

Date	Activity
7-13 Nov	Virtual Book Fair
14 Nov	Odd Socks Day – see below
16 Nov	Reception 2023 Open Morning
16 Nov	Owl Group Cross Country
18 Nov	Children in Need – see below
28 Nov	Reception 2023 Open Afternoon
1 & 2 Dec	School Trip to Pantomime
3 Dec	FOGS Christmas Craft Fair: 12:00 – 2:30pm
9 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
9 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
12 Dec	Reception Nativity – Time TBC (Afternoon)
13 Dec	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – 2 pm start
14 Dec	Year 5 & 6 Carols at the Church – 2 pm start
15 Dec	Year 1 & 2 Carols at the Church – 2.15 pm start
16 Dec	Christmas Party Day
16 Dec	Term 2 Ends: 2pm finish
3 Jan	Inset Day
4 Jan	Term 3 Starts
25 Jan	Choir perform at Young Voices Concert
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
8 May	Extra Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
w/c 8 May	<b>Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)</b>
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/Time</b>	
<b>FOGS Event</b>	

### Owl Group Cross Country

Our Owl Group Cross Country will be taking place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Years 1 – 6 will be taking part; they should come to school wearing their PE kits. As we are expecting the course to be very muddy, children should wear OLD trainer or trainers they do not mind getting muddy. They should also bring a spare clean shoes (and maybe socks) to change into after the event.

### Personal Information

Please update us with any changes to your information. If you have moved recently, let us know your new address. It is important that we have the most up to date details for you and your children.

### Parking and the Approach Road

We are aware that parking can be a bit tight in the approach road, but please be careful when driving or parking. We have had reports of some near-misses and also cases of damaged caused to vehicles. Please reduce your speed when driving down the approach. Please consider your parking, do not block pathways or crossings. Please do not drive into the staff car park unless the School Office Team has given you prior permission, this is at any time of the day.

Please also be considerate when parking in neighbouring streets, do not blocked path, driveways or park on grass verges belonging to houses.

Please stick to the footpaths when entering and exiting the school site. Do not cross the car park.

### Play Equipment

Children MUST NOT be playing on any of the play equipment at pick up. 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. Please leave the school grounds promptly with your children, as the gates need to be locked due to After School clubs. Children should not be climbing / walking along the wall by the kitchen. Please can children not ride their bike within the school grounds.

### Dinner Money

KS2 Parents please ensure that dinner money remains in credit; we have a number of accounts in debt. Please visit your ParentPay accounts and make payments where necessary.

## Reception 2023 Open Events

Our final two Open Days for Reception 2023 are due to take place this month, if you know of anyone with a child due to start school next September; please share the dates with them.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 1:30 pm**

### Odd Socks Day

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, the Owl Council are asking children to wear Odd Socks to school on National Odd Socks Day, Monday 14 November, they can be as wacky as possible.

### Children in Need

Next Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need, donations can be made [here](#)

### Grange Money

At Grangefield School we aim to give the children a varied curriculum where we can include more unusual or exciting activities and Grange Money is used towards the cost of materials used in art, craft, design and technology.

For example:

- Cooking activity ingredients for class or Owl groups.
- Models, purses, torches, circuits and other design technology or science activities
- Special craft materials for RE, Art and DT days, Christmas, Easter and Book Week

At Grangefield we collect Grange Money once per year. Currently Grange Money is £2 per term (six term year) or £12 per year. This year's Grange Money has now been set up on ParentPay. When paying this please make sure you use the **2022/2023 Grange Money** item.

### Virtual Book Fair

There is still time to order books from our Virtual Book Fair. [Simply visit www.booksforbugs.co.uk/shop](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk/shop) and **choose your books**. You can order up until **midnight on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**



## Christmas at Grangefield

### Events

You will notice that some Christmas Events have been added to the calendar above. After the previous two years where our Christmas events were extremely limited, it will be so nice to be back to normal and have parents back into school and at the Church to watch the children. Further details about the events will be sent out shortly.

### Christmas Dinner Day

If you haven't already done so, please can you let us know your child's preference for Christmas Dinner day, by completing this [google form](#), by Friday 18 November.

### Panto Trips

These are happening on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 December. The tickets have been purchased through fundraising efforts by our FOGS team. We are asking parents to make a small donation to cover the costs of the coaches. This will be £4 and should be paid via ParentPay, where consent will also need to be given. Please contact the office if you need information about your ParentPay details.

