

Date	Activity
13 Dec	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance—9:30 am
13 Dec	EYFS Nativity Performance—2pm
14 Dec	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance—2pm
15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
18 Dec	Rock Steady Concert—PM
19 Dec	Year 1 & 2 Carols at the Church—2.15pm
20 Dec	Year 5 & 6 Carols at the Church—2.15pm
21 Dec	Christmas Party Day
21 Dec	Term 2 Ends: 2pm finish
22 Dec	Inset Day
8 Jan	Term 3 Begins
11 Jan	Year 5 Swimming commences
9 Feb	Term 3 Ends
19 Feb	Term 4 Begins
23 Feb	Choir Trip to Young Voices Concert
13&14 Mar	Height & Weight (Yr R & 6) / Vision Checks (Yr R)
22 March	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish
8 April	Inset Day
9 April	Term 5 Begins
w/c 13 May	Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)
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	

Head Lice

We have had reported of headlice in various classes across the school. Please check your child and treat if necessary.

Absences

As we are in the midst of the winter bug season, we are noticing an increase in illnesses and bugs, such as stomach bugs and colds. We are aware that sometimes it is tricky to decide whether they should stay at home or not when they are unwell, especially this time of year when there are lots of exciting things happening at school. The NHS has a handy website—<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you have exciting events planned in the lead up to Christmas, which may mean your child has to be absent from school, please be honest with us. We often find that parents have told us their child is ill or there is a family emergency, only for the child to tell us they've been on an exciting day out. The absence will be marked as unauthorised, however, unless the absence is greater than 5 days, no further action will be taken.

Please report all absences to the school office at admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk or 01242 671003.

Parking and driving down the approach road

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. This includes dropping off and picking up at Little Hoots.

Please take care when driving down the approach road, we have had reports of damage to cars.

If you need to park in neighbouring streets, please be mindful not to block driveways, obstruct the pavements or damage grass verges.

ParentPay

KS2 Parents, please ensure that you keep your dinner money accounts in credit. Hot Dinners currently cost £2.54.



Here are some updates on the Christmas events happening at Grangefield over the next two weeks of term:

Wednesday 13 December

LKS2 (Years 3/4) Christmas Production—this will start at 9:30 am.

Reception Nativity Performance—this will start at 2.00 pm.

Thursday 14 December

LKS2 (Year 3/4) Christmas Production—this will start at 2.00 pm.

Tickets have been distributed to the children to bring them with them today or Monday. Entry for all performances will be via the external hall doors, please queue at the KS2 gate.

Friday 15 December

This is our Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a Christmas / Festive jumper to school instead of their school jumpers, all other uniform must be worn.

It is also our Christmas Dinner Day on Friday, due to this the kitchen has decided to do Fishy Friday on Wednesday 13 December instead.

Wednesday's Menu

Fish Fingers with Chips

Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips

Jacket Potato

Friday's Menu

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Sausage

Cheddar, Spinach and Cranberry Puff Pastry Roll

Served with Peas, Carrots, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

Tuesday 19 December

Years 1 and 2 will be performing carols and Christmas songs at the Church in the village. Parents are invited to attend, they will be starting at 2:15pm. We are aiming to finish to allow enough time to return to school to collect siblings. Please let us know collection details for your child via this [google form](#).

Wednesday 20 December

Year 5 and 6 will be performing carols and Christmas songs at the Church in the village. Parents are invited to attend, they will be starting at 2:15pm. We are aiming to finish to allow enough time to return to school to collect siblings. Please let us know collection details for your child via this [google form](#).

Thursday 21 December

This is our Christmas Party Day. Children can wear party clothes, please can they wear sensible footwear and clothes appropriate for the weather conditions. Children can bring in a 'party packed lunch'. Hot Dinners will be available, your child can bring a 'party treat' (such as a bag of biscuits or a cake) to have with their lunch.

Thursday's Menu

Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegan Sausage with Chips

Jacket Potato

Don't forget school finishes at 2pm on Thursday 21st December!!

Reception Admissions 2024

The facility to make an online application for Reception 2024 admissions is now open until Monday 15 January. Please share this information with anyone you know that has a child starting school next September.

If there is a sibling link (current Year R to Year 5) within the school, an application will still need to be made, please also ensure that you provide the sibling details. If no sibling details are entered, your application will only be based on your address, and if you live in the outskirts of Cleeve or surrounding villages, your child's school place with their sibling could be affected.

If you have any queries about applying for a place at school for your child, please contact Co-ordinated Admission

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/

Virtual Book Fair

We are halfway through our Books for Bugs book fair ... Don't miss out!

The fair is running until Midnight on Sunday. If you haven't ordered yet there is still time!

These £2.99 books make fantastic, affordable presents and if you would like to order in secret ready for Christmas, please simply put 'Office' as the child's class and these will then be available for your to collect.

