

Date	Activity
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
17 Oct	FOGS AGM: 6pm
21 Oct	Term 1 Ends
31 Oct	Inset Day
1 Nov	Term 2 Starts
2 & 3 Nov	Parents Evenings
7-11 Nov	Virtual Book Fair
9-11 Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
10&11 Nov	FOGS – Movie Night
16 Nov	Reception 2023 Open Morning
16 Nov	Owl Group Cross Country - Everyone to wear PE kit
28 Nov	Reception 2023 Open Afternoon
1 & 2 Dec	School Trip to Pantomime (Details to follow)
3 Dec	FOGS Christmas Craft Fair: 12:00 – 2:30pm
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
21&23 Mar	Height & Weight (Yr R & 6) / Vision Checks (Yr R)
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
<b>New Event or Change of Date</b>	
<b>FOGS Event</b>	

### General Housekeeping and Reminders

- Please ensure that you let us know if you have any changes to your mobile phone numbers, home address, 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 in the classroom. Squash and fruit juice cartons are allowed at lunchtime.
- 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 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 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/>
- We are updating our photograph permission data, please, if you haven't already, complete this google form - <https://forms.gle/Byqzcf2uj4DdtnP6>
- 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.

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations Consent Forms

If you haven't returned your child's consent form, please do so as soon as possible. If you do not wish for your child to have it or you are taking your child to their surgery for the vaccination, you will still need to complete the form giving NO consent.

### Uniform

Thank you for the kind donations of school uniform. We are happy to continue to take the uniform; however, please can this be limited to uniform with logos on. We are short on the older ages, so if you know any families who have left Grangefield and may be having sort out, please let them know that we are happy to take donations.

### Important – Year Six transition to Secondary School

You would have receive 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.



### Can you help?

You may have noticed that our Copse is looking a little bare; this is because a number of our trees have Ash Dieback, meaning that the trees have to be felled/lopped over the next few years. However, we have obtained 60 saplings from the Woodland Trust, these will be 2ft high, and will be planted into pots and grown in a "nursery" site on the school grounds. Cheltenham Tree Services are supporting our nursery and will be donating some mulch, tree guards and a 2-metre tree. So, how can you help? Our 60 saplings will need pots and compost. If you are able to donate a bag of compost and/or a pot (at least 30 cm in diameter) for them, please can they be brought to the school office before the half term break; our saplings are arriving on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you!

### 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.

### Cool Milk

We have a number of children who are signed up for Cool Milk who do not drink the milk. Please can you check with your child to see if they still wish to continue with Cool Milk as you are being charged for the milk (if your child is over 5 years old). You will need to log onto your Cool Milk account to make any amendments.

If your child wishes to have milk at school, please visit [www.coolmilk.co.uk](http://www.coolmilk.co.uk) to register. Register by 5pm on a Tuesday, for your child to start having milk from the following Monday. All Under 5s are automatically registered by the school. If your child wishes to have milk and they receive benefit-based free school meals, please contact the School Office, you will arrange this for you.

### Virtual Book Fair

Following the success of our previous Virtual Book Fair, where your purchases resulted in the school receiving 43 free books, we have arranged to hold another one in time for Christmas. This is a great opportunity to buy books at fantastic prices, with 1000's at only £2.50, including many top titles from baby books to books for teens. There are many great non-fiction books to support topic learning this term too. All orders placed during our book fair will be delivered to school for free. For every five £2.50 books purchased, we will receive a free book. Do not order yet or you will be charged for delivery. Our Virtual Book Fair will go live week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November, but in the meantime, you can look at the amazing titles on offer at: [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk)

**Coming Soon**  
**Virtual Book Fair**

Visit [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk)    Collect from your teacher    Take home & enjoy!

It's not long until your schools' Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair.  
Thousands of books at £2.50 each, brand new!

Start browsing today at [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk) - More details with how to order with free delivery will be announced near the start of your fair

## 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 <sup>th</sup> September	1:30 pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30 am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30 am
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	1:30 pm

Please email [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) to book a session, session will last approximately 1½ hours



*Please can you check for any school AR books at home, we appear to be missing lots of books from our library.*



### Pottery

We still have a number of piece of pottery created by our 2022 Year 6 leavers, if you have year 7 pupil or know a Year 7 pupil, please let them know that it is still available for collection.

*We have received Change of Test Provider Consultation letters from each of the seven Gloucestershire Grammar Schools. This will come into effect from September 2024 entry (current Year 5). If you would like a copy of the letter, please contact [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk), with your school(s) of choice and we will send their letter to you.*

## Sports News

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, representatives from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the first of four Cross Country races. Congratulations to all those involved.

The Boys Football Team are currently playing in the Albert Dix Trophy Competition, we will look forward to hearing the results

**We hope that you all have a lovely weekend!**

**Mrs Lewis and Grangefield staff**



## Friends of Grangefield (FOGS) Corner

Firstly, we have a very exciting festive announcement to make. Thanks to the amazing fundraising efforts at Grangefest in the summer, FOGS are happy to have purchased tickets for the whole school to visit the pantomime at the EVERYMAN THEATRE to watch Dick Whittington.

The trip will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December split into years groups during the school days. The school will send out more information and further details in due course.

After several years hiatus we know the children are going to absolutely love it and cannot thank you all enough for your support making this possible.

Secondly, please see below some key dates for this term's FOGS activities. Further details about all the events will be sent out in due course but please save the dates!

If you are a local business and would like a stall at the Christmas Craft Fair, please do get in touch via [GrangefieldPTA@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:GrangefieldPTA@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) or on our Facebook page.

