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!**

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

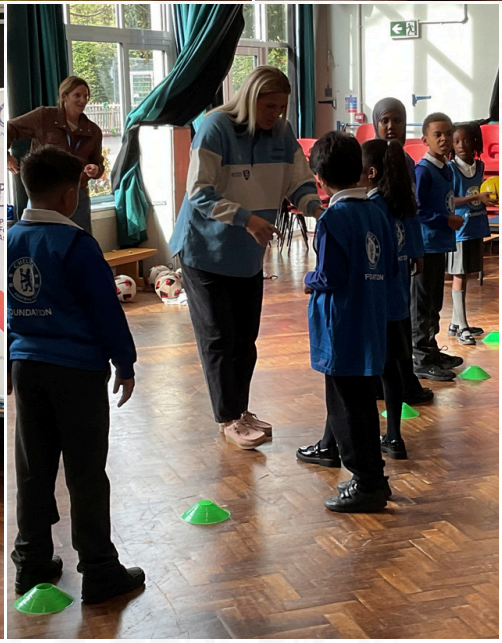
On 10th September, we were very lucky to welcome Millie Bright, Chelsea and England footballer, to one of our sessions! The children were very excited to meet her and had the opportunity to ask her questions about her football career, experiences and achievements.

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.











WILLOW CLASS

Willow class enjoyed their food lab session with Holly Class!

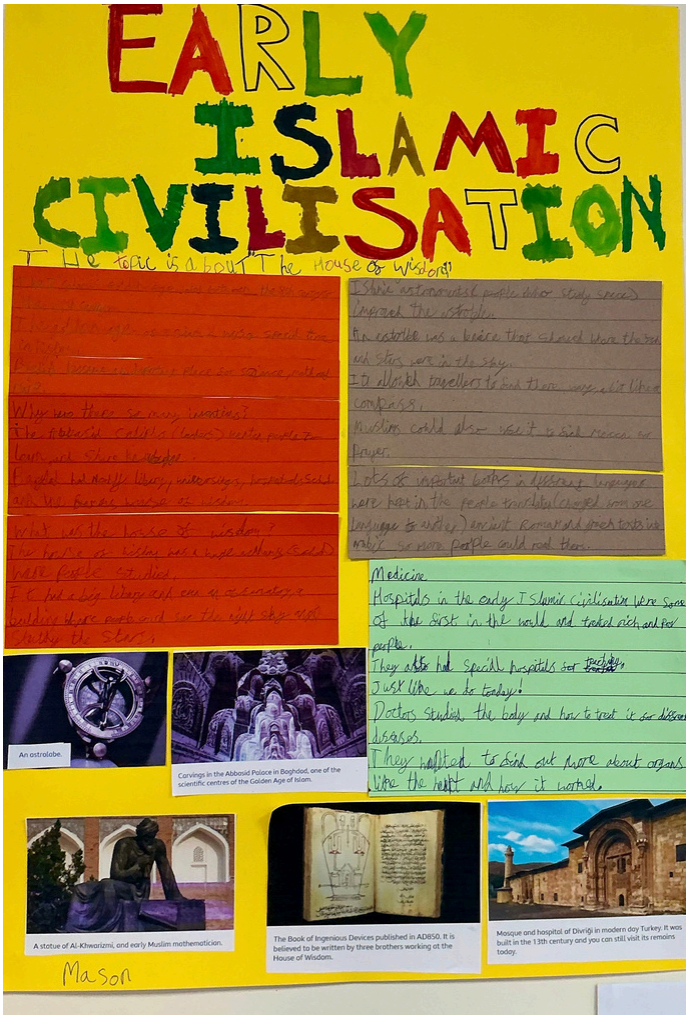
We tried crackers which were dry and familiar and added some jam which was sticky and sweet.

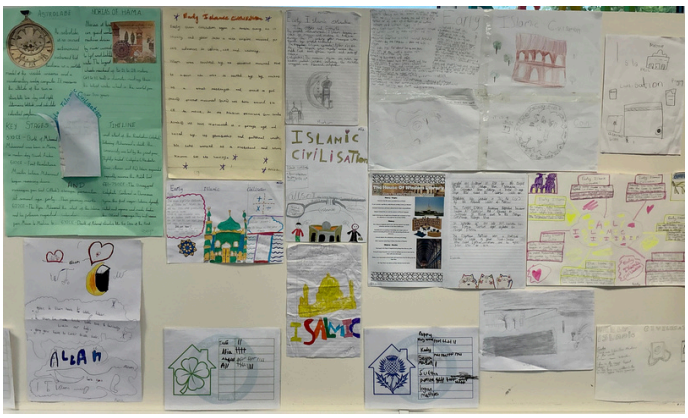
Some of us did not want to try the jam but some of us preferred it to crackers!



5D WILSON

For their homework, 5D have been researching their new topic, 'Early Islamic Civilisation' and have found out about 'The House of Wisdom' (library) in Baghdad in the 13th century.





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.






GRANARD PTA
SPOOKY
CAKE
SALE
WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
PLEASE BRING IN DONATIONS
IN THE MORNING


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

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Join us for an Open Morning!

IQM FLAGSHIP SCHOOL AWARD



Granard Primary School & Cedar Base

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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.

Ofsted Good Provider

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

IQM FLAGSHIP SCHOOL IQM AWARD

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 22rd 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 SW18 5JR
020 8780 1244
admission@saintcecilias.london
www.saintcecilias.london
Follow us on Instagram: @saintceciliaslondon

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

Wandsworth Community Safety Partnership

EVOLVE WANDSWORTH



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
ScantheQRcodeto 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

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service



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.

Education Wellbeing Service

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service

PARENTS/GUARDIANS!

EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 3-11?



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE REGULAR TANTRUMS?

DOES YOUR CHILD FEEL ANXIOUS IN NEW / SOCIAL SITUATIONS?



IS IT DIFFICULT TO GET YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS?

IS THE MORNING/BEDTIME ROUTINE A DAILY STRUGGLE?

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

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

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



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

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



SELF-REFER TODAY!

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

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.

SCAN ME

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA OR CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FILL OUT AN ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

CLICK FOR ONLINE FORM



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

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.



DATE / TIME

Monday 5th october 2027

12.00-1.30pm

Scan the QR code or click here

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by clicking here

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

NHS
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

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.

DATE / TIME

Monday 5th October

7.30-8.30pm

Scan the QR code or click here

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

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DATE / TIME

Friday 9th October

1.00-2.00pm

Scan the QR code or click here

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

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

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

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.



DATE / TIME

Thursday 8th October
7.00-8.00pm

Scan the QR code or click here

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

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DATE / TIME

Wednesday 14th October
12.30-1.30pm

Scan the QR code or click here

www.g64.org.uk | info@g64.org.uk | 02087886935 | Putney Arts Theatre - Registered Charity No. 1157481

GROUP 64

Theatre for young people

DRAMA CLASSES FOR 6-11 YEAR OLDS








G64
Theatre for young people
Theatre Skills
Confidence Building
Make Friends
Inclusive
Weekly classes:
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
Ever been curious about what's involved in theatre? Sign up for our drama classes to find out and you may find a new passion!
Get the opportunity to take part in relaxed play based classes and large scale productions.
Follow the QR Code to find out more!
*Pay What You Can Afford spaces are available