

THE GRANGE SCHOOL  
DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE DATE  
5th May 2023

We are already three weeks into this half term, and the time simply seems to fly away. This week and next feel slightly shortened with the two bank holidays.

We have had so much fun this week, getting ready for our Coronation Celebrations.

We do hope everyone is making the most of the extra day off this weekend and create lots of memories celebrating the Kings Coronation.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday	9th May	14:30 - Y5 Assembly family welcome
Wednesday	10th May	Poplar Group 2 Swimming
Wednesday	17th May	Poplar Group 2 Swimming
Tuesday	23rd May	YR5 Holdenby House
Wednesday	24th May	Poplar Group 2 Swimming
Wednesday	24th May	KS2 Cross Country Woodford Halse 15.15-17.45, invite only
Thursday	25th May	Whole Class Photos & Y6 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
Friday	9th June	Y6 Returns from IOW
Thursday	29th June	Summer show - The Deco
Tuesday	4th July	Sports day
Wednesday	5th 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		


# Attendance Matters



Congratulations to everyone on a fantastic 96.4% attendance.  
Mrs Masters



Weekly Class Attendance for: Monday 24th April - Friday 28th April 2023

EYFS & KS1	% Attendance	KS2	% Attendance
Ash	99.5%	Willow	97.6%
Fir 	100%	Yew	99%
Oak	87.7%	Maple	93.1%
Lime	94.4%	Poplar	97.3%
Palm	99.3%	Acer	98.3%
Birch	96.3%	Bonsai	94.1%
Well done <b>Fir class</b> , you had the highest weekly attendance last week! Our whole school attendance for last week was <b>96.4%</b> - Brilliant!		Hawthorn	94.3%
		Sequoia	98%
		Sycamore	97.6%

## News from EYFS

Reception children have been drawing portraits of King Charles III this week.



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FOR A  
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- ✓ CHILD-LED LEARNING

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INFORMATION AND TO ARRANGE A VISIT



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.

### What Happens During the Screening?

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

### Pseudo Words (Nonsense Words)

The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have. Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.

### 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.



### How Are the Results Used?

Results from the check will be used by schools to analyse their own performance and for Ofsted to use in inspections.



# 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 key 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 summer term.

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!



## News from Year 3

Y3 children love reading with their Y6 buddies.



# 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?

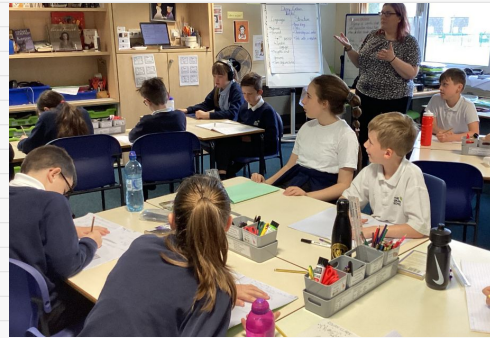
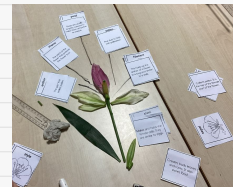
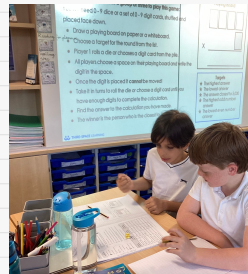
It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

### 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.



# News from Year 5



## News from Year 6

Dear Y6 pupils,  
Next week is an important week in your education. The SATs tests you will sit are one measure of what you have learned during your time at the school. BUT, they are just a snapshot of you and your abilities.

Remember, there are things that these tests just can't measure. Things that are really important to take with you through life. Things that make you special.

So, please don't worry about these tests. You've all worked hard; now we want you to simply try your best. You can all do that. Because your best is good enough!  
Good luck!

Mrs Masters

### Important Things That Tests **Can't** Measure

creativity generosity

wisdom faithfulness compassion

intuition self-control

thoughtfulness thoroughness

peacefulness sensitivity

character gentleness

confidence perspective

patience joy affection

kindness motivation

honesty love

flexibility spirituality

courage perseverance

friendliness rhythm loyalty

determination helpfulness

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Year 6 Post-SATs  
Cinema Treat  
15/5/2023

Year 6  
Production

3rd July  
18:00

5th July  
18:00





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.

## Starting School?

If you still need a school place for your Reception or Nursery-aged child, pay a visit to our excellent Early Years Foundation Stage provision.

Standards in our EYFS are consistently high and our provision is well-regarded by education professionals.

Due to the falling birth rate, we still have a few places left in our EYFS provision for the new school year.

★ Contact Louise Harris (EYFS Lead) on [mrs.harris@thegrangeschooldaventry.net](mailto:mrs.harris@thegrangeschooldaventry.net)





A HUGE thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets for our summer show extravaganza! Over 220 tickets have already been purchased with plenty more still available.

We really appreciate your support.



We are thrilled to announce that The Grange School summer show is back and wow, do we have a show for you!

You are invited to put your gladrags on and join us for a night of entertainment that you will never forget.

The Grange School presents...

**'Night at the Oscars'**

**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, NN1 4AE

We need 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!

All 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, all 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](http://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



# Curriculum Focus

I hear and I forget ... I see and I remember ... I do and I understand

## What are math manipulatives?

Maths manipulatives are objects that provide children hand on experience of maths concepts. These objects help to make abstract concepts more real by letting children touch math ideas, thus making maths come alive. Manipulatives can be bought from a shop, you can build them yourself or they can be found around the home. The manipulatives range from Unifix cubes, Numicons, bottle caps or even Skittles.



