

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE DATE
15th June 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,
You all received a letter on Monday morning about the DfE's plan to academise our school. Both myself and the Chair of Governors will keep you updated, as much as we are able to. Each week on this newsletter, we will update you as to the progress of the process.

I appreciate you will have questions and we will organise meetings for parents as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

Vicki Masters Head Teacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday	20th June	Y1 and Y2 Cinema trip
Wednesday	21st June	Y6 Swimming Sequoia
Friday	23rd June	Y5 Singing lessons
Thursday	29th June	Summer Show - The Deco
Tuesday	4th July	Sports day
Wednesday	5th July	Y6 Swimming Sycamore
Wednesday	5th July	Sports day
Thursday	6th July	Sports day
Saturday	8th July	Summer Fete 11am-2pm
Monday	10th July	Y6 Production 6pm-7pm
Tuesday	11th July	Reserve Sports day
Wednesday	12th July	Y6 Swimming Sycamore

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Wednesday	12th July	Reserve Sports day
Wednesday	13th July	School Disco
Thursday	13th July	Reserve Sports day
Friday	14th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm-3.15pm. Fam welcome
Monday	17th July	Reception Cinema Trip
Wednesday	19th July	Y6 Swimming
Friday	21st July	School finishes for the Summer Holiday
Tuesday	5th Sep	School reopens to pupils at 08.45am (Gates 08.40am)

Attendance Matters

THE GRANGE SCHOOL
DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Congratulations
Bonsai class - You had
the highest attendance
during the last week of
term. Well done!

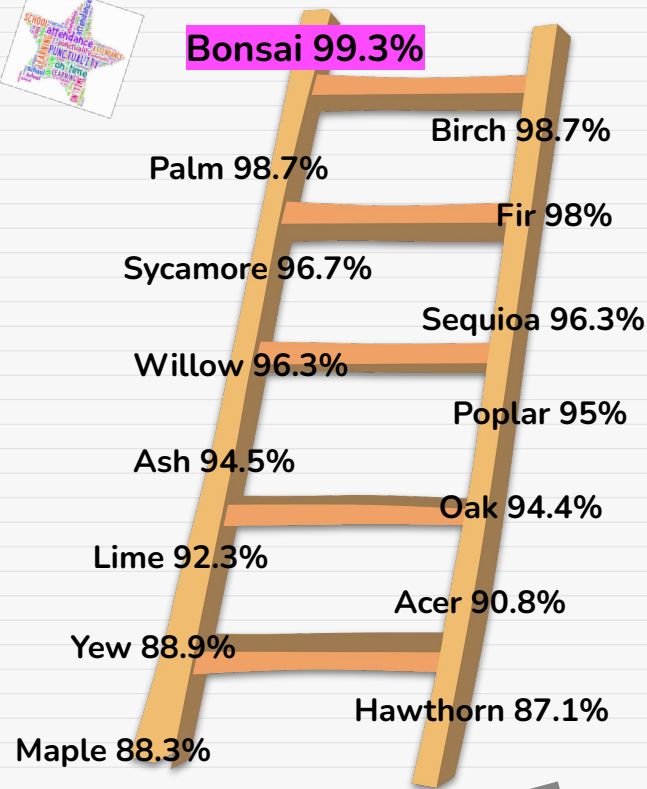
96%

Well done to all 344 pupils
who reached our target of 96%
attendance during the last
week of term! Brilliant!

Every Minute Counts! Lateness = Lost Learning

It is important that your child arrives at school on time. This helps them learn good timekeeping and reduces the chance of classroom disruption and possible feelings of embarrassment. Pupils who arrive after the registers have been closed, either in the morning or the afternoon, without an acceptable explanation or children who are regularly late will be marked as unauthorised absence.

Weekly Class Attendance for: Monday 5th June - Friday 9th June
2023



Academisation - Questions & Answers

Can schools be forced to be an academy?

Schools which have received two or more consecutive ratings below 'Good' may be converted into academies.

The Secretary of State for Education has sent the school something called an 'academy order', which will start the process for the school to become an academy.

In these circumstances, schools will be transferred to a trust with a strong track record of ensuring pupils receive the highest standard of education.

When will all this happen?

It's already happening. The process begins as soon as an academy order is issued. However, academy conversion is a long process, with many stages to complete. The process usually takes approximately 9 months to complete.

Do we know which trust we will join?

No, but as soon as we do, we will let you know.

Will parents' views be taken into account?

Again, no. The DfE have agreed to allow the Head Teacher & the Chair of Governors to give opinions on possible trusts, but no-one from the school will be involved in the final decision.

Rest assured, we are doing all we can to ensure that the chosen trust is the right 'fit' for our school.

Will there be lots of changes?

Change is inevitable and there will be changes. However, it's important to remember that there are always changes from year to year. In order to get better, schools need to make changes for the better.

Again, we will ensure that all changes are communicated to you.

What will those changes be?

At this early stage, we just don't know. It will depend upon the trust selected. Again, you will be informed as soon as it is appropriate to do so. Members of the chosen trust will meet with staff, parents and children when the time is right.

What next?

We wait for the DfE to tell us which trust they have chosen.

32.5 HOURS per week

*** UPDATED - NEW INFORMATION ***

Our school day now runs from 08:45 - 15:15 each day.

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.

We know that some of you are finding the transition to this new arrangement difficult. Please remember that staff are doing what they have been asked to do. We do not tolerate any abuse of staff members.

School **gates open at 08:40** and staff are on the playgrounds to help children to go straight to their class lines. Teachers will be waiting at the head of their class lines.

School start time is 08:45 and children should be lined up on the playground at this time. Staff lead the children in straight away and gates are locked almost immediately. Please encourage your child to line up quickly.

Please do not deliver messages to members of staff at this time, as it prevents them from supervising the children and slows down the process of entering school. Urgent messages should be left at the front office or be sent via DoJo.

You are welcome to talk to school staff directly at the end of each day.

Staying Safe

Please make sure that children bring named sun hats and water bottles to school every day.

Take care in the sun



STAY IN THE
SHADE BETWEEN
11AM AND 3PM



COVER UP



WEAR
SUNGLASSES
WITH 100% UV
PROTECTION



WEAR A
BROAD-BRIM HAT



USE SUN
PROTECTION
WITH AT LEAST
SPF 15 AND
UVA 4 STARS

careinthesun.org



Please apply
sun cream, at
home, before
the children
come to school
each day.

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**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

**Sally Burns
Public Health
West Northamptonshire Council**
1, Angel Square
Angel Street, Northampton
NN1 1ED
0300 126 7000
www.westnorthants.gov.uk

Date: 14 June 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

With a rapid increase in temperature over the last few days and more hot weather expected in the coming weeks and months, West Northamptonshire Public Health are reminding parents and guardians of the importance of following heat safety advice to protect their child / children from high temperatures and worsening hay fever symptoms.

Sun protection

During this warmer weather, keeping your child protected from the sun can help to avoid risks of over sun exposure such as dehydration, heat exhaustion or fainting. Ways in which you can keep your child protected includes:

- Apply SPF factor 30+ sun cream before your child/children go outside and reapply at least every 2 hours. If your child is playing with water or in a paddling or swimming pool, ensure to re-apply sun cream immediately after they finish playing.
- Children should always be supervised when playing with and around water, even in shallow depths or when they are wearing buoyancy aid such as arm bands or a rubber ring.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids - ideally water but sugar free drinks are also suitable.
- Keep your child/children covered with loose fitted clothing a sun hat and sunglasses.
- Avoid the sun between 11am – 5pm, when the sun is at its strongest.

If your child gets sun burnt, carry out after-care as quickly as possible to help reduce the severity of the burn. This can include taking a cool bath or shower or sponging the sore skin with cool water, applying aloe vera to keep the skin moisturised, drinking plenty of water and avoiding further sun exposure.

Heat stroke can affect anyone who is out in the heat, even for a short time. Symptoms can include displaying an altered mental state, confusion or not being able to walk correctly. If this happens you should try to cool the child down as quickly as possible by getting them out of the sun and applying or spraying cool water.

