

Date	Activity
26 Sept	Year 2 Curriculum Evening
27 Sept	Year 6 Curriculum Evening
28 Sept	Reception Stay and Play
29 Sept	Reception 2023 Open Afternoon
3 Oct	Reception Stay and Play
10 Oct	Year 6 at Cheltenham Literature Festival
10 Oct	Individual School Photos
11 Oct	Reception 2023 Open Morning
12 Oct	Year 4 at Cheltenham Literature Festival
17 Oct	Year 6 Individual School Photos
21 Oct	Term 1 Ends
31 Oct	Inset Day
1 Nov	Term 2 Starts
9-11 Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
16 Nov	Reception 2023 Open Morning
28 Nov	Reception 2023 Open Afternoon
16 Dec	Term 2 Ends: 2pm finish
3 Jan	Inset Day
4 Jan	Term 3 Starts
17 Feb	Term 3 Ends
27 Feb	Term 4 Starts
31 March	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish
17 April	Term 5 Starts
26 May	Term 5 Ends
5 June	Term 6 Starts
5-9 June	Y6 Residential to PGL Liddington
21 July	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish
24 July	Inset Day
25 July	Inset Day
New Event or Change of Date	

General Housekeeping and Reminders

- 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 make sure that your child brings in everything they need for the start of the day.
- All children must bring in their coats even if the day starts out sunny.
- 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.
- If your child attends a Before School club, please can you stick to the paths when entering the school grounds, the car park gets very busy in the mornings.
- Please do not approach the school fences whilst the children are playing to talk to or pass things to your child.

Attendance

New guidance has been issued by the Department of Education to help the school community work together to improve school attendance. Regular attendance at school is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to meet their full potential. At Grangefield, we have the expectation of 100% attendance from every pupil. Non-attendance is an important issue that is treated seriously. However, each case is different and the school acknowledges that no one standard response will be appropriate in every case.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 states that the right of a Head Teacher to authorise any absence has been taken away. Therefore, no family holiday, short break or day out can be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. Absence for any reason during term time is discouraged. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils from school for a holiday and in law, have to apply for permission in advance; this should be done by emailing admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk All unauthorised absences over 10 sessions (5 school days) are reported to the Local Authority Attendance Officer, which may result in you receiving a Penalty Notice fine.

All illness absences should be reported to the School Office. The Admin staff can be contacted on either admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk or 01242 671003. You can still message teachers on Class Dojo, but please be aware that the teachers will not always look at messages prior to school, so you may be contacted by the office if they have not had notification about your child's absence. We ask that all parents adhere to the 48 hour rule following a bout of sickness and diarrhoea. All routine dentist, doctor and optician appointments should be made outside of school hours.

Drop off for school is between 8:45am and 9am. If your child does arrive after this time they will be marked as L (late – before registers closed). If they arrive after the registers have closed they will be marked as unauthorised for the morning session.

Further information about attendance can be found in our Attendance Policy on the [website](#). If you or your child are struggling with attendance in anyway please do contact the school and our Children and Family Support Worker will be more than happy to help.

Important – Year Six transition to Secondary School

You would have received a letter in your child's book bag with details of the transition. You must make your application electronically by no later than the date on the letter. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date may not be considered until after March 2023. Please do look at secondary school websites for schools you are interested in your child attending after Grangefield in order to find out when their open session days are.

Uniform

It is important for the school and our pupils that appropriate school uniform is worn. It is part of our identity and helps achieve a sense of belonging. Our Clothing and Uniform Policy can be found on our [website](#). Please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled, it is so much easier to return lost property when they are.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The School Nurse team will be here on 9, 10 and 11 November carrying out Nasal Flu Vaccinations on the children. Every child would have come home with a consent form for you to complete. This needs to be returned to school as soon as possible. If you do not wish for your child to have the vaccination or you are taking your child to their surgery for the vaccination, you will still need to complete the form giving NO consent. If the form has been misplaced, please contact the school office, who will be able to supply another form.

