

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE DATE 12th May 2023

We hope everyone enjoyed the King's Coronation and managed to spend additional time with their friends and families.

This week saw our Y6 children complete their SATS.

They all worked so hard and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them, WELL DONE!

On Monday they'll go on a well deserved cinema trip.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th May Y6 Cinema Trip dept. 9.15am **Monday** 15th May Y4 Beaumanor Departure Wednesday 17th May Y4 Beaumanor Return Wednesday 17th May **Poplar Group 2 Swimming** YR5 Holdenby House Tuesday 23rd May Wednesday 24th May **Poplar Group 2 Swimming** Wednesday 24th May **KS2 Cross Country Woodford** Halse 15.15-17.45, invite only **Thursday** Whole Class Photos & Y6 25th May **Individual photos Friday** 26th May 3.15pm Term 5 Ends

Monday 5th June School opens to pupils 08.40am Monday 5th June Y6 Isle of Wight Departure **Y6 Returns from IOW** Friday 9th June Thursday 29th June **Summer show - The Deco** Tuesday 4th July Sports day Wednesday 5h July Sports day **Thursday** 6th July Sports day Tuesday 11th July **Reserve Sports day** Wednesday 12th July **Reserve Sports day Thursday** 13th July **Reserve Sports day** Y6 Assembly will take place later in the year

THE GRANGE SCHOOL

32.5 Hours per week

From September 1st 2023, every mainstream school in Britain must provide 32.5 hours of schooling each week.

This equates to school being open for 6.5 hours each day and includes all breaks that the children may have. This does not apply to Nursery.

Our school day will run from 08:45 - 15:15 each day.

This means we will be making some changes to our morning entry times.

FROM 5th JUNE 2023...

School gates will open at 08:40 and staff will be on the playgrounds to help children to go straight to their class lines.

School start time will be 08:45 and children should be lined up on the playground at this time. Staff will lead the children in at this time and gates will be locked almost immediately.

Reception children should aim to be at the classroom door for 08:45 please.

For the Summer Term only, children will **not** be marked late until after 08:50, but gates will close at 08:45.

Attendance Matters

THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Late arrivals to school



Does being late really matter? Yes, if a child misses 15 minutes every day it adds up to 9 whole school days throughout the year. It also disrupts the learning of other children in the class.

We do monitor attendance regularly, but If you are struggling with your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Best in the school office. Weekly Class Attendance for: Tuesday 2nd May - Friday 5th May 2023

EYFS & KS1	% Attendance	KS2	% Attendance
Ash	95.5%	Willow	98.8%
Fir	97.0%	Yew	98.3%
Oak	92.8%	Maple	96.1%
Lime	96.6%	Poplar	99.2%
Palm 🎉	99.2%	Acer	95.8%
Birch	98.3%	Bonsai	96.3%
Well done Palm & Poplar class, you had the highest		Hawthorn	94.6%
weekly attendance last week! Our whole school		Sequoia	95.4%
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Class Photos

Whole Class photos and Y6 individual pictures are being taken Thursday 25th May

SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS





Our commitment: As part of our grammar school expansion programme we commit to increasing the number of disadvantaged students who can access all that we have to offer. Find out how we can support your child both before and during their time with

The number of pupil premium students has increased from 10 students in Year 7 in 2019 to 20 students in Year 7 in 2022.

Did you know..

- Pupils in receipt of pupil premium (whether free school meals, service premium, looked after or previously looked after) are prioritised in our admissions policy and may be admitted with scores of up to 20 points below the qualifying score.
- Pupils in receipt of pupil premium will be provided with 10 hours of free online materials to help familiarise them with the style of questions in the 11+ tests.
- We can also provide additional materials in either electronic or paper format.

Did you know that once you join us your child will...

- Benefit from tailored support via our Pupil Premium Champion
- Be provided with the materials needed to support their learning. This can include the basics such as pencil case, calculators and uniform but can also include textbooks and tutoring.
- You will also receive additional support towards school trips and activities.
- We can also provide help with transport costs and tailor our support to your circumstances.

For further information please contact our Pupil Premium Champion at Becca.wall@lawrencesheriffschool.com

For admissions queries please contact Iss@lawrencesheriffschool.com
Further information about the 11+ and Admissions can be found on our
website under the Admissions tab Home (lawrencesheriffschool net)



Grammar School Entry Exam





With summer fast approaching, we are in the process of organising Sports Day.

Sports day will be held over three days 4th, 5th and 6th of July. We have reserved a second Sports day 11th, 12th and 13th July, in case it rains.

Following on from your positive comments last year, we will be splitting the school into three groups, with siblings participating together. We will let you know which group your child belongs to and which day they will be participating.

Further information will issued as soon as possible.



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Only 7 weeks left until show day!

Please make sure that you have completed permission forms for your child to participate, these were sent out via Parent Pay.

Information regarding costumes will be sent out before the end of term.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets for our summer show extravaganza! Over 250 tickets have already been purchased with plenty more still available.

We really appreciate your support.

Summer Show 29th June

Key information

Date - Thursday 29th June 2023

Time - 6:45pm - 9:30pm

Venue - The Old Savoy, home of the Deco theatre, Abington Square, Northampton, NNI 4AE

We <u>need</u> your commitment to fill the fabulous auditorium with as many friends and relatives as possible. This event has been heavily subsidised by the school, so we really need as much support as possible. Everyone who watched our last show was impressed by the standard of performance and the professionalism of the children. It is a long day for our performers, but the excitement and thrill of performing live on stage, in an amazing theatre, with family and friends watching, makes it all worthwhile. Put the date in your diary now!

<u>All</u> children participating in the show will be taken via coach to the theatre after lunch on the day of the performance. At the end of the show, <u>all</u> children will need to be collected by a parent/carer directly from the main stage of the theatre.

Tickets will be £8.50 each giving you the opportunity to see our amazing performers. The show will offer music, dancing, singing and performances like you've never seen them before!

Please complete permission via PARENT PAY to enable your child to attend, by Friday 5th May 2023.

Tickets will be available from The Old Savoy from Tuesday 2nd May at 10.00am. You can book your tickets online at www.theoldsavoy.co.uk or call the box office on 01604 491005 between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

More information on costumes and timings will follow over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

The show team





PARENT AND CARER

Coffee meeting





Wednesday 17th May

2:15 - 3:15pm At The Grange School

Please come and join us for a coffee, meet other parents, ask advice and see a friendly face



A Spotlight on Special Needs



SCOPE = Equality for disabled people

Parent Carers Virtual Workshop

Northamptonshire Carers are inviting you to attend a virtual workshop with a member of Scopes Sleep Right Service.

Scope is a leading charity who promote the equality of all disabled people. Sleep Right in Northamptonshire is funded by the Local Authority and NHS, they support families with disabled children aged 2 to 18 to help improve their sleeping patterns.

The session will be a chance to speak to a member of the Sleep Right team and gain some useful sleep advice and techniques for your child.

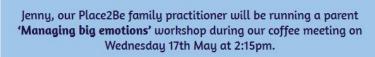
> Date: Thursday 15th June 2023 Time: 7pm - 8pm

To book your place on the virtual workshop please email lucva@northamptonshire-carers.org

CONTACT CARERS

admin@northamptonshire-carers.org





We look forward to seeing you there.

How can you help yourself?





Kidz Zone May Half term





News from EYFS









A Guide for Parents... Year One · · · · Phonics Screening Check · · · ·

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before.

Headteachers should decide whether it is appropriate for each of their pupils to take the phonics screening check. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.



How Can I Help My Child at Home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /c/ in cat, /p/ in pat, /ng/ in sing, /ee/ in been.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read



News from Year 2

Key stage 1 tests

Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics, and science, by the end of kev stage 1 (KS1).

To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum assessments in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. They may also sit an optional test in English grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into KS2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.

The tests can be taken any time during May, and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1.

These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the

Ministers stated in the response to the 2017 consultation on primary assessment that they intended to make the end of KS1 assessments non-statutory once the reception baseline assessment (RBA) was fully established.

On 20 July 2022, the Department announced that KS1 assessments would become non-statutory from the 2023/24 academic year.

The RBA became statutory from September 2021 and will replace the end of KS1 assessments as the baseline for the cohort reaching the end of KS1 in 2023/24.



SATs in Year 2 are very low key. They are used to inform the teachers' assessment of your child. The children complete them as part of their classroom work and simply take them in their stride!

Today, year 3 did an experiment in the hall using water and spoons. We were testing to see the effect of quantity of water and the difference this made to the pitch of the sound. We found that the less water in the bottle, the higher the pitch of sound.





News from Year 3



News from Year 4

Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.

Vocal Coaching

As a Music Mark School, we are proud of the opportunities we offer all children through our Every Child A Musician initiative. Year 5 children are currently working with NMPAT Vocal Coach - and are loving every second of it!



News from Year 5

Thank you for all the lovely feedback we received on the Year 5 Assembly this week. We always appreciate hearing your views.

News from Year 6

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for the determination, perseverance and resilience they have shown this week. We are so very proud of them all!

Our Year 6 pupils will now be concentrating on ensuring their writing portfolios reflect their very best efforts and showcase their learning across the year.







Thursday 25th May 2023