For further advice on sun exposure sun burn and heat stroke, visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/sunburn/, speak to your local pharmacy or contact 111.

Hay fever

Warmer weather can aggravate hay fever symptoms due to the increased levels of pollen circulating in the air. If your child is prescribed hay fever medication or an inhaler, it is important they take this before going outside.

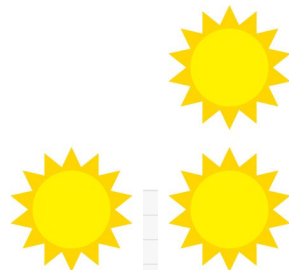
Contact your local pharmacy for further advice and treatment if you are unsure if your child has hay fever but they start to experience any of the below symptoms:

- sneezing and coughing
- a runny or blocked nose
- itchy, red or watery eyes
- itchy throat, mouth, nose and ears
- headache
- feeling tired

For further Public Health information and advice on Heat Health please visit <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/heat-health>.

Kind Regards

Sally Burns
Director of Public Health
West Northamptonshire Council





UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY 8TH JULY
11 - 2pm**

SUMMER FETE

If your interested in holding a stall at our summer fete. Please do get in contact, all welcome..

Thursday 13TH JULY

Summer disco Year 6 Leavers Event

Reception to Year 2 Disco from 5 - 6:15
Years 3,4 & 5 Disco from 6:30 - 7:45

Year 6 Leavers party 8 - 9:15

Tickets £2 (includes refreshments and snacks)

Ticket sales after half term

Friday 21st JULY

Summer holidays commence



PROVIDING FUN FILLED HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN AGES 4 - 12

Ofsted
Registered

BOOK NOW
www.kidzzoneclub.com

Summer Multi-Activity Holiday Club

Mon 24th July - Fri 18th August 2023
The Grange School, Daventry

Over 20
activities!

Enrichment Activities
Laser tag - Scooters - Nerf Wars - Disco
A different one each day

Limited
Spaces!

Our Ofsted registered Multi-Activity holiday clubs held at **The Grange School, Daventry** is open from **Mon 24th July - Fri 18th August 2023**.

The venue has fantastic facilities including: indoor areas, indoor hall, playground, a large field and outdoor exploring areas.

Each full day consists of 4 guided activity hours where children take part in 'Sports Starz' & 'Creative Starz' activities. Accompanied with free play and weekly themed activities, there is something for everyone!

WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER?

10% EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT
AVAILABLE
UNTIL
14TH AUGUST



MON 24TH - FRI 28TH JUL
Outdoor & Adventure



MON 24TH - FRI 28TH JUL
Themed Activities



MON 24TH - FRI 28TH JUL
Themed Activities

Childcare
vouchers/tax
free childcare
accepted!

Activities to try:
Den building, Scooters,
Themed Arts & Crafts,
Puzzles, Quizzes, Circus
Skills, Talent Show,
Nature Explorers
& more!

Sports we play:
Running Games, Dodgeball,
Nerf, Indoor Curling,
Archery, Ball Games,
Football, Cricket,
Outdoor & Adventure
& more!

Free Play:
Football, Ball Games,
Hoops & Skipping,
Swing Ball,
Air Hockey, Table
Football, Ping Pong
& more!



MON 24TH - FRI 28TH JUL
Around the world



Email: helo@kidzzoneclub.com
Phone: 01525 591036
Website: www.kidzzoneclub.com



DONATIONS REQUIRED

We are looking for donation for the Tombola at the Summer Fete.

Do you have any unwanted toiletry sets?

Do you have any unwanted gifts?

Or any good quality toys?



All donations gratefully accepted.

Please bring any donations to the school office.

Thank you.



Summer Fete Related

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Mufti Day - 30th June In aid of the Sweet Tombola

Friday 30th June will be Mufti Day
Children are invited to dress down on Friday 30th June in exchange for a donation to our sweetie tombola which will run on Saturday 8th July.
(We kindly request no chocolate)



Face Painters & Children's Entertainers Required

The Grange School Summer Fete

Saturday 8th July from 11 – 2

Please contact Estelle 07540 388565



Local Trades & Seller

Would you like a stall?

