Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing Together; Achieving Together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,
It was lovely to see so many children 'Breaking the Rules' on our special day last week! Thank you to the PTA for suggesting this initiative - it raised £288 for the school! We are looking forward to our 'Spooky Cake sale' on Wednesday, 21st October. Please send in any donations that morning.

All children from Reception to Year 6 are currently entitled to free school meals. We very much encourage families to take advantage of this option and can assure you that our school meals are healthy, well-balanced and delicious. Many of our staff choose to have school meals too, which is testament to this.
If your child has a packed lunch at school, the packed lunch must also be healthy, nutritious and well-balanced. **We do not allow children to have fizzy drinks, crisps, sweets or chocolate in their packed lunch.**

Packed lunches <u>should</u> include:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables
- meat, fish, eggs, or a non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, houmous, falafel)
- a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or another cereal
- a dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard
- a drink of water

Packed lunches can <u>occasionally</u> include:

- meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat or sausages
- a cake or biscuit, as part of their meal (please be mindful of portion sizes)

Packed lunches <u>should not</u> include:

- salty snacks such as crisps
- confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated cereal bars, processed fruit bars and sweets
- sugary soft drinks, such as squash and fizzy drinks
- any nut products **(we are a nut-free school)**

Thank you for your support with ensuring that these guidelines are followed.

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

At Granard, our absolute priority is providing a safe, nurturing and positive environment where your children can thrive. To achieve this, we also believe it is essential to ensure that our dedicated teachers and support staff feel safe, respected and valued in their workplace.
When our staff feel physically safe, psychologically supported and trusted, they are at their absolute best to deliver the high-quality education and care your children deserve.

To maintain this positive environment, we ask for your continued support in:

- **Respectful Communication:** Engaging with our staff politely and constructively, whether in person, over the phone or via email.
- **Collaborative Problem-Solving:** Working with us as partners to address any behaviour, academic or personal challenges your child may face.
- **Following School Policies:** Respecting our communication guidelines, visitor protocols and school hours to ensure a safe, orderly environment for everyone.

We are incredibly grateful for our vibrant school community and thank you for working alongside us to keep Granard a safe and welcoming place to learn and work.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Tuesday 13th		School Council – Meadow planting at Putney Heath
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
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
Tuesday 17th		Year 3 – 'Into the Woods' with Wimbledon High School
Wednesday 18th	3.30 p.m.	Year 5 – trip to Wandsworth Cineworld **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	7 p.m.	Year 3 Vocal Project performance at Fairfield Halls
Friday 11th		Coding Club trip to Stamford Bridge
	3.30 p.m.	**Christmas Fair**
Tuesday 15th		**Christmas Lunch Day**
		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**

JANUARY

Monday 4th		**Children return to school**

NURSERY

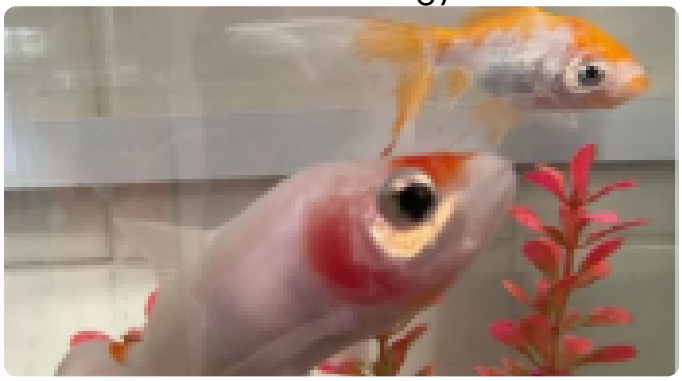
It has been lovely to welcome the children to our Nursery; they have been incredible and have settled into our routine beautifully. We have already noticed some great friendships forming and the children are becoming very settled.







We thought of names to call our fish and then voted for our favourites. The winning names are Goldie and Zingy!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have enjoyed using the iPads this week!

This half term we have practised sitting at the table, holding our iPads horizontally and vertically and practised using our Apple pencils. This week, we were able to use our Apple pencils for writing and our iPads for playing on Busy Things during computing!



CHERRY CLASS

We decided to save some of the plants from our flower garden because of the groundworks.

The children carefully dug up the plants we wanted to keep, replanted them into pots and moved them away from the area that is going to be developed.

While gardening, we also discovered some little creatures living in the soil, which made the activity even more exciting!








RM ROSEN

Paired reading!

Reception are buddied up with Year 4 for paired reading this year. Half of Reception went to visit Year 4 and then half of Year 4 came down to Reception. Year 4 read a range of picture books to Reception engaging them with silly voices and asking them simple questions about the book.

We can't wait for our next session!






CO-PRODUCTION WORKFORCE SURVEY

The Wandsworth Parent Carer Forum is working with Wandsworth Council and health services to create a new **Co-Production Charter**. This charter will outline how families and professionals can effectively collaborate to enhance SEND services and support throughout Wandsworth.

Share Your Thoughts
To gather insights directly from children and young people with SEND, as well as their parents and carers, a short and anonymous survey will be launched. This survey aims to understand what effective co-production looks like, what is currently working well, and what areas may need improvement.

Complete the survey **here** or scan the QR code below.

Closing date: Friday 13 November

In addition, this is an event that the Parent Carer Forum is hosting. Please see the link below:

Upcoming Event
Additionally, the Parent Carer Forum is hosting an event. Please find the details below:

- **15th October:** Annual Review of an EHC Plan (with SNAS and WIASS)
- **Tickets:** Thursday, 15 October • 1 PM – 2:30 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite

TYPING'S COOL

TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

Touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s





Autumn half term touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

St Joseph's RC Primary School, KT1 2UP
Monday 26 to Thursday 29 October 2026
Sessions run 10:10 – 12:15 pm daily

(Full day care available on site)

Learn how to touch type 40+ words per minute with 95% accuracy. Using correct fingers and posture, touch typing is far more productive for schoolwork and exams.

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning to type fast, fun and effective.

Flip flying skateboards, zap aliens and collect cool superhero movie rewards while learning an amazing skill. High-performance proficiency will significantly boost your child's academic and exam attainment.

Prior to setting up *Typing's Cool*, Sarah Holt worked as a teacher at Weston Green School and Nick Holt was a secondary school Head of English.

Cost: £176.00 per place
OFSTED registered - childcare vouchers accepted
10% discount for siblings/ returners/ bring a friend/ DofE (registered assessor).

Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk or contact sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk

For places see www.typingscool.co.uk

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Duke of Edinburgh Award - Registered skills assessor

Company registered number: 7097313 OFSTED child care registered number: EY473171



GRANARD PRIMARY SCHOOL & 'CEDAR' ASD BASE

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Join us for an Open Morning!

IQM FLAGSHIP SCHOOL IQM AWARD



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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.

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

IQM FLAGSHIP SCHOOL IQM AWARD


Southfields
Academy
Open
Events
2026
CARPE DIEM
"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

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.


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