

Date	Activity
12 Sept	Year 6 Curriculum Evening – 5 pm
13 Sept	Year 5/6 Parent Talk – Winchcombe Head – 6pm
14 Sept	Rec Curriculum Evening – 4:30 pm
14 Sept	FOGS AGM – see below for details
18 Sept	Year 4 Curriculum Evening – 5 pm
19 Sept	Year 2 Curriculum Evening – 5:30 pm
21 Sept	Year 3 Curriculum Evening – 5:30 pm
27 Sept	Year 5 Curriculum Evening – 5 pm
28 Sept	Year 1 Curriculum Evening – 4:30 pm
w/c 2 Oct	Year 6 Bikeability
3 Oct	Reception 2024 Open Afternoon – 1:30 pm
w/c 9 Oct	Year 6 Bikeability
16 Oct	School Photo Day
23 Oct	Reception 2024 Open Morning – 9:30 am
24 – 26 Oct	School Nurse Team – Nasal Flu Sprays
26 Oct	Term 1 Ends
27 Oct	Inset Day
6 Nov	Term 2 Begins
15 Nov	Reception 2024 Open Morning – 9:30 am
4 Dec	Reception 2024 Open Afternoon – 1:30 pm
21 Dec	Term 2 Ends: 2pm finish
22 Dec	Inset Day
8 Jan	Term 3 Begins
9 Feb	Term 3 Ends
19 Feb	Term 4 Begins
22 March	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish
8 April	Inset Day
9 April	Term 5 Begins
20-24 May	Y6 Residential to Grittleton House Adventure
24 May	Term 5 Ends
3 June	Term 6 Starts
19 July	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish
22 July	Inset Day
New Event or Change of Date/Time	
FOGS Event	

Welcome back!

A huge hello and welcome back to all the children at school with us this year. A big welcome to all the new children starting with us at Grangefield this September, as well as 60 new Reception children, we also have some new children within the other year groups. This means that by the time all the Reception children are in full time, we will have 420 children on roll.

We also welcome some new faces to our staffing team, Miss Green has joined the Senior Management Team as our SENCO, Ms Griffiths has joined the teaching team, covering 5A whilst Mrs Moyle is on Maternity Leave and Miss Scammell has joined the TA team, as an apprentice TA in 4A.

Grangefield Wedding

Congratulations to Miss Dadge who got married during the Summer Holidays and is now Mrs Jordan.

Curriculum Evenings

Please note that dates of the Curriculum Evenings in the Calendar. They will take place in the hall.

General Housekeeping

- 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.
- All children must bring in their coats even if the day starts out sunny.
- If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please call in the morning to report your child's absence on 01242 671003 or email us on admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk
- 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.
- A reminder that the school gates now open at 8:35, with them closing at 8:45 for the start of the school day.

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. 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/>

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.

Road Safety around the School Grounds

Please park carefully and drive slowly when parking near the school. Children should be supervised when they leave the school grounds. Please do not leave your engine running when you are waiting outside the school grounds. If you need to park in neighbouring streets, please be mindful not to block driveways or obstruct the pavements. Please do not drive into the staff car park, unless you have been given permission, at any time of the day.

Please do not walk across the car park when entering or leaving school or Little Hoots. Cars are still entering and exiting the car park during the start and end of the school day.

Uniform

A reminder that the correct uniform should be worn to school, details of which can be found on our uniform policy on the website. Earrings should be small stud earrings and removed or covered for PE. Smart Watches with cameras should not be worn at school.

Important – Year Six transition to Secondary School

You should have received a letter via your child 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 2024. 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.

What have we been doing?

Year 6 had a wonderful first day back to school dressing up like WW2 evacuees. Well done to everyone for all their hard work and amazing efforts with our dress up day.



Reception 2024 Intake

We have set our dates for our Reception 2024 Intake Open Events, please share these dates with any family and friends who have children due to start school in September 2024. To help us establish how many siblings we may have joining us next September, if you have a child already in the school, who will have a sibling starting school in September 2024, please could you complete this [google form](#). Please note that a child in the current Year 6 will not have a sibling link for someone joining in September 2024.



Grangefield School Open Days

Reception 2024 Intake

Tuesday 3 rd October	1:30 pm
Monday 23 th October	9:30 am
Wednesday 15 th November	9:30 am
Monday 4 th December	1:30 pm

Please visit www.grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk to book a session, session will last approximately 1½ hours



KS2 Science Reading Challenge

As part of our drive to promote both reading for pleasure and children's science capital, children are being challenged to read 6 STEM books (or more!) (from the School STEM library) by the end of the school year. Children will receive a "passport" for them to record their endeavours and bookmarks too. There will be stickers and certificates for all children completing the challenge and there will be STEM book prizes too.

Tour of Britain – Saturday 9th September

Stage 7 of the Men's Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be racing through Stoke Orchard, Bishops Cleeve and Winchcombe on Saturday morning as they race from Tewkesbury to Gloucester Docks, via the Cotswolds and Stroud District. Further information about the route and timings can be found here: <https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-seven/>



Instrumental lessons are a great way to not only engage your child in music making but are also proven to improve their confidence, concentration and much research has shown the positive effect of music on English and Maths in particular. At Grangefield a range of external music lesson providers come into school and provide solo and group tuition before and after school, and during the school day.

Spaces are now available for guitar, piano, violin and woodwind instruments – please visit the music page on the school website for more information: <https://grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk/music-lessons-at-grangefield/>

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please ask us about support with music tuition fees.

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2023

The Annual General Meeting for Friends of Grangefield School will be held:

Date	Thursday September 14th
Time	19.30
Location	Virtual Google Meet Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ede-ciiy-yqo Feel free to email grangefieldpta@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk if you would like the link sent directly to you

Agenda

1. Agreement of Minutes for previous AGM (2022)
2. Appointing the Committee
3. Update from the Committee. Reporting on the charity's activities over the last year and plans for the future. There will be a chance to ask questions.
4. Accounts update from the Treasurer. Reporting on the charity's income and spending throughout the last year. There will be a chance to ask questions.
5. Any other business

We currently have a vacancy for a Chairperson, if you would like to be nominated or nominate someone else, please email grangefieldpta@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk by Wednesday 13th September with your nomination.

We look forward to seeing you.
FOGS.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Lewis