

Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing together; Achieving together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all of you who have sent in sponsorship money for our trip to West Wittering. We have raised a fantastic grand total of **£2,200!** We have also had some very generous donations to add to this. In addition to the money we raised from the Christmas discos, we now have sufficient funds to book all the coaches. Thank you to you all for your support. I am sure that the children will have an amazing time!

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children. To help them prepare for the day, Year 6 children have been invited in early to have breakfast before school each day. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate supervising younger siblings at this time, so please bring them to school at the usual time. Thank you for your understanding.

If you haven't already, please book your child's place at our upcoming ASC party on **Wednesday, 20th May.**

And finally, a reminder that the mainstream school will be closing at **1.30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd May** for staff training, prior to the May half term break. The **Base** will close at **1.15 p.m. that day.**

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

As children become increasingly tech savvy, many parents tell us they feel they're always one step behind. Devices update constantly, new apps appear overnight, and the online world can feel like it's moving faster than any of us can keep up. This, combined with peer pressure and the desire children have to fit in, and it's easy to see why setting up devices safely can feel overwhelming.

To help families feel more confident, we've attached a helpful poster with simple, practical guidance for setting up devices and starting positive conversations at home.

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Following these tips can help you create a family digital agreement that works for everyone, one that protects your child whilst also giving them space to learn, explore, and enjoy technology safely.

We encourage all families to take a moment to read it together and use it as a starting point for ongoing conversations at home.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screentime. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

- 1 WORK TOGETHER**
 Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.
- 2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES**
 Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.
- 3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY**
 Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.
- 4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE**
 To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices - especially smartphones - are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of pointless late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.
- 5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY**
 Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family, discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key - so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.
- 6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO**
 Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their real friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.
- 7 BE RESPECTFUL**
 Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online - such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lead themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.
- 8 "NO TECH" ZONES**
 Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.
- 9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES**
 As a family, discuss why the rules are important, to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.
- 10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS**
 To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

Meet Our Expert
 Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at iCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

#WakeUpWednesday
The National College

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Monday 11 th		Year 6 – SATS week
Wednesday 13 th	9.00 a.m.	Nursery parent share session
Thursday 14 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 5 curriculum share with parents
Friday 15 th		Year 6 end of SATs trip
Monday 18 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 4 curriculum share with parents
Wednesday 20 th		ASC party
Thursday 21 st	2.45 p.m.	Year 6 Book share with parents
Friday 22 nd	1.10 p.m. 1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Reception Book share with parents Base children leave – Break up for Half term holidays Mainstream children leave – Break up for Half term holidays
Monday 25th – Friday 29th		Half term – school closed

JUNE

Monday 1 st		Base closed – staff training (Mainstream school open)
Tuesday 2 nd		Year 5 Active Kids session at King George's Park
Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th		Year 6 <u>Residential trip</u> to Blackland Farm
Wednesday 3 rd		Year 6 <u>Day trip</u> to Blackland Farm
Tuesday 9 th		PPSSA athletics competition
Monday 15 th		Wellbeing week
Wednesday 17 th	10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 5.45 p.m.	Base parents' workshop – Puberty Reception intake 2026 – parents' information meeting
Thursday 18 th		Year 6 visit to Roehampton Library – author
Friday 19 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 1 class assembly – parents invited
Wednesday 24 th		Battle of the Books competition
Friday 26 th	3.30 p.m.	Summer Fair
Tuesday 30 th		Secondary transfer day 'Meet your new teacher' day in Granard
	6 p.m.	Street Band concert at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

Wednesday 1 st	11.30 a.m.	Year 4 brass concert at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton Year 5 taster day at APA
Thursday 2 nd		Additional Secondary transfer day for some schools
Friday 3 rd	2.45 p.m.	Eco-Warriors at Stamford Bridge Cherry class assembly – parent invited
Monday 6 th	6.30 p.m.	Year 5 cycling proficiency Meeting for Base parents (new and existing)
Tuesday 7 th		Mainstream and selected Base classes Sports Day at Roehampton playing fields
Wednesday 8 th		Nursery and selected Base classes Sports Day at school
Thursday 9 th		Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
Friday 10 th	2.30 p.m. 2.45 p.m. 4.30 p.m.	Base summer event Street Band perform at Heathmere school Apple class assembly – parents invited After School Care closes at 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday 15 th		ASC summer party
Thursday 16 th	10.30 a.m. 4 – 6 p.m.	Year 6 production – parents invited Year 6 leaver's party
Friday 17 th	1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Base children leave – Break up for Summer holidays Mainstream children leave – Break up for Summer holidays

INSETS & HALF TERM DATES

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

TERM DATES

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

[Or click here](#)



PARENTS MENU

Scan this QR code to go straight to the **Parents Menu** on our school website.

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1A MCKEE

The children in Year 1 have been working hard on their sentences and handwriting. Here are some examples of their fabulous diary writing from last week.

Wednesday 29th April
LO: I can write a diary entry

Sierra's Diary

Wednesday 29th April

Yesterday I woke up and I went to school and when I got there it was full of flowers. They were so ~~colorful~~ colorful. I picked the ~~blue~~ blue flowers. I frayed all around the school. I made a flower neckles. I went home and told my ~~mum~~ all about it.