## Friends of Grangefield (FOGS) Corner

### Christmas Craft Fair

Whether you haven't even started your Christmas shopping or you have just the final few bits to sort, come along on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm to buy some lovely gifts from talented, local crafters and business. With Christmas crafts for the children to do and a café selling mulled wine and refreshments, it will be the perfect way to jump into December whilst raising funds for the school. Father Christmas will be taking a break from his busy schedule to pop along and see the children. We recommend pre-booking to see Father Christmas which includes a gift and can be done on [www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc)



### Christmas Raffle

This year we have a fantastic raffle to take part in. Top prizes are £100 cash, a bottle hamper, afternoon tea at Lowry's Espresso Bar, a beautiful array of handmade gifts from our fair stall holders and generous donations from local business (full list will be posted on our facebook page.) Ticket booklets will be sent home in book bags, please return cash and ticket ends to school. If you prefer to buy your tickets online you will be able to do so on [www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc) look out for the letter coming home to tell you when!

### Unwanted Christmas Jumpers

Have you got a pile of outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumpers? Let FOGS find a new home for them whilst raising some money for the school. Please send in any donations for our second-hand Christmas Jumper stall at the fair, for the attention of Mrs Kay.

### Christmas Cards

The children came home with their Christmas drawings which can be made into Christmas cards, wrapping paper or gift tags. To order, simply visit [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk) and input the unique artwork code – found on the label on the reverse of the artwork – and your child's first name and surname. Orders must be placed by midnight on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Any orders placed after this date will be classed as a late order and will be subject to a handling and postage fee. Re-orders can be placed through the same site using your unique code.

## Girls Football

A big Well Done to our Girls Football Team, to took part in a tournament on Friday 4 November, reaching the semi-finals. Miss Sharpe and Mr Spicer are very proud of the girls. Also thank you to the parents for transporting the girls between venues.

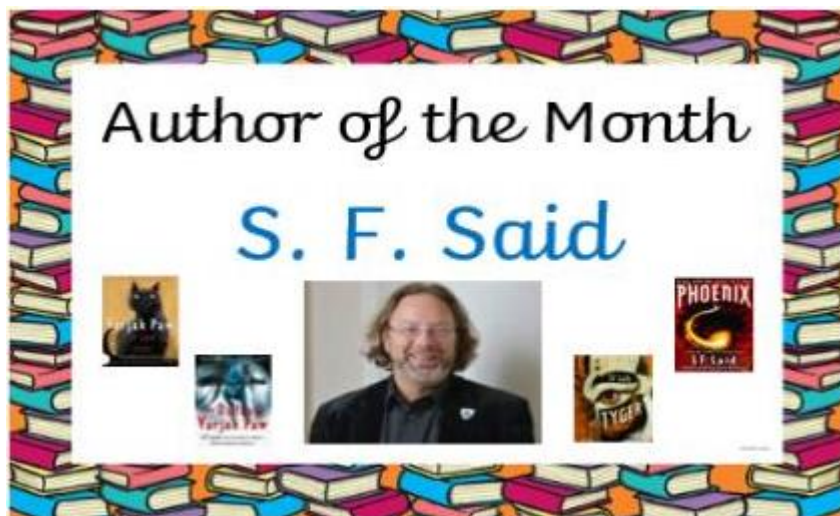
## Results

Played	Score	Result	Scorers
Woodmancote	2-0	Win	Lola, Isla
Winchcombe	5-0	Win	Sophie (4), Lola
Bishops Cleeve	2-0	Win	Chloe (2), Isla
Berkhampstead	3-2	Win	Chloe (3)
Holy Apostles	4-0	Loss	

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

**Mrs Lewis and Grangefield staff**

## Grangefield's Author of the Month



This month the author we are learning about is S.F.Said. S.F.Said was born in Beirut in 1967. He describes his origins as Iraqi, Egyptian, Kurdish and Circassian. He moved to London when he was two years old.

He believes that books can change people and people can change the world!

S.F.Said has written four books; Varjak Paw, The Outlaw Varjak Paw, Phoenix and Tyger.

## Competitions

### 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/>

## Community Christmas Events



### Festive Science Fun Days

Fun Science Cheltenham are running fun days at **Cheltenham Bournside School** on Mon 19 and Tue 20 December.

These action-packed activity days will provide affordable childcare for parents, allowing them to finalise Christmas plans while their children take part in educational experiments!

Booking is open via their online portal at [tinyurl.com/fscxmas](https://tinyurl.com/fscxmas).

## Parent Resources

the national sleep helpline

**Does your child suffer with sleep issues?**

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?  
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

**03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#)

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A collage of four photographs: a baby in a pink hat, a man reading to a child, a boy with paint on his face, and a family riding bicycles.