

Date	Activity
Thursdays	Year 5 Swimming lessons until Easter
5 Feb	Feet First Festival (Selected Children)
8 Feb	Dental Survey (Selected Children)
8 Feb	FOGS Friendship Disco
9 Feb	Term 3 Ends
19 Feb	Term 4 Begins
23 Feb	Choir Trip to Young Voices Concert
26 Feb	Reception Stay and Play 2:15pm
29 Feb	Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World
29 Feb	Cross Country 4pm (Selected Y 5/6)
7 March	Cross Country 4pm (Selected Y5/6 boys)
8 March	Cross Country 4pm (Selected Y5/6 girls)
13&14 Mar	Height & Weight (Yr R & 6) / Vision Checks (Yr R)
18 March	RockSteady Concert 2:30pm
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
21-25 Oct	Y6 Residential to Grittleton House Adventure
New Event or Change of Date/Time	
FOGS Event	

Term Dates 2024—2025

Our term dates and Inset Days for 2024-2025 have now been set, you will be able to find them on our website.

Personal Details

Please ensure that you update the school office of any changes to you or your child's personal details, for example, change of address, phone numbers or contacts.

Drop off and Pick Up

Children should not be running around the paths of the school and weaving between cars whilst waiting for the gates to open.

Play equipment around the playground and on the astroturf should not be used at the end of the school day, this includes the gym equipment by the bike sheds.

Please ensure that you stick to the paths during drop off and pick up times, as cars are still accessing the car park during these times.

Absences due to Illness

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please contact the school office in the first instance, on either admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk or 01242 671003. You can still message teachers on Class Dojo, but please be aware that the teachers will not always look at messages prior to school, so you may be contacted by the office if they have not had notification about your child's absence. We ask that all parents adhere to the 48 hour rule following a bout of sickness and diarrhoea.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, these should be made outside of school hours, however, we understand that this is not always easy, especially with hospital appointments. Please advise the school office, so that it can be recorded correctly in the register.

Other Absences

No family holiday, short break or day out can be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. Absence for any reason during term time is discouraged. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils from school for a holiday and in law, have to apply for permission in advance (at least 2 weeks' notice); this should be done by completing a "Request for a Leave of Absence" Form, this can be obtained from the school office. All unauthorised absences 10 sessions (5 school days) and above are reported to the Local Authority Attendance Officer, which may result in you receiving a Penalty Notice. Please refer to our Absence Policy on our website for further clarification.

Lateness

We are continuing to see children arrive late for school, if your child is late, they may miss out on being heard reading by an adult, miss the opportunity for interventions to help with their learning, miss information that helps them be ready for the day ahead. If you or your child are struggling with attendance in anyway please do contact the school and our Children and Family Support Worker will be more than happy to help.

School Trips

Feet First Festival—Class 1A and a mixed Year 6 group

If your child is taking part in the Feet First Festival, you would have received an email saying there is a payment item on ParentPay, if you haven't already done so, please log-on to ParentPay, tell us who will be collecting your child from the Town Hall and where possible pay a contribution towards the coach.

Year 3 - Cadbury World

Please can any contribution towards the trip be paid via ParentPay as soon as possible.

Year 6 Residential May 2024

We are nearing the date of the Year 6 Residential, with just over 100 days to go. Final details are being finalised and last payments need to be paid, so please check your ParentPay accounts for your balances, and make payments. Please contact your class teacher or school office, if you have any concerns or queries.

Year 5 – Year 6 Residential October 2024

Please can all permission slips and any outstanding deposits be paid prior to the end of February, so we can make any adjustments with Grittleton House Adventure Centre.

Year 5 – Swimming

Please check ParentPay for your coach balance.

The **BIG BATTERY HUNT** is a nationwide recycling challenge, inspiring pupils to power change across their schools and wider communities.

Our 'Grangefield Going Green' committee have been busy counting the batteries that you have all donated to school to be recycled.

So far we have collected 960 batteries!!!

This means we are currently in 41st place on the leaderboard.

Please keep donating your used batteries so that we can recycle them.

Parking

When parking in our neighbouring streets, please park considerately avoiding our neighbours' private property. Please respect private property and do not allow children to run across gardens. Please avoid parking on grass verges and ensure that enough space is left for emergency vehicles to access roads.

Please only enter the school car park if you have been given prior permission from the school office.

Grangefield's Author of the Month

Judith Kerr was an author and illustrator who lived an amazing life. During her 50-year career, Judith published over 30 books for children.

Anna Judith Gertrud Helene Kerr (better known as Judith Kerr) was born in Berlin, Germany on the 14th of June 1923. She grew up in Germany.

Growing up, Judith loved to draw. She spent lots of her time drawing people. She spotted how people moved, how their clothes looked, and what made them stand out. Judith would take note of these features and collate them in her own drawings to create new characters.

Some of her most famous books are, 'The Tiger who Came to Tea', and the 'Mog' series.



Friends of Grangefield Corner

FOGS Friendship Disco

Thursday 8th February 2024

Dust off your dancing shoes and celebrate with your friends at the 2024 Friendship Disco.

Book your child's ticket at

www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc

Sales end on *Tuesday 6th February at 12:00*



FOGS Shed

Now the family of mice have moved out and the wasps nest has gone, we are nearly ready to replace the FOGS shed with something more durable and long lasting. But we could really do with a little expert advice to make sure it's the right thing.

