

Date	Activity
2025—2026	
Thursdays	Year 5 Swimming lessons until Easter
11 Mar	Natter and Know How—8:45 to 9:45 am
11 Mar	Year 5 Assembly—2:40 pm
14 Mar	Staff taking part in Miles for the MUGA challenge
14 Mar	MUGA Challenge Welcome Back! Bar & Café
17 Mar	Grangefield Spring Sing! Years 5 & 6—8:55 am
18 Mar	Grangefield Spring Sing! Years 3 & 4—8:55 am
19 Mar	Grangefield Spring Sing! Years R, 1 & 2—8:55 am
23 Mar	Year 4 Trip to Tewkesbury
23 Mar	Rocksteady Concert—2:30pm
25 & 26 Mar	Easter Egg Trails
27 Mar	Term 4 Ends—2pm finish
13 Apr	Term 5 Starts
w/c 13 Apr	Year 6 Bikeability (2 weeks)
29 Apr	Reception Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
30 Apr	Year 1 Assembly—2:40 pm
5 May	Year 3 Assembly—2:40 pm
5 & 6 May	Year R & 6 NCMP and Vision Screening
6 May	Year 1 Trip to All Things Wild
w/c 11 May	Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)
21 May	Year 4 Assembly—2:40 pm
22 May	Term 5 Ends
1 June	Inset Day
2 June	Term 6 Starts
10 June	Reception Assembly—2:40 pm
11 June	Year 2 Assembly—2:40 pm
17 & 18 June	Class Photos
22 June	Rocksteady Concert—time to be confirmed
17 July	Term 6 Ends—2pm finish
New Event or Change of Date/Time	
FOGS Event	

Dear Grangefield Community,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in school. One of the highlights was our staff pantomime, which certainly brought plenty of laughter and smiles from children. We had an amazing time entertaining the children and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying the performance together.



Yesterday we also celebrated World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the creativity in costumes and to share a day focused on the joy of reading. Thank you to families for supporting the day and helping to make it such a success.

A quick reminder that it is now only one week until our



staff sponsored walk, which is raising money for our planned MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area). We are so very grateful for the support already shown and hope to see many of you at the finish line (we'll post updates on DOJO throughout our walk). Again here in the link to our sponsorship page: <https://gofund.me/dd0d9170a>

Finally, please remember to park safely and considerately around the school. The school car park is only for staff, school visitors and those needing access to the disabled parking spaces. There may also be occasions when we need to secure the gates quickly in the interest of safeguarding pupils, so we appreciate your cooperation with this.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

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 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. Unless you have been told otherwise by a member of the Admin team, you will need to contact the school office on every day of your child's absence. We ask that all parents adhere to the 48 hour rule following a bout of sickness and / or diarrhoea.

Photo Permissions

We are updating our photo permissions, please complete this google form— <https://forms.gle/SF9PMiGRTq6UHLDJ7>

Year 6 Bikeability

Please can consent forms be returned by Monday 16 March.

Site Security Reminders

When entering or exiting the school site during the school day, please ensure that the gate is secured behind you. Please note that when exiting, the 'press to exit' button, for security reasons, doesn't automatically release the gate. The button will notify the office, that you are there and a member of the admin team will release the gate, please be aware that this may take a few moments depending on the availability of the team.

School Trips

Year R—Cotswold Wildlife Park

The deadline for contributions is 27 March

Year 1—All Things Wild

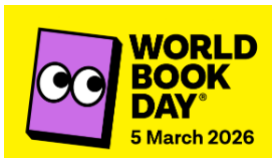
The deadline for contributions is 17 April

Year 6—Residential October 2026

Deadline for paying deposits has now passed, so please can any outstanding payments be made as soon as possible.

World Book Day

We had some much fun celebrating World Book Day.



Message for parents and families from Gloucestershire County Council.

Free School Meal Vouchers issued for school holiday periods is changing.

Free School Meal vouchers provided during school holidays which have been funded by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) through the Household Support Fund are coming to an end. This is because the Household Support Fund is ending, and Free School Meal Vouchers for the spring school holidays will be the last vouchers available under this scheme. A different fund, the Crisis and Resilience Fund is starting from Wednesday 1 April 2026.

We know food vouchers during school holidays have been important for many families and that's why we're working hard to ensure those who need support the most can still access it through the new Crisis and Resilience Fund and other support that we are putting in place across Gloucestershire.

To find out more, please:

- Visit Gloucestershire's [Family Hubs website](#) to learn about the support available for families, including the Holiday Activities and Food Programme, which provides great activities and nutritious food for children and young people during the school holidays.
- Look out for information about the incoming Crisis and Resilience Grant Funding, which will offer support for children and young people who are eligible for Free School Meals. Details on what you can expect and how to apply will be shared soon on the Family Hubs website.

Spring holiday 2026

This Spring holiday, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the spring holiday 2026 will be open from Tuesday 3 March until Friday 13 March. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing Monday 23 March. Please check your junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received their vouchers by Monday 30 March, please encourage them to submit a query by contacting childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. GCC are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.

