

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
13 Dec	Year 1&2 Carols on the Playground – 2:30pm	8 April	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish
14 Dec	Year 5&6 Carols on the Playground – 2:30pm	25 April	Term 5 Starts
17 Dec	Christmas Party Day	w/c 9 May	Year 6 SATS – all Yr6s must attend
17 Dec	Term 2 Ends: 2pm finish	26 May	Term 5 Ends
4 Jan	Inset Day	27 May	Inset Day
5 Jan	Term 3 Starts	6 June	Term 6 Starts
12 Jan	Reception 2022 Open Morning	6-10 June	Year 6 PGL – Liddington, Swindon
18 Feb	Term 3 Ends	20 July	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish
28 Feb	Term 4 Starts	21 July	Inset Day

COVID and other school illnesses

We are still continuing to have cases within the school community. Please continue to be vigilant in order to prevent further possible transmission within our school community. Please note this is voluntary, however, we kindly ask that you continue to carry out lateral flow tests on your children, in case they are asymptomatic. If a child tests positive with a lateral flow test they should not return to school and it must be followed up with a PCR test. If you are at all concerned that you, or anyone in your household has COVID-19, please book a PCR test straight away. Lateral flow tests should only be used by people that are not experiencing any symptoms. If you receive PCR results, get a positive LFT or need to take your child for a PCR test over the weekend, please can you email admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk using COVID in the subject box.

As well as COVID in the school, we also have an increase in other illnesses and bugs, such as stomach bugs and colds, the symptoms of these are often reported with those reporting positive lateral flow tests, so please be vigilant and test if necessary. As a reminder, children who have stomach bugs, should remain off school until 48 hours after the symptoms have disappeared. We have also had reports of head lice, so please check your children and if necessary, visit the chemist for advice on treatment.

When reporting absences, please report them to either admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk or 01242 671003 in the first instance. You can still message teachers on Class Dojo or Tapestry, but please be aware that the teachers will not always look at messages prior to school.

INSET day

We have now set a date for our 5th INSET day of the year, this will be Friday 27 May, just before the May Half Term.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school or PE uniform every day. Information about the school uniform can be found at <https://grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk/uniform/>. If there are any issues with your child's uniform, please contact your child's teacher. We have variety of spare uniform available, if needed please contact the office.

School Dinners

The menu for next term will be made available prior to the end of the year. Key Stage 2 parents – please make sure you pay your dinner money regularly. We are no longer able to let the total debt go beyond £10 and if this does happen you will need to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the debt is paid. If you feel that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can check on this website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Foodbank

There will be a special 'Schools Session' which is on Thursday 16th Dec 12:45 - 2:30pm at St Michael's Centre. If you need any support, please contact the office.

Christmas Events

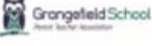
We have been busy recording our Year 3 & 4 production this week and the Reception Nativity will be recorded next week, our editing elves will be working their magic before we send home information about how to access them, we aim to do this prior to the end of term.


Weather permitting Years 1 & 2 and 5 & 6 will be performing carols and Christmas songs on the playground, see above for dates and times.

As FOGS are unable to hold Panto time as an afterschool event, raising valuable funds for the school, we would really appreciate if every child could bring a £1 (or more) donation for FOGS on panto day. Alternatively, you can now also donate online www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc

We've also enjoyed our Christmas Dinner and Jumper day today.




FOGs Presents...
PANTO DAY



In their classes, all children will watch a wonderful virtual pantomime with popcorn treat bags, and have fun completing a variety of panto activities before and after the show.

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KS2 – Monday 13th December
EYFS & KS1 – Tuesday 14th December

Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas to all our Grangefield Families!

What have we been doing?

After a year away, the Grangefield Owl Group Cross Country returned on Friday 3 December, all the children did brilliantly, and now that the scores have been counted we can confirm the results:



- 6th Place **Great Great Owls**
- 5th Place **Tawny Owls**
- 4th Place **Hawk Owls**
- 3rd Place **Eagle Owls**
- 2nd Place **Barn Owls**
- 1st Place **Snowy Owls**

Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for Christmas

This December Holiday, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to their Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher of £30 for each child who is eligible for FSM, which will cover both weeks for the holiday period.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for Christmas half term will open from Tuesday 30 November until midday on Monday 13 December. Emails from selectcode will be sent out between 13 and 15 December.