Manipulatives help students at **all levels** and of **all abilities**. Manipulatives can help from counting to place value, fractions to percentages etc.

Children who use manipulatives in specific mathematical subjects are more likely to achieve success than students who don't have the opportunity to work with manipulatives

Our new maths programme encourages children, of **all ages and all abilities**, to use manipulatives in their learning.

Ask your child which manipulatives they've used and ask them to explain what they learned while they were using them!

Leaders in the school are monitoring the children's use of mathematical manipulatives.



# Every Child A Musician

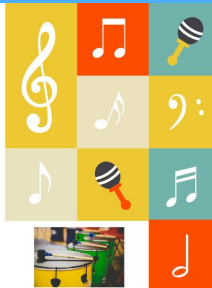
## Every EYFS Child A Musician



In EYFS, we have a focus on percussion instruments.

Reception & Nursery children will be taking part in a Samba Drumming workshop this year.

Their long project, will be led by our EYFS Team and will focus on world percussion.



## Every Year One Child A Musician



### Samba Drumming

Year 1 children will take part in a Samba Drumming workshop this year.



### Let's Play Percussion

NMPAT will be running a term long project with our Year 1 children.



### Curriculum Music

Our children have weekly music lessons, following the Charanga curriculum.

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## Every Year Two Child A Musician



### Let's Play

NMPAT will lead Year Two children in a term long percussion project.



Year Two children will be taking part in a Spoons workshop.

We follow the Charanga music curriculum for our weekly music lessons.

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## Every Year Four Child A Musician



Year Four children will take part in a Gamelan workshop.



We follow the Charanga music curriculum for our weekly music lessons.

## Every Year Three Child A Musician

We follow the Charanga music curriculum for our weekly music lessons.



Year Three children will take part in a didgeridoo workshop with Jonny Cope, the Didgeridoo man!



NMPAT will lead weekly Strings lessons with every Year Three child.

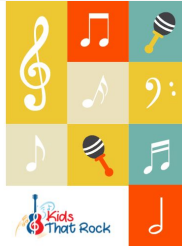
### Every Year Five Child A Musician



Year Five children will take part in a term long project playing guitar with Matt from Kids That Rock.

They will also get creative and form a junk orchestra for a term-long project.

We follow the Charanga music curriculum for our weekly music lessons.



### Every Year Six Child A Musician



Year Six children will have a term long beatboxing project working with Danny Ladda from School of Beatbox.

Year Six children will take part in a term long project playing guitar with Matt from Kids That Rock.



We follow the Charanga music curriculum for our weekly music lessons.

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Our Ofsted registered Multi-Activity holiday clubs held at **The Grange School, Daventry** is open from **Tue 30th May - Thurs 1st June 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 HALF TERM?

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## 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



Jenny, our Place2Be family practitioner will be running a parent 'Managing big emotions' workshop during our coffee meeting on Wednesday 17th May at 2:15pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.



## A Spotlight on Special Needs



West  
Northamptonshire  
Council

West Northamptonshire's SEND Support Service are holding a workshop for parents and carers of children with ASD or related social interaction difficulties aged 5-19.

### Sensory Workshop

This workshop is for parents and carers of children aged 5 - 19 years, living in Northamptonshire. This is a virtual workshop on:

**Tuesday 16th May, 6:00pm - 8:30pm**

The workshop will be held through Zoom and joining details will be sent prior to the start of the session.

To reserve a spot on this workshop please follow the link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sensory-workshop-tickets-526388180217?aff=ebdsoporaprofile>

The workshop aims to help parent/carers gain a basic understanding of sensory processing as below:

- To learn about the different sensory elements
- To improve your confidence in recognising and managing your child's sensory differences
- To learn about some of the methods for supporting individuals to manage their sensory needs





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Activities from the  
Art Room

With rain forecast for at least some of the Bank Holiday weekend, we asked our friends at Place2Be for some advice on coping with the long weekend. Find out more at ...

Place2Be Activities from the art room

## 7 Easy Self-care Strategies FOR Busy Parents



### 1. Breathe LOVE

Each morning when you wake up, before you get out of bed, take 5 deep breaths. With each inhale and exhale, imagine the love you give and receive moving through you. A great way to start your day.

### 2. Start a Bullet Journal

A bullet journal is a fun way to get organized, clear and clean your mind, and express your creativity. It's great for making to-do lists, documenting your life goals and making art. Design your bullet journal in the format that works best for you.



### 3. Chair Yoga

If you have 5 minutes and a chair, then you can do chair yoga. Sit up straight but relaxed, feet on the floor, stretch your arms and roll your neck, coordinating the motion with your breath.



### 4. Get Active with Family

Make the most of family time by weaving in your workout, too! DO an exercise tape with your little ones, go for a walk as a family, shoot some hoops, or plan a family outing to the park.



### 5. Make a Lunch Date

Missing your social life? Plan a lunch date! Even if you work full-time, going out for your lunch break instead of scarfing down your food in front of your computer will help you recenter.



### 6. Take a Book Break

Leave the TV off for the night and pick up a book instead. Reading is good for your brain and losing yourself in a story has been shown to reduce stress and muscle tension.



### 7. Create a Car Sanctuary

If you have a car, you will inevitably spend time in there. Why not capitalize on the forced alone time and get your zen on? Play your favorite music or podcast, cover your seat in a soft blanket, and add some portable aromatherapy for extra stress relief.



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