To find out more about the scheme, eligibility and to apply, please visit our holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Please note GCC check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents and carers are registered beforehand. You can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals page](#).

Using vouchers – vouchers will only be awarded once the parent/carer has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers that were expected but were not received should be queried by contacting childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

For any parents/carers wishing to update details of an existing application, please submit an update existing details request by contacting childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so we can update their account, as details are not automatically updated.



Grangefield School

Friends of Grangefield School

Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who brought Golden Quest bars yesterday, we hope all the children enjoyed their chocolate, and the lucky winners are happy with their prizes.

Anyone who wasn't able to collect, will have had theirs delivered to the classroom today.

You raised an amazing £360.21 by buying these bars! Thank you so much!

Remember, a lot of what we are raising this year is going towards the MUGA that all the children will benefit from.

Zeffy

We are trialing a new booking platform.

As many of you will know, we have used the PTA Events website to manage online bookings for FOGS events for several years. However, the platform charges a fee on every transaction. In order to ensure that as much money as possible goes directly towards fundraising for FOG, we are trialing a new booking platform called Zeffy.

Zeffy is very simple and quick to use. No account is required—bookings can be completed easily on your phone, tablet or desktop and you can pay using options such as Apple Wallet. You will receive a confirmation email once your booking is complete.

There will be no other changes to how our events run. The key difference is that Zeffy does not charge platform fees. At the end of the booking process, you may see an option to make a voluntary contribution to support the platform, but this is entirely optional and there is absolutely no expectation to do so.

By using this platform, more of the money raised can go directly to supporting FOGS.



Easter Trail

Our 2026 Easter Trails are nearly here!

They'll be happening straight after school on Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March. Pick the date that works best for you. We kindly ask that parents of EYFS and KS1 children hop along and help their little bunnies on the trail. Children will be given their trail maps by their teachers at the end of the day, so you'll be able to start your search straight away.

Tickets are available on <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/easter-trail-2026>

Miles for the MUGA—Saturday 14th March

As you know, some of our wonderful staff are taking on the challenge of walking the Cheltenham 3 peaks—Crickley Hill, Leckhampton Hill and Cleeve Hill, finishing back at Grangefield and we'd love for the school community to help us give them a big welcome back!

FOGS will be there with a bar and café, so you can grab a drink, enjoy a treat and help us celebrate their fantastic achievement while supporting a great cause.

Come along, cheer them in, and join us in marking the end of their challenge. It would be wonderful to see as many families and supporters there as possible!

Going on holiday this year?

If you're planning on going aboard this year, and are thinking of using TUI, please think of us as well!

If you book your holiday before 31st March, via easyfundraising, they'll donate a whopping £125 to FOGS and it doesn't cost you a penny more! Visit the link below to find out more: [- Easyfundraising - TUI](#)

Help us fund our MUGA!

The school have announced that they are planning to install a multi-use games area (MUGA) on site, and FOGS are proud to be part of the fundraising effort.

An amount has already been pledged but we'd love to contribute more to this amazing project. Any support this year towards FOGS events will be gratefully appreciated. Whether that's attending, volunteering at, or promoting our events—every little helps!



Volunteers

We're always on the lookout for new members to join FOGS. As a volunteer, you'll help us make a real difference in our school community.

We know everyone's schedule is different, so we want to make it clear that you can give as much or as little time as you like. Whether you can volunteer for one event a year or attend every meeting, your contribution is valuable and appreciated.

FOGS helps fund important school initiatives, organizes fun family events, and provides a great way to meet other parents and staff.

If you're interested in learning more or joining, please get in touch at grangefieldpta@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk

WE NEED YOU—FOGS Treasurer (Volunteer Role)

Help us make great things happen for our school

We're looking for an organised, trustworthy and friendly volunteer to join us as Treasurer. If you're comfortable with numbers (no need to be an accountant!) and want to play a key role in supporting our school community, we'd love to hear from you.

As Treasurer, you'll help us look after the PTA's funds so we can contribute to organise fun events and raise money for equipment, experiences and extras that benefit all our children.

The role officially starts in September, but we'd love to have you join us sooner so there's plenty of time for a smooth handover and for you to work alongside our current Treasurer while you get familiar with everything.

Having a Treasurer is a mandatory requirement for FOGS and unfortunately the group cannot continue to operate without one. By volunteering for this role, you'll be helping ensure we can keep running the events and fundraising activities that make sure a positive difference to the school and our children.

If you'd like to find out more or have a chat about what the role involves, please get in touch—we'd be very happy to talk it through.

We can't wait to hear from you.

STEM WEEK CHALLENGE

Build a model of our school!



Unleash your creativity and build your own
model of Grangefield School using any
materials you like

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Cheltenham Town Women FC—Exclusive school offer

As part of the CTWFC schools programme, CTWFC are pleased to offer Grangefield School families half-price tickets for the following fixture:

Sunday 15 March—Cheltenham Town Women vs Bristol City Women Academy

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Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm




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