



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
27 Sept	Open Afternoon for children starting in September 2019 – 1.30pm start	5 Nov	Flu immunisation Reception to Y5 children
28 Sept	Individual School Photos	7 Nov	Parents Evening – Years 1 to 6
16 Oct	Open Morning for children starting in September 2019 - 9.30am	8 Nov	Parents Evening – Years 1 to 6
16 Oct	Reception/Y1/Y2 Harvest Festival – 2pm	23 Nov	Open Afternoon for children starting in September 2018 - 1-30pm
17 Oct	Reception Parents evenings – a sign-up sheet will be available on Tapestry	6 Dec	All school trip to the Panto 2pm start – 4.30pm pick up from school
18 Oct	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Harvest Festival – 2pm	11 Dec	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Carol concert at St Michaels Church - 1.30pm
18 Oct	Reception Parents evenings – a sign-up sheet will be available on Tapestry	13 Dec	Reception Nativity 2pm
19 Oct	Last day of Term 1 – 3.15pm finish	18 Dec	Y5 and Y6 Carol concert at St Michaels Church 1.30pm
29 Oct	Start of Term 2	19 Dec	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Production – 1.30pm
		20 Dec	Christmas Party Day
		20 Dec	Last day of term 2 – 2pm finish

We hope that your children have settled in well at school. It has been lovely to welcome all the Reception and new children who have joined us in-year.

### History Day!

On Monday 10 September, Years 1-6 participated in a whole school history day linked to their topic. Lots of historical questions were asked and some brilliant art work was produced. Here are a few photos to give you an insight into what went on...



## Harvest

- 16 October – Reception/Year 1/Year 2 at 2pm
- 18 October – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 2pm

As the school is growing we have decided to split our Harvest celebrations into EYFS & KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). Each class will either perform a poem or song and as a collective group will entertain you with their beautiful voices! The KS1 and KS2 choirs will also perform at the respective celebration. The dates are above in the calendar and we would love to see as many of you as possible. We can safely accommodate 2 people per child in the hall and we would urge you to stick to that ratio to enable all families the same access. It is often finished before the end of the school day so afterwards, the children will go back to their classrooms to get their belongings but will be available for you to collect early should you wish too. You can also collect siblings too. After school clubs will function as normal so please encourage your child to stay so that they can earn their Extend Award for their dedication to a club.



From Monday 15 October we would welcome any harvest donations which we will be donating to the Food Bank in Bishops Cleeve. The food types they require are: tinned fruit, sauces – tomato ketchup, brown sauce, coffee, instant mashed potato, sponge puddings, tinned green beans, tinned broad beans, tinned mixed vegetables, UHT milk/juice, jam/marmite, tinned stewing steak, tinned chicken in sauce, nappies small/large and toiletries. Please no pasta, baked beans or porridge oats as they have lots of this. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Year 3

Here is some shared writing of how the children changed the words from black to red to make the stories more descriptive and interesting:

### Shared Writing – Year 3A's setting description

On a dark, ~~and~~ stormy night in ~~the~~<sup>a</sup>  
~~land of~~ ~~mount Everest~~, four ~~travellers~~<sup>mysterious</sup>  
~~jumped off~~<sup>ragged</sup>  
~~climbed~~  
stumbled ~~exhausted~~ from their battered  
~~ship~~  
ship.  
Looking up, the searchers stared bravely at the  
~~mountains~~<sup>jagged</sup> Mountains...

### Shared Writing – Year 3B's setting description

~~Violently~~, the ~~humungous~~  
The ~~big~~, blue waves crashed against  
the abandoned kingdom. Beyond the dark,  
gloomy forest stood a magical, monstrous  
castle. ~~The~~<sup>Suddenly,</sup> five strong men marched  
out of their ship towards the ruined  
fortress. ~~The~~<sup>as the</sup> murky air was howling  
around them.



### Census Day – 4 October 2018

On 4 October we have 'Census' day, this is the day the DfE (Department for Education) and LA (Local Authority) ask all schools to submit their data. This data includes the number of children taking a Universal Free School meal (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or a Free School Meal (Reception to Year 6). **We would like to encourage all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school dinner on this day as this will determine the funding the school receives to cater for these meals.** If there was a short fall across the whole year it would impact on the normal school budget. The menu this day will be:

**Sausages in a roll  
Or cheese and tomato pizza  
Served with  
Potato Wedges  
Baked beans and peas  
Followed by  
Chocolate crunch  
Or fresh fruit platter**

We thank you for your support in this important matter.

### New Reception Parents – Universal Free School Meals

If you haven't yet registered your child for Universal Free School Meals you must do so urgently by visiting: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). This needs to be done before 4 October 2018.

### Inset Day

Just to confirm that we will have an inset day on **Wednesday 3 April 2019**. We don't usually have an inset day midweek, but this was the only day that we could arrange a conference for staff to attend. The rest of the inset days can be found on our calendar on our website.

### Helmets Wheely Wednesday

There are a number of children who are roller skating which is great, but they must wear a helmet. Also children on bikes and scooters must all now wear helmets. As a number of children participating is increasing, so is the chance of an accident. Children arriving without a helmet will be unable to take part. Thank you for your continued support.

### Bikes and Scooters

Please could we remind all parents/carers and children to dismount from their bike or scooter (little sisters and brothers included) as you enter the school gates. Walking their bike or scooter from this point will make it safer for all users of the path and hopefully will cause less congestion.

### Leaving at the end of the day

Please could we remind all parents/carers to leave the site as quickly as possible after picking up their children from either the astro or playground. We are now running clubs after school and we need to make sure the school site is safe so need to lock the gates before the children get outside for their activity.

### Musicate

This year, Grangefield, are taking part in the Cheltenham Festivals Music Education programme which means that we have a Birmingham Conservatoire musician working with the children in the school. He is a Jazz Saxophonist, called Olly and he has already spent a day with the school working with Y1 and Y5. He wowed all the children in assembly when he played Never Enough from the Greatest Showman. Their faces were a joy to see! He has two more visits scheduled before Christmas with 4 more after that. The aim is that he will get to work with all the children in the school over the year. There will be a concert at the end of the year, which parents will be invited to, so keep an eye out for that date.

### **Grange Money**

If you haven't done so already please pay your £12 Grange money this term or £36 for the school year.

### **School Dinner Money**

Key stage two parents – please make sure that you pay your dinner money regularly. We are not able to let the total debt go beyond **£10**, if this does happen you will have to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the debt has been paid.

### **Film Club**

Mrs Migliaccio will be running Film Club next term on Wednesday after school – 3.15-4.15pm. Limited to 15 children and open to Y1 to Y6 children. The first film will be Paddington 1. If you are interested please email [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk).

### **Reminders**

- **Flu Immunisation**
  - If you would like your child to be immunised against Flu please make sure you have filled out a consent form either online or get a form from the office. For further details please see the email that was sent to you.
- It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes to telephone numbers or email addresses. If you haven't received an email from us this term, please email us on [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) and we can update your records.
- Just a reminder that it is getting colder now so it is important that children come to school with their coat.
- Photographs. When your child's photo is taken on Friday they should bring home with them a bar code that you can use to view the pictures of your child. Please look out for this in your child's book bag.
- If you need to contact a teacher, please send your email to [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk)

There will be another newsletter before half term and we will let you know when we have published it.

With best regards  
Mrs Lewis