To order head over to

www.booksforbugs.co.uk and at the

checkout stage please remember to put your child's name and class (or Office) and then for the address the schools name, address and most importantly the postcode GL52 8GL to get the free shipping options.

Every book purchased during the fair also benefits the school too!

After School Clubs

Next week will be the final week for this term's After School Clubs, however Debate club has finished already. A new set of clubs for the Spring Term are being finalised and information about these will be sent out next week.

Dogs

A reminder that dogs should be not brought onto the school grounds, unless they are registered assistance dogs

Don't be late!
Applications must be submitted by
15 January 2024

Was your child born between
1 September 2019 and
31 August 2020?



Any child born between the above dates can start school in the school year starting from **1 September 2024**. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary or infant school therefore you must apply to us to receive a school place for your child by the closing date **15 January 2024**

If you have not heard from us by 1st December, you must contact us so we can send you the information you will need to apply for a school place. If you do not apply on time, you may not get a place at the school you want.

Key dates

November 2023 – You should receive a letter from us advising you how to apply for a school place.
15 January 2024 – Deadline for making your application.
16 April 2024 – Allocation Day (find out which school we can offer your child).



GRANGEFIELD SPORTS

Well Done to our Junior Boys Football Team who have played two matches recently.

23 November—Gardeners Lane 2—2 Grangefield—goal scorer: Sid S (2)

5 December—Grangefield 10—0 Christchurch—goal scorers: Sid S (5) Aleksandr (3) Caleb (2)

FRIENDS OF GRANGEFIELD (FOGS)

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the Craft Fair. We hope you enjoyed it and it's put you in the festive spirit. We will share the total raised when it has been added up.

We are excited to share with you a fantastic project which was made possible by all of you! Your children may have already told you about the new infant library. The teachers worked hard with a design company to create a peaceful and inspiring place where the children can enjoy their books. It looks amazing.

This was all funded by the incredible fundraising you achieved by supporting the FOGS events. What a difference you've made. Thank you!

Thank you again for supporting our events this term. It has been a great start of the year, and we look forward to more events next term.

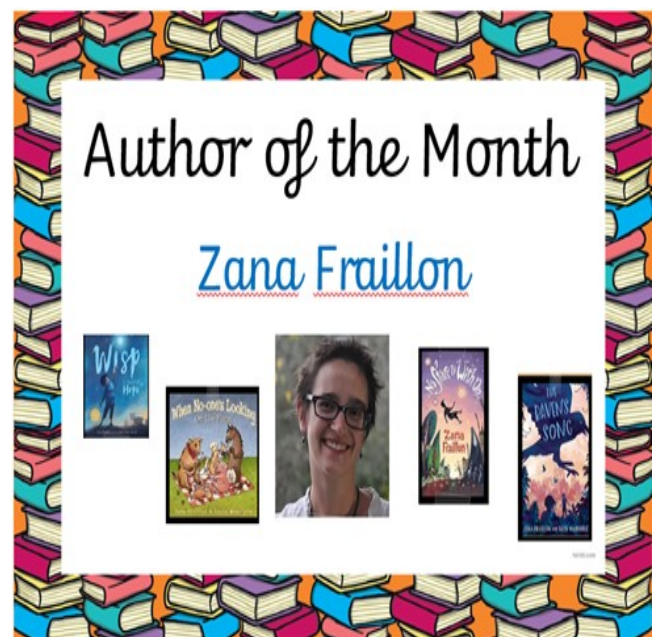


Author of the Month

Zana Fraillon is an internationally acclaimed, multi-awarded-winning author of books for children and young adults. Her work has been published in over 15 countries and is in development for both stage and screen.

Zana was born, and currently lives in Melbourne/Naarm, but spent her early childhood in San Francisco. As a child, Zana always had her head in a book. This could have been because she was 8 years-old before anyone realised that she was incredibly near-sighted and probably couldn't see anything further away than the words in a book. But regardless of its origins, her love of reading has remained central to her life and work.

Zana's passion for empowering young people to find their voice is a feature of both her books and her work with writers of all ages.





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Fun Science

FESTIVE FUN CLUB

THU 4-FRI 5 JAN 2024

BOURNSIDE SCHOOL, WARDEN HILL RD

AGE 5-11, £30/CHILD (£55 BOTH DAYS)

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK:
TINYURL.COM/FSCHRISTMAS**



For more information or to enquire about booking a place Please contact

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FREE WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS

Ages 8-12

JANUARY
3rd, 4th & 5th

10am-2pm

Wednesday January 3rd - Tewkesbury Baptist Church
Thursday January 4th - Bishops Cleeve Community Centre
Friday January 5th - Tewkesbury Baptist Church

Choose any dates you want to come!

Open to all children Aged 8-12 living in, or at school in Tewkesbury Borough

Activities may include: Games, story telling, comedy, parachute activities and MORE...
Something for everyone - with the aim of having lots of FUN and LAUGHTER!



Hot Meal included!!