If you have signed up previously you do not need to re-register, and we are encouraging any parents not already signed up to do so as soon as they can. [Apply for your Christmas holiday Vouchers here.](#)

General Housekeeping

- As it is now getting colder, please ensure that your child brings in hat, gloves etc., to wear whilst playing outside.
- Please ensure that you let us know if you have any changes to your mobile phone numbers, email addresses or personal details so that we can keep our database up to date.
- Please can only water be put into the bottles brought in for during the day.
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.
- If your child is interested in having CoolMilk, please register by 5pm on a Tuesday to have milk from the following Monday. You can register on the website <https://www.coolmilk.com/> If your child is entitled to Benefit based Free School Meals – please contact the office
- If your child is being picked up by another parent or adult regularly, please give a list of people you are happy for your child to go home with to your teacher.
- Allergies – if your child has any allergies please let the school know immediately.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lewis

Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Holiday Activity And Food Programme #HAF2021

What?
The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE, is returning this December for children aged 5-16 years eligible for free school meals.

When?
The programme will be running for 4 days from: **20th - 23rd December.**

How?
You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.
Activities will be available to book from **1 December.**

What is available?
We will be offering a variety of face-to-face activities with your local providers:

- ✓ exciting activity packs for all ages
- ✓ an opportunity to claim your own winter food hamper to enjoy over the holidays
- ✓ tickets to local events and more!

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

To stay up to date on all things HAF, email us at: HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk to join our newsletter where we will have updates, insights, recipes and crafts from November.

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Holiday Activity Programme

What?

Using grant funding, this year we are extending our holiday activity programme for December to all children in Gloucestershire.

Open to children of any age, this makes sure all children can access holiday activities locally.

When?

The HAP programme will be running for 4 days from 20th -23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December. You will be able to book any activities marked HAP in the title.

What will be available?

- ✓ Face to face activities for children to socialise and play
- ✓ Ticketed activity schemes to your favourite venues
- ✓ A large online video activity library and more!
- ✓ A potential free meal at your local activities (Please contact providers directly for more details on this).

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC

or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf



Drama Workshop



FREE CHRISTMAS DRAMA WORKSHOPS!!!!

Ages 8-12

10am- 2pm

Dumbleton Village Hall: 20th + 21st December
Bishops Cleeve Community Building: 22nd December

A DAY OF FESTIVE DRAMA FUN!

Games, Imagination, Story making, Improvisation, Character creating,
Props in a box and Some important Elf and Safety training for this time of year!

For more information or to enquire about booking a place
please see Gloucestershire County Councils Postcard below or contact

Kerry: redbananadrama@yahoo.co.uk

www.redbananadrama.com

07719462555

This workshop is for those living in Tewkesbury Borough Council area (and some surrounding areas - please contact me for more info).
A hot meal will also be provided!

Cotswolds National Landscape - Free outdoor activities for young people

Cotswolds National Landscape – the statutory authority for the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) are pleased to offer 4 free sessions of woodland-focussed activities, as part of the national Holidays and Food (HAF) programme.

The activities we'll offer include den making, bark rubbing, fire lighting, cooking a hot meal outdoors, and lots more besides. The events are taking place at the Notgrove Estate near Northleach in central Gloucestershire, and we can also provide minibus transport if required.

The deadline for booking places is Tues 14th December. The activities are scheduled for:

- Mon 20th Dec
- Tue 21st Dec
- Wed 22nd Dec and
- Thu 23 Dec

You can find more information about this HAF programme here: [Supporting children and families - Cotswold District Council](#)

The following link allows participants to book places. The events are open to young people aged between 8 and 16 years of age, with their wider families (parents; siblings etc):

[Event Search | Cotswold National Landscape \(coordinate.cloud\)](#)

Friends of Grangefield Big PTA Raffle

FOGS has organised another Big PTA raffle. Further information can be found [here](#)

Parentkind

THE BIG PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Bring a little sparkle and festive cheer this year!

WIN UP TO £5,000

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- ★ Help boost PTA fundraising
- ★ Tickets cost just £3
- ★ 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- ★ PLUS! A special prize draw worth £2,500 for all PTAs selling 120 tickets or more!

BUY TICKETS

Don't delay - buy your tickets today!

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Christmas Raffle will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 12th Dec 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk