

Date	Activity
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
10 Jan	Reception 2023 – Open Morning – 9.30 am
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	Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)
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/Time	
FOGS Event	

Pantomime Trip

Next week, we are off to the Theatre, for our Panto trips. On Thursday, Yrs R, 2, 5 and 6 will be attending and on Friday, it is Yrs 1, 3 and 4 turn. **If you have not already done so, please log-on to your ParentPay account, and give consent for your child to attend.** 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. If you need your ParentPay details, please contact the office.

All children will be leaving just after morning registration and will return during the lunch break. Children will be allowed to bring a small snack with them, this can be a small packet of sweets, some popcorn or a small packet of biscuits, but please NO nuts or nut based products.

Reception 2023 Open Events

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Open Afternoon on Monday 28th November, this has now been rescheduled to Tuesday 10th January at 9:30 am. If you are aware of any families, with a child due to start school in September, please let them know about a change in date.

Asthma

We are currently looking at our school records concerning Asthma sufferers or those that use an inhaler. We have sent out emails to those known to us, however, if you have not received an email and your child is an asthma sufferer or uses an inhaler, please can you contact the school office, so that we have the most up to date records.

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.

Staff Car Park

Please can you ensure that children stay close by you, whilst lining up to come into school. They should not be running around. We still have cars arriving into the car park during this period. Please take care around the parked cars; staff have reported incidents happening to their cars whilst parked at school. Reminder that parents should not be driving into the staff car park at any time of the day, unless you have been given prior permission from the school office.

Uniform

The correct uniform must be worn to school, this includes school shoes. We have some good quality pre-loved uniform for sale, if you require some pieces of uniform.

Thank you

A big thank you for all the donations and purchases over the last few weeks, it has been gratefully appreciated.

North Cotswold Foodbank Harvest Donation

On behalf of the Trustees and all the Volunteers of the North Cotswold Foodbank, I would like to thank all at Grangefield School for the extremely generous donation of food following on from your Harvest Festival. We are all very humbled by the generosity and kindness of the children and staff.

You may be interested to know that your donation weighed in at an amazing **114.0kg!**

The North Cotswold Foodbank is getting busier each year and we have been able to feed many local families who have found themselves in desperate need. The majority of our clients are low-income, working families and they are all deeply grateful that others would consider them at a very difficult time in their lives.

With rising prices in energy and food, we have seen an increase in demand at our local Foodbank since the beginning of the year. Your donation will help to ensure that our Foodbank is well stocked so that we can meet any further increase in demand, and help those in our community who are struggling.

Without your generosity, we would not be able to offer this help, so thank you all for your support and kindness - it is very much appreciated and it really does make a difference to so many lives.

Poppy Appeal



Children in Need



Books for Bugs – Virtual Book Fair

Thank you to all those who ordered books from our recent Virtual Book Fair, your purchases have resulted in **30 free books** for the School. Not only have you supported the School but also a small business, we will let you know when we will be holding another Virtual Book Fair but in the meantime you can also buy books directly from www.booksforbugs.co.uk for delivery to your home address.



Owl Group Cross Country

Our Owl Group Cross Country took place on Wednesday 16th November, all the children did brilliantly, and now that the scores have been counted, we can confirm the results:

Our Top 3 Girls and Boys

- Year 6** Chloe, Isla, Lacey & Joe, Logan, Ethan
- Year 5** Sophie, Holly, Victoria & Caleb, Samuel, Peter
- Year 4** Eliza, Sophie, Coralie & Aleksandr, Aron, Enea
- Year 3** Aela, Alba, Evie & Sam, Sid, Jacob
- Year 2** Maya, Harriet, Naomi & Ezra, Charlie, Ronnie
- Year 1** Isabelle, Tilly, Bella & Felix, Ben, Harvey

Owl Groups

6 th	Tawny
5 th	Hawks
4 th	Snowy
3 rd	Great Greys
2 nd	Eagles
1 st	Barns

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lewis and Grangefield staff

After School Clubs

Information about Teacher-Led School Clubs for the Spring Term will be sent out in due course. However, we can let you know that Tennis Tom will be back for tennis coaching for Year 1 and 2 children.