Wednesday 29th April
LO: I can write a diary entry

Alyssa's Diary

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Yesterday I woke up and it was a lovely day and I ~~went~~ went to school. Then I was surprised because I saw it was a nail salon. At that moment I went in and ~~my~~ painted my nails gold and light pink. I wanted to stay ~~there~~ there forever ever than ~~be~~ be so. She was lovely. Then my mum came here to pick me up and I ~~gone~~ home and I told my mum all about it.

Haniya's - Diary

Wednesday 29th April

Yesterday I woke up and I went to ~~sch~~ school. When I get there the class was full of butterfly. They was gold I took one when I ate it. ~~When it~~ When it was play time they was chasing me. Then I went inside but they were so strong they broke the door. Then I went to the toilet but they were agredy there. So I ran home. They were chasing me home. I got home I locked the door then I told my mum what hapend.

Wednesday 29th April
LO: I can write a diary entry

Anriza's Diary

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Yesterday I woke up and I went to school. I went to my classroom it was a candy world. All the children ate the candy then we went to the classroom and it was a football straight. It was playtime! The playground was a moovi first. It was the best day ever.

3G MURPHY

In PSHE we have been looking at different payment methods and budgeting. The children practised working as a group to plan a 'party' with a set budget. They had to prioritise which items they wanted and then choose their payment method to buy them.



PIC-COLLAGES

2S FOREMAN

Find the Fraction!

We've been busy in Year 2 using our fraction knowledge to help us work out a part of a number.

We have been looking at thirds and quarters and how we can split numbers evenly into these groups.

Sometimes, they try and trick us by not telling us the whole and we have to work it out using the parts!



ASH CLASS

Ash Class have been enjoying the good weather and did their PE class outside. They have been practising their ball skills. After a good stretch and warm up, everyone had a go at catching, throwing, bouncing and kicking a ball with some control.

Well done Ash Class!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have enjoyed making sausages and mashed potatoes as part of their Topic sessions. We have been learning about the UK and tried some of the most popular foods!

We loved veggie sausages but didn't like mashed potatoes very much! This week we will try strawberries and cream.



6R ROWLING

Inspired by the London Marathon and the incredible performances and record-breaking achievements seen this year, 6R took on their very own mini marathon.

The children completed an impressive two-mile course, showing fantastic determination and resilience throughout.

It was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed the experience, cheering one another on and celebrating their achievements at the finish line.

Along the way, they learned valuable lessons about pacing themselves, not setting off too quickly and finding a steady rhythm to help them succeed.

The mini marathon was a great opportunity to promote physical activity, perseverance and a positive mindset. We are incredibly proud of 6R for their effort, teamwork and enthusiasm.

Well done!





Saint Cecilia's
Church of England School

Saint Cecilia's School OpenEvents - BookNow!

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:

Tuesday 7th July 9am - noon

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.



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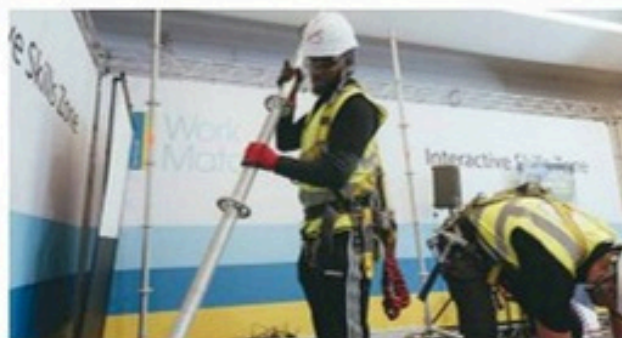


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There is no parking at the Civic Suite or Town Hall.

Nearest car park is Sainsburys or Southside car park off Garratt Lane.

WELCOME TO THE ALTON BIG READ



Saturday 16th May

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Focus Hall

57 Minstead Gardens SW15 4ER

**Flip over to discover the activities
waiting for you!**



WELCOME TO THE ALTON BIG READ



TURN FOCUS HALL INTO A GIANT READING DEN!

- Free event, no registration needed
- Hotdogs, popcorn and refreshments with vegan and halal options
- Creative activities for all ages
- Children - wear your pyjamas and bring a blanket, torch and your favourite book if you wish (or just come as you are!)

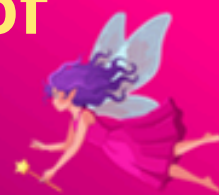


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Join us for the unveiling of **LIBRARY LEGENDS**



Thursday 14th May from 3.30pm
Corner of Danebury Avenue by the
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**Back for the Summer term
Starting Saturday 18th April**



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9.00 - 10.00

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TUESDAY 26TH MAY
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THURSDAY 28TH MAY
FRIDAY 29TH MAY



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SHOW SUMMER FAIR

The **Independent Schools Show** is inviting parents to their Summer Fair.

 **Thursday 14th May 2026**  **RHS Lindley Hall**



This event is designed to help parents feel confident about their child's educational journey, whatever path they ultimately take.

It is ideal for families beginning to think about future transitions (**7+, 8+, 11+, 13+**), or for anyone who simply wants a clearer picture of what to expect in the years ahead.

The fair will bring together over 100 leading independent schools, along with a programme of talks on admissions timelines, bursaries, and how to find the right fit for your child.



Come to our Bring and Buy Plant Sale, Seed Exchange and Cake Sale

Sat 9th May 10:30am – 1pm



Sat 16th May 10am to Noon 17 Rodway Road, SW15 5DN



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