

Date	Activity
2024—2025	
30 Sept	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
1 Oct	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
1 Oct	Reception Curriculum Evening
3 Oct	School Census Day—Menu Change
3 Oct	Reception 25 Open Afternoon 1:30pm
4 Oct	Y4 Visit to Literature Festival
7 Oct	Y3 Visit to Literature Festival
9 Oct	Y5 Visit to Literature Festival
10 Oct	Y6 Visit to Literature Festival
10 Oct	FOGS KS1 Movie Night
11 Oct	Y2 Visit to Literature Festival
11 Oct	FOGS KS2 Movie Night
15 Oct	Parents Evenings—details to follow
15 Oct	Book Fair during Parents Evening
16 Oct	Reception 25 Open Afternoon 9:30 am
17 Oct	Parents Evenings—details to follow
17 Oct	Book Fair during Parents Evening
21-25 Oct	Y6 Residential to Grittleton House Adventure
25 Oct	Term 1 Ends
4 Nov	Inset Day
5 Nov	Term 2 Starts
7 Nov	Reception 25 Open Afternoon 9:30 am
12 / 13 Nov	Individual and sibling photos
15 Nov	FOGS Discos
25 Nov	Reception 25 Open Afternoon 1:30 pm
4 Dec	FOGS Panto Trip—see below for details
5 Dec	Y2 Grand Exhibition @ 2:30pm—details to follow
7 Dec	FOGS Christmas Craft Fair
20 Dec	Term 2 Ends—2pm finish
6 Jan	Inset Day
7 Jan	Term 3 Starts
8 Jan	Reception 25 Open Morning 9:30 am
13 Jan	Choir at Young Voices
14 Feb	Term 3 Ends
24 Feb	Term 4 Starts
11 Apr	Term 4 Ends—2pm finish
28 Apr	Term 5 Starts
23 May	Term 5 Ends
2 June	Term 6 Starts
18 July	Term 6 Ends—2pm finish
New Event or Change of Date/Time	
FOGS Event	

Dear Grangefield Community,

As the autumn term settles in school is buzzing with activity and engagement—even the heavy rain can't put a dampener on us!

The recent 'Natter and Know How' session was a resounding success, providing a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to connect with one another and with our staff. The positive atmosphere during this session was palpable, and we were thrilled to see so many of you there, especially the new parents to the school.

Recently, we hosted our curriculum evenings, which offered invaluable insights into our teaching approaches and learning expectations for the year ahead. These sessions were well-attended, and it was heartening to see the level of engagement from our parent community. We hope you found these evenings informative.

I was delighted to chair the Owl Council's first meeting of the year. Our pupil representatives have already begun to voice their ideas on how to help make the school the very best it can be, showing remarkable maturity and insight. We'll keep you updated on their activities throughout the year, but they are excited to plan charity events and support school leaders in promoting reading for pleasure across the school.

Lastly, I'd like to mention that we've held our first Full Governing Board Meeting of the academic year. The meeting was productive, focusing on our priorities for the year ahead and how we can best support our pupils' academic and personal development. I'm pleased to inform you that Steve Watts was re-elected as Chair of Governors, and we welcomed a new governor, Christine Hughes, to the board too.

With best wishes,

Mrs Gemma Kydd
Head Teacher

Sensory Items

Following on from our last newsletter, here are some pictures of the sensory items in use alongside our donator, Mr John Lewis of Cleeve Residential. These resources are having a huge impact on children across the school and is a great boost to the development of our continued provision for our children with special educational needs. Thanks again, to Cleeve Residential for their kind donations.



Head Bumps

For our new starters and as a reminder, this is how we communicate head bumps to parents. If your child suffers a head bump whilst at school, you will either be sent a text message or will receive a phone call, depending on the severity of the bump. This will be in addition to them being given a letter to bring home.

A Big Thank You to Our TAs! Today is National Teaching Assistant Day, and we would like to recognise all the excellent work our Teaching Assistants do to support the children and assist our teachers here at Grangefield.



Road Safety around the School Grounds

Please park carefully and drive slowly when parking near the school. On wetter days, the road can be busier, so please take extra care when driving. Children should be supervised when they leave the school grounds. Please stick to the paths when leaving 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.

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 2025. 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.

Friends of Grangefield (FOGS)

Exciting News for Years 3 and 5! It's time to take your seats and prepare for a magical adventure!

We're thrilled to announce that **Years 3 and 5** have been invited to attend a spectacular pantomime performance of **Aladdin** at the Everyman Theatre with Tweedy on Wednesday 4th December! The stage will be buzzing with excitement, laughter, and of course, the mischievous genie antics we all know and love.

Expect:

- Plenty of "Oh no he didn't!" moments
- Maybe some cheeky flying carpets (no seatbelts required!)
- Sparkling costumes and *just a little* audience participation

We're sure this will be an unforgettable experience for the children, and who knows, they might even leave the theatre wishing for their own three wishes (a tidy room might not make the list, though!).

To ensure that we can continue to offer this exciting opportunity year after year, we have made the decision to take **years 3 and 5** to the panto each year and, going forward will ensure that every child will get to attend at least **twice** during their time at school.

This allows FOGS to carefully manage the resources and costs involved in making such trips possible. We appreciate your understanding as we work to make sure it's sustainable for the long run.

Save the dates:

October:

KS1 Movie Night—Thursday 10th October

KS2 Movie Night—Friday 11th October

November:

Discos—Friday 15th November

December:

Christmas Craft Fair—Saturday 7th December

ASDA rewards:

Until 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose Grangefield to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all—every time a customer signs up and chooses Grangefield, Asda will donate £1 to our Cashpot.

Don't shop at Asda? Even if you don't shop at Asda, by downloading the Rewards App and signing up, we will receive £1 for everyone who does. A school our size, that can really add up! Download and opt-in today.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 for parents and carers

1. Download the Asda Rewards app and sign up to Cashpot for Schools
2. Select Grangefield Primary School
3. Shop in-store or online at Asda.com

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