TENNIS CLUB

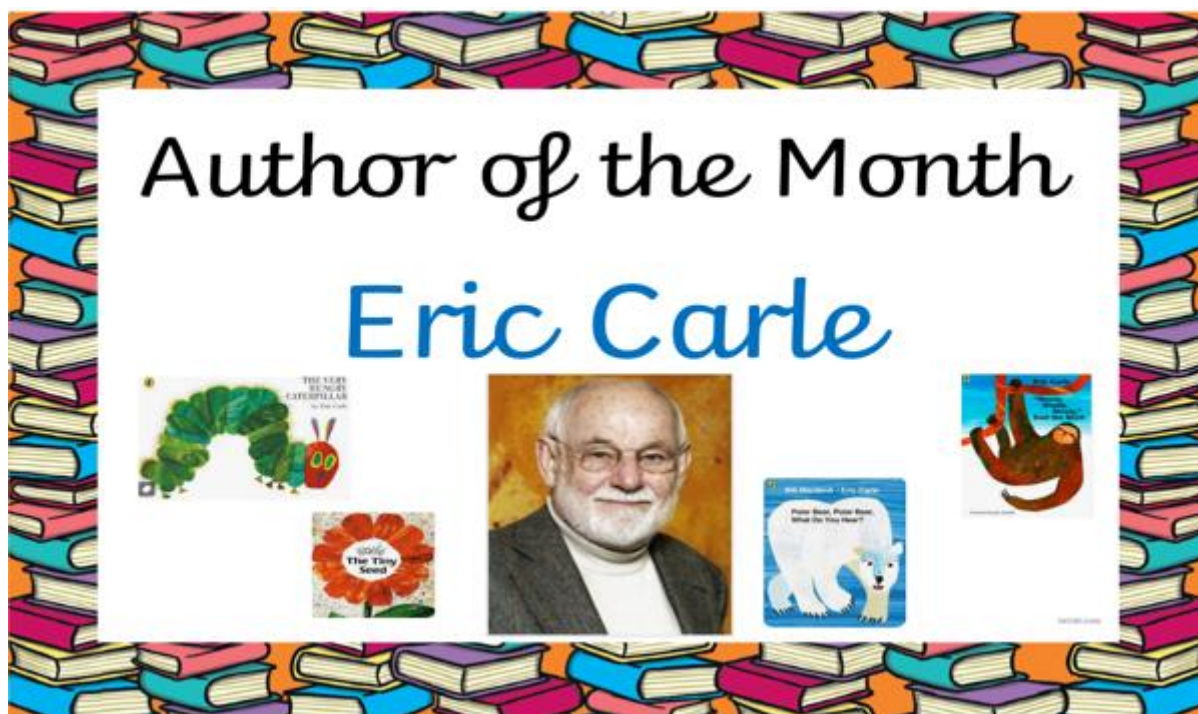
GRANGEFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS
IN YEARS 1 & 2

FRIDAYS FROM 6TH JANUARY
3:15PM-4:30PM

10-LESSON COURSE
£50 PER CHILD

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT
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Our new author of the month is Eric Carle, (born June 25, 1929, Syracuse, New York, U.S.—died May 23, 2021, Northampton, Massachusetts). He was an American writer and illustrator of children's literature who published numerous best-selling books, among them *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (1969), which by 2018 had sold some 50 million copies and had been translated into more than 60 languages.

Carle proceeded to write and illustrate more than 70 books, using a tissue-paper collage technique to create brightly coloured pictures, mostly of children, animals, and nature. Early on he introduced playful design elements in his books, such as holes "eaten" through all the pages (*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*), split-page flip books (*My Very First Book...* series), twinkling lights (*The Very Lonely Firefly*, 1995), and sound mechanisms (*The Very Quiet Cricket*, 1990). Carle was the recipient of numerous awards and honours.

If you have any copies of books by Eric Carle that you would like to donate to school, we would love to add them to our library!

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



From everyone at St Michael and All Angels Church

Join us as we celebrate Christmas together at St Michael's Church!

- Wed 7th 3.15pm- 5.30pm Christmas Tree Decorating**
Help us get the church ready for Christmas!
- Sun 18th 11.00am Christingle Service**
The 50th Anniversary of the Children's Society Christingle service. We'll make Christingles and experience the joy and wonder of this well-loved Christmas tradition.
- or **10.30 am Family Carol Service—Gotherington Village Hall**
- Fri 23rd 6.00 pm Carol Service at Southam Tith Barn**
Bring your pet dog and join us for carols and readings—in aid of the Guide Dogs Association
- Christmas Eve 2.30pm & 4pm Nativity Services**
Our popular interactive re-telling of the Christmas story. Children dressed for the occasion as angels, shepherds, kings, animals and adults in their Christmas jumpers!
- Christmas Day 10.30am Christmas Day Family Celebration**
The big day has arrived! Let's celebrate together - bring along a new present for show and tell!



Christmas at Holst Victorian House

Victorian Christmas Day ~ Sat 10 Dec
Victorian Puppet Show ~ Sat 17 Dec
Children's Craft Drop-in,
Crackers and Centre pieces ~ Tue 20 Dec
Museum by Candlelight ~ Wed 21 Dec

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