Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing Together; Achieving Together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It was good to see so many parents at our mainstream parents' evening this week. We look forward to meeting with Base parents next week. We are very proud of the progress that our children have made and know that, with your support, they will continue to flourish this year.

I am delighted to let you know that the external building works are nearing completion. Once the builders' compound has been removed, mainstream pupils will benefit from increased space on the KS2 playground, while children in the Base will have access to a much larger outdoor area adjacent to the Cedar building, in a space which has previously been unavailable for use.

We appreciate that the reduced outdoor space over the past few weeks has caused some inconvenience, and we would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding. We are confident that these improvements will be well worth the wait and will provide enhanced outdoor spaces for all children to enjoy.

With Christmas fast approaching, we are delighted to have a number of special festive events planned for the children, with several opportunities for parents and families to join in the celebrations. We look forward to sharing these memorable occasions with you and hope you will be able to attend. **Please make a note of the dates in your diary!**

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

The Importance of Attendance and Punctuality

At Granard, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed. Regular attendance and good punctuality play a vital role in helping children achieve their full potential.

Children who attend school every day and arrive on time are better able to engage with their learning, build confidence, develop friendships and establish positive routines.

Even a few minutes of lateness each day can result in a significant loss of learning time over the course of a school year.

Arriving late can also be unsettling for children, as they may miss important instructions and the opportunity to start the day alongside their classmates.

We understand that there may occasionally be unavoidable circumstances that affect attendance or punctuality. However, we ask all families to make every effort to ensure that children attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell and that they arrive before the start of the school day.

By working together, we can help every child develop positive habits that will support their learning now and throughout their future education.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in ensuring the best outcomes for all our children.



Harvest Donations – A Big Thank You!

Our School Council has been encouraging children and families to support our harvest assembly by donating food items for those in need within our local community.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness shown by our school community. The School Council has played an important role in promoting the appeal, encouraging everyone to get involved and reminding us of the importance of helping others.

A huge thank you to all our families for their generous donations. Your kindness will make a real difference to others!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Monday 16th	9.15 a.m.	**Open Morning**
		Chelsea tournament – **selected boys**
Wednesday 18th		Year 5 – trip to Wandsworth Cineworld
	3.30 p.m.	**Base parents' evening**
Friday 20th	2.15 p.m.	Base Parents invited in for Black History Exhibition (**come to Cedar Base entrance**)
	2.45 p.m.	5F's class assembly
Monday 23rd		Dinosaur workshop – Year 3 and Year 6
Friday 27th		Flu Immunisations
		Mufti Day – tombola items for Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd	9.15 a.m.	**Open Morning**
Friday 4th	2.45 p.m.	4B's class assembly
Monday 7th	2.30 p.m.	**KS1 Nativity**
Wednesday 9th	**7 p.m.**	Year 3 Vocal Project performance at **Fairfield Halls**
Thursday 10th	9.30 a.m.	**KS1 Nativity**
	2 p.m.	**Base Christmas assembly to parents**
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 & Santa Dash**
		Base Christmas Fun Day
	2.45 p.m.	**Reception sing Christmas songs to parents**
Thursday 17th	10 a.m.	**Carol Service at St Margaret's - parents invited**
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**
Thursday 7th	9.15 a.m.	**Open Morning**
Friday 15th		**Closing date** for Reception applications **(2027 entry)**
	2.45 p.m.	3M's class assembly
Friday 29th	2.45 p.m.	2G's class assembly

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH THROUGH ART



When all the pieces were added together, they formed a large, colourful map of South Africa.

The finished collage represents how our individual contributions and the idea that when we work together, we can create something meaningful, reflecting the power of unity and diversity.

As part of our Black History Month learning, we have been studying the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela and his ongoing fight for freedom.

To celebrate his connection to South Africa, Year 5 took part in a collaborative art project. We each coloured an individual section of the collage.



5D WILSON

The children in 5D have been researching maps for their half term holiday homework for our new topic, '*Marvellous Maps*'.



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have had a great start to the half term.

They have remembered their routines and have played nicely with their peers. Well done !



OAK CLASS

To improve their handwriting Oak class have been very busy practising their fine motor skills using playdough. They rolled, pinched and put together shelters for farm animals.



For food lab this term, the children in Oak class made quesadillas. After grating the cheese with a grater they spread it in a tortilla. Ezekiel helped with frying them and everyone enjoyed eating them.



NURSERY

Nursery News

In Nursery, we have been learning about the Japanese artist **Yayoi Kusama**, who is famous for her love of spots and pumpkins. Inspired by her artwork, the children created their own spotty pumpkins in the style of Yayoi Kusama.

As part of the activity, the children carefully peeled and placed stickers onto their pumpkins, helping to develop their fine motor skills.



POPPY APPEAL

Prefects Supporting the Poppy Appeal



In support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, our wonderful prefects have been busy selling poppies around the school, with Miss Bell. The children have shown great enthusiasm, responsibility and pride in helping to raise awareness and funds to support serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families.

We are proud of our prefects for demonstrating fantastic leadership and community spirit.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this important cause by purchasing a poppy and making a donation.



GRANARD PRIMARY SCHOOL & 'CEDAR' ASD BASE

Ofsted Good Provider

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.

Ofsted Good Provider

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

IQM FLAGSHIP SCHOOL IQM AWARD

GRANARD PTA PRESENTS

Hot Chocolate £1

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL



COOKIES OR CAKES ALSO AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE


NHS
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service
Children's Flu information webinar
Join us to learn more about the children's flu vaccine, and protecting your child this winter
19 November
16:00 - 17:00
Scan the QR code to register
October 2026

NHS
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

Missed your flu vaccine?

Do you live or attend school in the borough of Wandsworth? Aged 4 - 16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself!

Thursday 12 November, 15:00 - 18:00
1st East Putney Scout Group, SW15 2LQ

Wednesday 25 November, 15:00 - 18:00
Toland Square Community Clubroom, SW15 5PF

Saturday 28 November, 10:00 - 15:00
Fayland Children's Centre, SW16 1SY

Call 020 3903 3374 or scan the QR code for more information or to book an appointment

November 2026

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

Education Wellbeing Service



Understanding and Supporting your Child's Sleep Online Parent/Carer Group

The topic of sleep is a very common difficulty for many parents/carers and it can impact the whole family. This group will be for parents and carers of children ages 3-8 focusing on the following topics:

- **The Science of Sleep.**
- **Common Sleep Difficulties.**
- **Creating the right environment and routines.**
- **Supporting your child with sleeping independently.**
- **Practical tools and skills to support your child.**



Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child's sleep.

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following Fridays Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 7 between 12:30-1:30PM. with a follow up session on Jan 8th. 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.