**COMING UP THIS TERM**

- 10th & 11th November - Movie night
- 3rd December - Christmas Craft Fair
- November - Christmas hamper raffle

FOGS have lots planned this year in the hope we can raise more funds for the school. We really do need your help to make these events happen. We wouldn't have been able to raise money for the panto trip without our amazing volunteers. Please do get in touch if you are able to help at any events this term. And if you'd like to have a say on any of the planning please do come along on the 17th October, 6pm at the School for our AGM and monthly meeting. We would love to see you.

GrangefieldPTA@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk

**Grangefield Christmas Craft Fair**  
Saturday 3rd December  
12:00pm - 2:30pm

Join FOGS in kick starting the festive period. Buy some unique Christmas gifts whilst supporting local small businesses. Enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies in the café whilst the children create some Christmas goodies in the craft corner. Rumour has it, Father Christmas\* may even pay a visit!

Free admission.

\*Father Christmas visit will be at a cost of £3 and pre bookable. Price to include a gift.

Charity number: 1167658

May we also remind you of the AGM on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm at the school. We will follow afterwards with a planning meeting so please do come along. If you feel able to volunteer at any of the events this term, please do drop us an email or a Facebook message, we can't do this without your support.

Since last October, FOGS has been running without a chair. Tasks and jobs have been split between committee members which has worked OK, but we would really love to have a chairperson in place. We have Secretary, Treasurer and Event Co-ordinator along with a remarkable core team of committee members and teaching staff ready to support.

A chairperson's role is to hold the meetings (we do them monthly), delegate tasks to the committee, ensures decisions are implemented and liaises with the school over planned activities and fundraising priorities. If you are a good delegator, a motivating leader or just a parent wanting to make a difference, please do get in touch.

Thank you  
The FOGS Team

Mrs Migliaccio is currently running a Wildlife Artist of the Year Competition

## Art Competition Wildlife Artist of the Year



Draw, paint or collage your favourite wild animal



All entries on A3 or smaller

**Closing date: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, entries to Mrs Migliaccio Y1B**

### **Global Canvas 2023**

Global Canvas 2023, is now open for entries! Aimed at groups and individuals aged 4-16 years, it's FREE to enter and has some fantastic prizes up for grabs. The Global Canvas 2023 theme is "Biodiversity – the complex web of life" with entries open from now until the 10th February 2023.

Scientists believe there are around 8.7 million species living in the world today, many of which are yet to be discovered. Biodiversity includes all these animals and plants along with the vibrant and complex ecosystem of the planet's habitats.

Judging is split between 4-7 years, 8-12 years and 12-16 years.

For further details and inspiration, visit: <https://davidshepherd.org/enter-global-canvas-2023/>

Last year's winner Age 4-7yrs      Last year's winner Age 8-12yrs





**Cheltenham Saracens FC**  
**MINI SOCCER SCHOOL**  
**BOYS + GIRLS AGES 5 TO 8**

Join our Fun, Friendly & Safe Football Sessions.

Starts Saturday 3rd September 10:30am to 11:30am  
 at The Big Local Stadium, Off St Peters Close,  
 Cheltenham, GL51 9DY

All Coaches are FA Qualified, First Aid & DBS Checked

To book your place please fill out our registration form  
[saracenschairman@outlook.com](mailto:saracenschairman@outlook.com)



**OCTOBER HALF TERM**  
 at  
**Holst Victorian House**

DRESSING UP  
 GOLDEN PUMPKIN TRAIL  
**KIDS GO FREE**  
 CRAFT ACTIVITIES  
 VINTAGE TOYS

OPEN TUES - SAT 10-4

[WWW.HOLSTVICTORIANHOUSE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.HOLSTVICTORIANHOUSE.ORG.UK)



VISIT **SOLDIERS OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE** [www.soldiersofglos.com](http://www.soldiersofglos.com)

**HALLOWEEN**  
**CRAFTS AND MUSEUM TRAIL!**  
 at The Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum

Weds 19th - Sun 23rd Oct  
 & Weds 26th - Sun 30th Oct

10am-4pm Weds-Sat, 11am-5pm Sun



**INTO NATURE CIC** FOREST SCHOOL, TRAINING & WELLBEING

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**OCTOBER HALF TERM  
 HOLIDAY SESSIONS**  
 Hailey Wood, between Cirencester & Stroud

**EXPLORER FAMILY DAY**  
 for the whole family

Explore, play, relax and connect in the woods.  
 We offer seasonal craft, den building, simple  
 woodwork and much more.

Monday October 24th; 10-1; sliding scale  
 payment options

**WILDCRAFT ADVENTURES**  
 for 8-14 year olds

Leave your screen and embark on a creative  
 real-world adventure! Our mission is to have lots  
 of fun, connect to nature, make new friends and  
 grow confident outdoors.

Thursday October 27th; 9-3:30; £35 per child  
 with subsidised places also available

**BOOKING**  
[www.bookwhen.com/intonaturecic](http://www.bookwhen.com/intonaturecic)

**GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT MORE**

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Into Nature CIC is a not-for-profit organisation. Please visit our website for information about our offers  
 for families, women, outdoor practitioners and organisations.

**Halloween Children's Crafts**

Paint your own wooden Halloween decoration to take home and display! Choose from bats, pumpkins, witches, ghosts, and many more.  
 75p per child

**Halloween Museum Trail**

Find the golden spiders hidden in cauldrons around the museum and reveal the hidden word to claim your free prize!  
 Museum admission; £3 per child, £5 per adult (£4 concessions)

Weds 19th – Sun 23rd, & Weds 26th – Sun 30th October,  
 10am-4pm each day (last admission into museum galleries at 3pm).