The Grange School Summer Fete
Saturday 8th July from 11 – 2

Please contact Estelle 07540 388565

SEND Support Group

Do you have a child or young person with additional needs?
Then come along to our drop-in groups!

Find out about SEND, behaviour management ideas, communication, and gain understanding about diagnosis and processes from our supportive and knowledgeable staff.

No diagnosis or EHCP required!
Parents, carers, and children welcome!

Thursday's 2:30pm - 4pm
Daventry Children's Centre
Staverton Road
Daventry
NN11 4EY
01604 362265



A Spotlight on Special Needs



The Old Gasworks Car Park
Brook Street
Daventry
NN11 9YB



Services Calendar
W/C 22nd May/ June'23

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Wellbeing Courses* Pre-book only
<div>Positive Parenting</div> <div>10:00am - 11:00am</div> <div>x6 weeks</div>	<div>Walking /Confidence in Water</div> <div>10:00am - 12:00pm</div>	<div>Arts & Crafts</div> <div>10:00am - 12:00pm</div>	<div>Mrs Motivator</div> <div>10:00am - 11:00am</div>	<div>Poetry</div> <div>9:30am - 10:30am</div>	<div>Life Transitions</div> <div>Wednesday 24th May</div> <div>1:00pm - 3:00pm (4weeks)</div> <div>Spaces Available</div>
<div>Men's Voices</div> <div>11:00am - 12:30pm</div>	<div>Healthy Minds</div> <div>12:45pm - 1:45pm</div>	<div>Community Walk</div> <div>10:30pm - 12:00pm</div>	<div>Sports Group</div> <div>1:00pm - 2:00pm</div>	<div>Social Morning</div> <div>10:00am - 12:00pm</div>	<div>Food and Mood</div> <div>Thursdays</div> <div>10:00am - 12:00pm</div> <div>Ask for more details</div> <div>Start date to be confirmed</div>
<div>Fresh Minds</div> <div>11:00am - 12:30pm</div>		<div>Cooking</div> <div>1:00pm - 3:00pm</div>	<div>WEN Course*</div> <div>See right for info PRE-BOOK ONLY</div>		
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Groups times are subject to change

Book a place

t: 01327 879416
e: enquiries@northamptonshiremind.org.uk
www.northamptonshiremind.org.uk
Registered Charity no. 1033000

- Pre-booking essential
- Drop-in
- Pre-booking advised
- Cost to service

Crisis Cafe
Drop-in 1:1 crisis support provided in partnership with the NHFT
Wednesday 5pm-9pm

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NEWS FROM THE GRANGE

We are delighted to inform you that, after an intensive interview process, Ms Victoria Haddon and Mr Ian Pagett have been appointed as permanent members of staff.

Both are delighted to have joined the team permanently and I know you will join me in welcoming them fully to The Grange community.



Our thanks to Mr Alan Oates who has been working in our Nursery in Mrs Darby's absence..

On Monday 19th June, we are happy to be welcoming Mrs Emma Darby back after her maternity leave.



Mrs Claire Hancock

Behaviour Lead & Senior Special Educational Needs Assistant



mrs.hancock@thegranges...

Our support staff have been working hard this year to improve their skills and knowledge in an area of particular interest to them.

Mrs Hancock has developed a real passion for supporting children to improve their behaviour and has taken on responsibility for leading on this area of our school provision.

Only 2 weeks left until show day!

Show rehearsals have been underway this week, it has been wonderful to hear the sounds of excitement coming from the halls.

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.

COSTUMES

All show costumes must be handed to club leaders by Friday 16th June.



Summer Show 29th June



**SATURDAY 8TH
JULY**

FROM 11 TO 2

SCHOOL FETE

Please join us for summer fun!

We are delighted to be hosting a summer fete for all our children, their families and friends.

If you would like to host a stall / pop-up shop, provide entertainment or provide catering for this event please contact mrs.calow@thegrangeschooldaventry.net

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**Lots to eat and
drink**
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**Games and
Entertainment for
all ages**
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**Amazing raffle
prizes**
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—
**Stalls and Pop-Up
Shops**
—

The Grange School
Staverton Road
Daventry
NN11 4HW

COMMUNICATION MATTERS

We think it's important to remind you of all the different ways in which we communicate with you and how we use each method of communication.



