on 13th February
Year 1	2.45 p.m. on 15th January	2.45 p.m. on 23rd March
Year 2	2.45 p.m. on 9th February	2.45 p.m. on 16th March
Year 3	2.45 p.m. on 28th January	2.45 p.m. on 6th May
Year 4	2.45 p.m. on 2nd February	2.45 p.m. on 18th May
Year 5	2.45 p.m. on 4th February	2.45 p.m. 14th May
Year 6	2.45 p.m. on 21st May	-

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

It is vital that all parents and carers keep us updated with your contact details. This week, whilst trying to contact parents about the school closure, we realised that some of the details we have on file are out of date. **Please ensure that you inform us immediately of any changes to your phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses.** Thank you.

We had planned some sessions for parents this week to support you with using Arbor and we are aware that some parents are experiencing issues as their Arbor app is linked to another child's secondary school. These support sessions have been rescheduled to **Wednesday, 14th January**. Please come along at **9 a.m. or 2.30 p.m.**

GOVERNOR BLOG

Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term (although it doesn't really feel like Spring yet!).

I hope you are all now back following the unscheduled extension to the holidays caused by the burst water main on Westleigh Avenue. This must have caused disruption to quite a number of families, and I hope everyone was able to manage.

Despite this, I trust you all had a lovely Christmas break and were able to enjoy the time together with family and friends.

As always, there are plenty of events to look forward to during the new term. We would like to encourage as many parents and carers as possible to attend the upcoming **Parents' Evenings**. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the school and to discuss how everyone can work together to support our pupils in their learning.

We're looking forward to our **Book Share with Parents sessions**. Sharing books together is an important part of developing a love of reading, and these sessions are a lovely chance to spend some quality time in school with your child. We also have some wonderful opportunities for you to join your children in class as part of the **Curriculum Share Sessions**. It's a great chance to see what your child has been learning and how the curriculum is delivered. Please don't forget to add these dates to your diary!

Furthermore, the **art exhibition** at Putney Library will be happening again in February – a great showcase for the artistic talent in our midst.

Finally, don't forget the **Valentine's Discos** just before we break up for Half Term. This should be a fun event, and we hope lots of children will be able to join in for an afternoon or evening of music and dancing!

We look forward to an exciting and successful term ahead!

Malcolm Turner, **Chair of Governors**

RECEPTION 2026 APPLICATIONS

If you have a child born **between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**, you can apply for a **Reception place** for **September 2026**.

For further information and to submit an application, follow this link: [Apply for a primary school place](#)

Your application must be submitted by **Thursday, 15 January 2026**.

Alternatively you can download and send a [paper application form](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

 Tuesday 13 th	9 a.m.	Parent meeting with Mrs Grigg about changes at Granard – all parents invited
 Wednesday 14 th	9 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Arbor support session for parents
 Thursday 15 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 1 book share in school with parents Closing date for Reception 2026 applications
 Friday 16 th	2.45 p.m.	4M Lewis assembly – parents invited
 Tuesday 20 th	12 – 1 p.m.	Parent training session online – Echolalia Year 2 Roehampton Library trip to see author
 Thursday 22 nd		6R Thrive starts at WHS
 Friday 23 rd	2.45 p.m.	Cherry class assembly – parents invited
 Tuesday 27 th	12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	Base Parent workshop – Feeding support Holi assembly
 Wednesday 28 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 3 book share in school with parents

FEBRUARY

 Monday 2 nd	2.45 p.m.	Year 4 book share in school with parents
 Wednesday 4 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 5 book share in school with parents Reception Roehampton Library trip to see author
 Thursday 5 th		Year 2 Chinese workshop
 Friday 6 th	2.45 p.m.	4B Dahl assembly Closing date for Nursery 2026 applications
 Monday 9 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 2 book share in school with parents
 Tuesday 10 th	9.30 – 11 a.m.	Parent workshop – 'Picky Eaters' After School Care Pizza party
 Wednesday 11 th		Art Exhibition – private viewing
 Thursday 12 th	4 – 5 p.m. 5.15 – 6.15 p.m.	Valentine's Discos: EY/KS1/Cedar Base KS2
 Friday 13 th	1.10 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Nursery offers go out Reception curriculum share event with parents in school Children leave – end of half term

INSETS & HALF TERM DATES

- ✓ Friday 20th March 2026 - INSET Day
- ✓ Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026 - Spring Half Term
- ✓ Monday 20th July 2026 - INSET Day
- ✓ Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026 - Summer Half Term

WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have made amazing progress in their letter writing and number tracing! Well done!



APPLE CLASS

Apple Class had a visit from Santa Claus and enjoyed crafting snowmen.



ASH CLASS



Ash Class practised their fine motor skills by putting in coloured buttons in playdough. Imi made a pink

playdough pizza, Joshua made a cake while Bryan enjoyed rolling his playdough into a doughnut.



They all then sprinkled their cakes and doughnuts with coloured buttons by pressing them in. At the end they took the buttons out and sorted them into their colours. They listened to instructions and enjoyed themselves.



Well done Ash Class!

JUNIOR DUKE

Years 5 and 6 really enjoyed making cupcakes for our last Junior Duke club meeting! They did really well with measuring and following a recipe mostly independently. Fantastic job, Junior Duke!

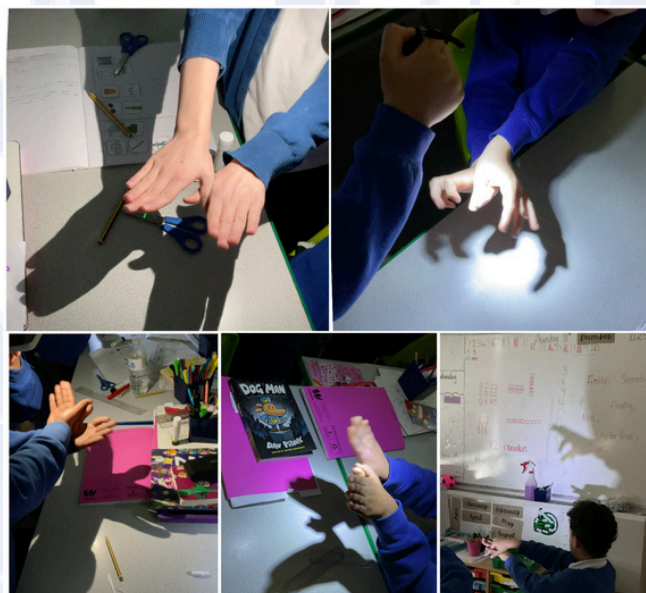


3G MURPHY

In our Science unit 'Light', the children have been learning what light is, all about reflections and how shadows are formed.

The children enjoyed learning that dark is the absence of light and demonstrated this through creating their own shadows!

They also discovered how the distance and location of the light will affect their shadows.



TERM DATES

Scan this QR code for the **term dates** for **this year** and **next academic year**.

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