If you have any experience in garden out-buildings, we would love to hear from you and would be so grateful for your help. Please drop us an email at grangefieldpta@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you!

The Parent Book Swap Shop

The Parent Book Swap Shop is bursting with lots of amazing books. Don't forget to take a look at drop off or pick up. It is located just along from the Main Entrance (the old Children's Entrance) to the school and is always unlocked so make sure you pay it a visit.



Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is quite literally that! A really easy way to raise funds without doing anything or it costing you anything extra. Sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk select Friends of Grangefield School and you're all set. If you enable donation reminders then every time you visit a website, it will let you know if they are part of the easyfundraising scheme. You just shop online as you usually would and the retailer will donate a % back to FOGS. It is really easy.

Art Competition



Landscape Artist of the Year

Draw, paint or collage your favourite landscape



All entries on A3 or smaller

Closing date: Friday 9th February, entries to Mrs Migliaccio Y1B

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Cheltenham Hockey Camp St Edward's School 14-15th February

Come and work with top players and coaches this Spring.
St Edward's Cheltenham

Gocrea8 provides outstanding coaching and technical input for all ages and abilities.

Developer Camps offer an unrivalled approach to young players wanting to learn the skills they require to become confident, assured and well rounded players.

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MOVE MORE CLUB

7 - 13 YEARS OLD

JOIN OUR BRAND NEW CLUB where you will get to take part in a variety of activities, develop new skills and experience personal and social benefits such as friendship, teamwork, increased confidence and positive mental wellbeing.



1 X FREE TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE!

WHERE

Bournside School
Gymnasium Hall
Warden Hill Road
Cheltenham, GL51 3EF

WHEN

Every Wednesday!
(Term Time Only)
Age 8-11 (School Yrs 4-6)
5:15pm - 6:15pm
Age 11-13 (School Yrs 7-8)
6:15pm - 7:15pm

COST

£5.50 per session

HOW TO BOOK

move-more.org/mm-club/



BALANCEABILITY

LEARN TO CYCLE



NEW 6 WEEK COURSE STARTS
3RD FEBRUARY @ ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

LEARN HOW TO:

- Get on and off a bike safely
- Propel and steer a balance bike
- Glide & brake
- Transition to a pedal bike
- Confidently control a pedal bike
- Propel, steer & brake

All helmets, balance & pedal bikes can be provided, or children can bring their own!



WWW.MOVE-MORE.ORG/BALANCEABILITY

MOVE MORE CAMPS

EVERY CHILD ACTIVE

Half Term Camp 12th - 16th

FEBRUARY

CHARLTON KINGS INFANTS SCHOOL 4-7YRS

BALCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE 6-12YRS

CLEEVE SCHOOL 5-12YRS

LAKESIDE PRIMARY 5-12YRS



- Huge range of activities
- Run By School PE Specialists
- 10% Sibling Discount
- Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted
- Early Drop-Off & Late Collection Options
- Non-Profit, Charity Organisation
- OFSTED Registered



MOVE-MORE.ORG/CAMPS



MORE THAN CHILDCARE

Our non-profit activity camps are about learning to...

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- POSITIVELY COMMUNICATE
- WORK IN TEAMS
- GROW IN CONFIDENCE
- TRY NEW CHALLENGES
- BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HAVE FUN!



100% of parents surveyed would recommend our camps to a friend

My daughter has loved going to Move More, she loves all the people who work there and all the different sports and activities they do.

- Football
- Tennis
- Lacrosse
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Tri-Golf
- Netball
- Frisbee
- Curling
- Kin-Ball
- Badminton
- Archery
- Tag Rugby
- Multi-skills
- Balance Bikes
- Orienteering
- Speed Stacking
- Dodgeball
- Board Games
- Arts and Crafts



WEBINAR


How To Support An Overwhelmed And Worried Child



When: Thursday 1st February 2024 at 1pm

Duration: Approximately 60 minutes

Feeling worried and overwhelmed is normal. We all experience this on regular basis. Children are no different and some of them more than others. Children who are worried and overwhelmed can appear clingy, find it hard to leave parents, settle independently at night or find it hard to cooperate and manage their emotions. Some children's worries come out as anger leaving parents confused about what to do. Do we shield children from situations they find upsetting and triggering, or do we push and throw them into the "deep end" hoping for the best? Are there other ways? And how do we know what is appropriate for our children?

To help you answer these questions, our next session will be focusing on:

- How to spot the signs of worrying and feeling overwhelmed.
- How to help your child when they feel overwhelmed and worried "in the moment".
- How to encourage your children to learn the skills so that they can eventually help themselves when facing worry and overwhelm.

How do you sign up for the online session?

To register for this online session, please follow this link

www.move-more.org/events/webinar-overwhelmed-and-worried-child/

It will take you to our website where you will be asked to answer a few simple questions. We would encourage you to register even though you might not be able to attend the session live, as all registered participants will receive a recording of the session to watch in their own time.

I've registered: what happens next?

Once you complete our short registration form, you will be registered for the online session. You will receive a confirmation email that will also include a zoom link for the live session. If you don't receive the confirmation email, please don't hesitate to contact Marijana on marijana@move-more.org

BOOK THE WEBINAR NOW