We use **ClassDojo** to communicate classroom news to you. Class teachers and year group staff may send you messages on here.



All parents connected! 🥳👍👏

Way to go! All students in your class have at least one parent connected.

[View connections](#)

*** ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO DOJO? ***

NOT ALL PARENTS HAVE.

Sequoia, Bonsai, Acer, Poplar, Maple, Palm, Oak, Lime, Reception & Nursery classes have parents who are not signed up to Dojo.



We use **ParentPay** to send all important information to you. This includes notifying you about head injuries.

We currently have the following numbers of parents who have **not yet activated their ParentPay** accounts:

Reception - 4 parents

Year 1 - 4 parents

Year 2 - 3 parents

Year 3 - 5 parents

Year 4 - 7 parents

Year 5 - 9 parents

Year 6 - 6 parents

We will once again re-issue your account details to you - **PLEASE** activate your account. You are missing out on crucial information.

It is **VITAL** that you please activate your ParentPay account - please ask if you need help to do so.

You are missing out on important information.



ParentPay

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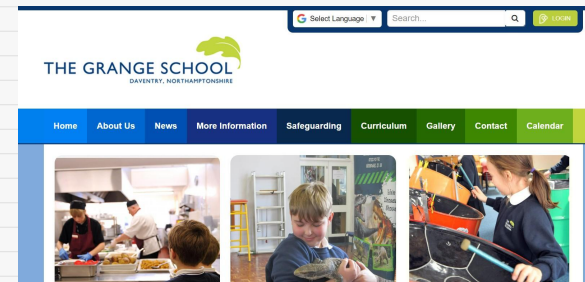
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THIS NEWSLETTER IS OUR MAIN FORM OF COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS.

ALL GENERAL INFORMATION IS INCLUDED ON OUR NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK.

WE SEND THE NEWSLETTER TO YOU VIA PARENTPAY AND IT IS UPLOADED TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE EACH WEEK.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALWAYS READ IT.



Our school website has a wealth of information about many different aspects of school life. If you have a question, you can always check here first for the information you are searching for.

<https://www.thegrange.northants.sch.uk>



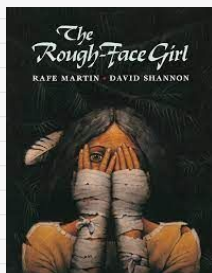
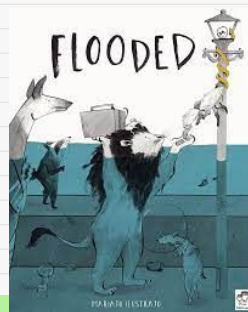
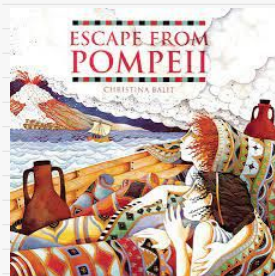
We use social media as an advertising tool for our school. We share different aspects of school life and welcome you to follow too. Search The Grange School, Daventry

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Curriculum Focus



The Senior Leadership Team of Mrs Masters, Mrs Wagg & Mrs Waldock have been refining and tweaking our school curriculum .

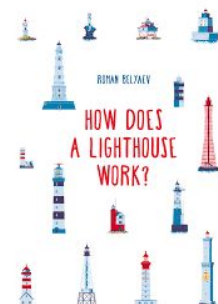
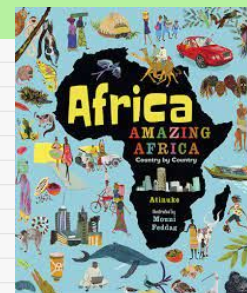


Our curriculum remains a book-based curriculum, with children becoming familiar with a wide range of interesting and awe-inspiring texts.

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As well as learning the vital skill of reading and understanding texts, we use books to deepen our knowledge and understand of the world.



We have been evaluating which books the children enjoy most and have made sure to include them in our refined curriculum. In addition, we have added exciting new books to share with the children.