School Photos

This year we will be using a new supplier, Tempest, and they will be on site on Monday 10 October, to take individual and school sibling photos. As Year 6 will be at the Cheltenham Literature Festival on this date, we have arranged a separate date for them and their siblings; this will be Monday 17 October. Unfortunately, due to the number of children on roll, we are no longer able to invite pre-school siblings into school.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways, such as funding school trips, educational provision/resources, academic interventions, wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions. The extra money we receive could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium. If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Please note that if you have older children in the school, who are entitled to free school meals, this does not automatically register younger children onto free school meals register, you will need to apply separately for them. 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/>

Free School Meal Voucher Scheme – October Half Term Information

This October half term, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive universal free school meals, as they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme will receive £15 per child, for the week half term.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage](#), seen below:

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

For those parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please contact childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so we can update their account, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the October half term period are now open until the 11 October. Voucher emails will be sent out on 19 October. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received your vouchers by the 19 October, please get in contact by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

School Dinners

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.

Key Stage 2 children (Year 3-6) are more than welcome to bring in some fruit for snack time at break. In Reception and KS1 fruit is provided.

Photograph Permissions

We are updating our photograph permission data, please, if you haven't already, complete this google form - <https://forms.gle/Byqzcf2uj4DdtnP6>

Reception 2023 Open Events

Please share our Open Events with any friends or family members who may have a child starting school in September 2023.



Grangefield School Open Days Reception 2023 Intake

Thursday 29 th September	1:30 pm
Tuesday 11 th October	9:30 am
Wednesday 16 th November	9:30 am
Monday 28 th November	1:30 pm

Please email admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk to book a session, session will last approximately 1½ hours



CENSUS MENU

6th OCTOBER 2022

SAUSAGE & CHIPS

VEGAN HOTDOG & CHIPS

BOTH SERVED WITH BEANS OR SWEETCORN

Dessert

CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE WITH ICING

OR

FRUIT & YOGHURT

Census Day

On Thursday 6 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.

Play Equipment

Please ensure that your children do not play on any of the play equipment during pick up times. This includes the play equipment on the astroturf outside the Reception classroom, the trim trail, wooden play pieces around the playground and the gym equipment by the bike shed.



Reading at Grangefield

The latest Reading Newsletter is now on the [website](#). As a reminder, the Parent Book Swap will be running every afternoon, except in bad weather, and can be found just along from the main entrance, just outside the old Children's entrance.

Music Tuition

We have four peripatetic music teachers offering a range of instruments. If your child would like to learn any instrument, please get in touch with the school office, who will put you in touch with the relevant teacher.

- Clarinet and Flute – Year 3-6
- Saxophone – Year 6 only
- Violin – Year 4-6
- Guitar – Year 3-6
- Piano – Year 1-6
- Ukulele – Year 1-6

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lewis and Grangefield staff

Community Board



Raring2go Magazine

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/cheltenhamandgloucester/autumn2022/>

Bishops Cleeve Colts FC

After successfully launching six brand new girls football teams, Bishops Cleeve Colts FC is now able to cater for girls interested in joining a team.

Our girls teams practice in Bishops Cleeve at various times in the week and typically play matches on Sundays.

Girls football is on the rise, thanks to the recent England women's success and Bishops Cleeve Colts FC is now better placed than ever to support young footballers thanks to the new all weather pitch at Bishops Cleeve Football Club and the new batch of coaches who have volunteered to run teams.

We have space in girls teams aged 5 to 16 so if you/your daughter would like to have a go then click the link below. You'll be invited to submit a player enquiry which will lead to a manager reaching out and inviting your child to try some practices.

We are a grassroots club so our teams are all about having fun, making new friends and learning to improve their football ability.

<https://bishopsclevecolts.co.uk/player-enquiries/>

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Return this note to your school or call or text Fen Madley on 07496 959069
Family discounts available

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Guardian Name: _____
Guardian email: _____
Contact Number: _____ Date: _____