

# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE DATE  
29th November 2023

Dear parents & carers,

Please remember that we expect all parents and carers to read Parentpay messages and the school newsletter. These are our main forms of communication and we expect all parents and carers to keep up to date with school news.

More immediate information is communicated in as many ways as we possibly can, in order that we reach you all.

Vicki Masters

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	1st December	FROGS Christmas Fayre
Friday	1st December	After School Clubs Cancelled
Tuesday	5th December	Y4 Church visit- more info Follow
Friday	8th December	New EYFS parents open morning
W.C	11th December	Bikeability Y5 and Y6
Thursday	15th December	Y3 Strings concert 9.15
Thursday	14th December	Carol Concert 5.30 BAUBLES
Monday	18th December	Santa Panto
Monday	18th December	Carol Concert 5.30 Presents
Tuesday	19th December	EYFS Nativity 9.30
Tuesday	19th December	Y1, Y5 and Y6 XMAS Party
Tuesday	19th December	Christmas Lunch- order via Freshstart

Tuesday	19th December	Christmas Carol Concert Crackers
Wednesday	20th December	EYFS, Y2, Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party
Wednesday	20th December	School Closes at 3.15pm
Monday	8th January	School opens for pupils 8.40am
Thursday	11th January	Young Voices (Choir)
Tuesday	16th January	Reading open morning all Classes 9.00-10.30

### Visit Santa in his Grotto

Advent Event: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Tickets available on ParentPay from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
November.

£2 per ticket

Each child will spend 15 minutes with santa and  
receive a small gift.

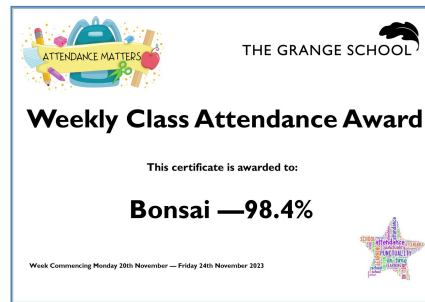


# Attendance Matters

THE GRANGE SCHOOL  
DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



Well done to all **342** pupils  
who had great attendance  
last week (96% or above)  
Brilliant!



## Weekly Class Attendance for: Monday 20th November- Friday 24th November

EYFS & KS1	% Attendance	KS2	% Attendance
<i>Ash</i>	92.7%	<i>Willow</i>	96.8%
<i>Fir</i>	89.2%	<i>Yew</i>	94%
<i>Oak</i>	95.4%	<i>Maple</i>	93.7%
<i>Lime</i>	96.4%	<i>Poplar</i>	98.3%
<i>Palm</i>	98%	<i>Acer</i>	95.3%
<i>Birch</i>	93.8%	<b><i>Bonsai</i></b>	<b>98.4%</b>
Well done <b>Bonsai!</b> You had the highest weekly attendance last week! Our whole school attendance for last week was 94.9% Lets see if we can get to 96% next week.		<i>Banyan</i>	91.5%
		<i>Sequoia</i>	90.7%
		<i>Sycamore</i>	97.6%

# Attendance Matters

## 10 ways to get your child to school on time

(Information provided by [BabyCentre.co.uk](http://BabyCentre.co.uk))

*The morning school run doesn't always have to be a mad dash. Follow our tips for getting your child through the school gates on time, fed, clean and with all the right kit.*

**1. Lay out school clothes the night before.** Set out your child's clothes next to their bed, including pants and socks. You'll have an early warning that stocks of clean underwear are running low if you organise clothes in the evening.

**2. Keep shoes in one place.** Avoid tearing round the house, turning out wardrobes, peering under beds and behind sofas in search of your child's shoes. Find a spot where shoes always live, perhaps next to the front door. Get your child into the habit of putting their shoes there every time they take them off. If you do only one thing to prepare ahead, make it this.

**3. Get your child to bed on time.** This may be easier said than done, but you'll be glad in the morning that your child was bathed and tucked up in good time. If your child is in bed at a sensible hour, they should wake up the next morning cheerful and sprightly. They may even do remarkable things, such as cleaning their teeth without being told. If your child goes to bed late, they're likely to wake up groggy and is more likely to drop their toothbrush down the toilet than brush their teeth with it.

**4. Prepare the night before.** You'll breeze through the morning routine if you think ahead. When your child or children are asleep, make lunches, put homework in backpacks, and check there's enough milk for the morning. Search through your child's school bag for permission slips and school newsletters too. And don't forget about yourself: choose your outfit for the next day, and if you work, prepare your bag.

If you drive your child to school, top up the car with petrol in the afternoon or evening. Trying to fit a garage stop into the school run is bound to make you tight for time, and this will stress you and your child.

**5. Invest in an alarm clock.** When your child starts school, let them pick out their own alarm clock. They'll probably choose the biggest, brightest, tackiest clock you've ever seen. But, hopefully, they may feel a sense of duty to get up when it goes off in the morning.

**6. Encourage your child to get themselves ready.** Help your child to get as far as they can with dressing themselves and brushing their hair. Not only will they feel a sense of accomplishment, it'll save you valuable time – once they get the hang of it, anyway!

**7. Keep breakfast simple.** Don't feel guilty if breakfast isn't an elaborate affair. A breakfast of healthy cereal, a yoghurt and a piece of fruit will do. Make it easy for your child to have fruit by slicing a banana or chopping strawberries into their cereal. Instant porridge is easy and gives a great start to a winter's day.

**8. Put together an emergency pack.** Assemble a just-in-case pack to keep in the car's glove compartment, or by the front door, for easy grabbing. Pack a cereal bar, hairbrush, hairband, tissues, plasters, a bottle of water or carton of juice and a spare couple of pounds.

**9. Take breaks.** Give the weekday routine a rest at weekends. And, occasionally, allow for a variation to your school-day schedule. There will be times during the school week that your child has a late night. A trip to the panto at Christmas or a family party celebrating grandma's birthday are worth a rest from the routine.

**10. Make time for cuddles.** On rushed mornings, it's easy to skip the hugs and kisses. A few cuddles in the midst of the morning chaos will remind you all about what matters most in life





## What are Changemakers?

Changemakers are groups of pupils (committees) who meet and discuss different ways in which they can better the school community. They also work to raise awareness of their particular area of interest/expertise.

## Meet the ...

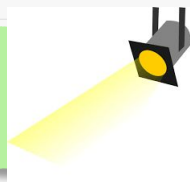


Aspiration Changemakers are a group of children who meet regularly to raise the aspirations of our pupils; encouraging them all to be the best they can be. Throughout the year they will:

- Ensure that pupils are motivated, inspired and passionate about learning new things.
- Ensure that pupils have short term and long term goals to work towards.



## A Spotlight on Special Needs



### Meet the SEND Support Team



Hello My name is Carol Cockburn I have worked at The Grange School for 28 years. I work across KS2 supporting children with comprehension and maths interventions.

During my 28 years at the Grange School I have worked in Nursery to year 6. I also support with swimming lessons and cookery opportunities throughout the year. I am a cheerful person and love to make the children laugh around school.

I have recently reduced my hours because I love spending time with my Granddaughter. I also enjoy reading, especially books by Kitty Neale and stories about Liverpool, my home city.

A DAY  
WITHOUT  
Laughter  
is a  
DAY  
WASTED

Teaching  
Assistant  
children  
physical

A festive poster for a Christmas Fete. It features a dark background with string lights at the top. The title 'Christmas fete' is written in a mix of bold, blocky and cursive fonts. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'when? 20th december from 1pm to 4pm', 'where? daventry leisure centre', 'free refreshments and food available to Purchase!', and '20+ stalls, and entertainment!'. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a girl in a green elf hat and red dress standing next to a decorated Christmas tree. At the bottom, there is a row of logos for partner organizations: 'everyone ACTIVE', 'Reac(X) for Health Centres', 'the cube', 'Dorland School', 'West Northamptonshire Council', and 'Merry Christmas'.

**Christmas fete**

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Dorland School  
West Northamptonshire Council  
Merry Christmas

## THE GRANGE SCHOOL VALUES

Confidence



Courage



Tenacity



Empathy



Integrity



Resilience



Last week we welcomed two visitors in school; Jamie Knight, a freestyle footballer who has appeared on Britain's Got Talent and and Rebekah Greene, a Team GB Athlete. We learnt how they demonstrated many of our school values on their way to success.



## Confidence



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

## Value of the Week

This week we are learning about **confidence**. We have been working on strategies to improve our own and others' confidence.



This week's Values Superheroes are:



### Resilience



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Oliver Rynkowski  
Elise Yates

### Integrity



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Oscar Matthews

### Tenacity



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Damien Lynch  
Johnrishon  
Arumainathan  
Ellie Koleva  
Oliver Rynkowski  
Elise Yates

### Courage



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### Confidence



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Damien Lynch  
Anushka Shenu  
Cameron Nolson  
Kylan Rigby

### Empathy



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Eva Maria Bijoy





**PLEASE**  
**RESPECT OUR STAFF**  
**WE WILL NOT**  
**TOLERATE ABUSE**

# THE COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR OUR advent event...

## The Grange School Advent Event



Please support our school by attending our  
annual Advent event.  
\*Friends and Family Welcome\*

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 3.30pm – 5.30pm

- \*Santas Grotto\* (tickets on sale via parent pay)
- \*Tombolas\*
- \*Refreshments\*
- \*Guess the name of the teddy\*
- \*External Stalls\*

... 2 days to go

Remember - Afterschool clubs are  
cancelled on 1/12/23



## Information for parents: 2024 multiplication tables check



Standards  
& Testing  
Agency

## 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 (MTC) 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.

### What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check was designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.

### 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.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

### How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support.

### 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.



### Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the MTC.

For further details you can also visit [www.gov.uk/STA](http://www.gov.uk/STA).

Further information about the personal data we collect, process and store for the MTC is available in our [privacy notice](#)<sup>1</sup>.

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THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER  
WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOUR  
CHILD

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