Grangefield School
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Newsletter 5: 13 November 2026

Date	Activity
2025—2026	
16 Nov	Odd Socks Day
24 Nov	Reception 27 Open Event—9:20am—FULL
2 Dec	Y3 & Y5 Panto Trip—Everyman Theatre
2 Dec	FOGS Christmas Disco—Years 1 & 2—4—5:15pm
3 Dec	FOGS Christmas Disco—Years 3 & 4—4—5:15pm
3 Dec	FOGS Christmas Disco—Years 5 & 6—5:30—6:45 pm
3 Dec	Reception 27 Open Event—9:20am
9 Dec	Reception Nativity—9:30 am
10 Dec	Y3 & 4 Christmas Performance—2:15 pm
11 Dec	Y3 & 4 Christmas Performance—9:15 am
14 Dec	Y1 & 2 Christmas Sing-a-long—9:15 am
14 Dec	Rock Steady Concert—2:15pm
15 Dec	Y5 & 6 Carol at the Church—2:15 pm
16 Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
18 Dec	Term 2 Ends—2pm finish
4 Jan	Inset Day
5 Jan	Term 3 Starts
Terms 3 & 4	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (Thursdays starting 7 Jan)
12 Feb	Term 3 Ends
22 Feb	Term 4 Starts
23 & 24 Feb	Year R & 6 NCMP and Vision Screening
22 Mar	Rock Steady Concert—2:15pm
25 Mar	Term 4 Ends—2pm finish
12 Apr	Term 5 Starts
w/c 10 May	**Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)**
27 May	Term 5 Ends
28 May	Inset Day
7 June	Term 6 Starts
12 July	Rock Steady Concert—2:15pm
20 July	Term 6 Ends 2pm finish
21 July	Inset Day
New Event or Change of Date/Time	
FOGS Event	



Odd Socks Day—Monday

On Monday, we will be holding Odd Socks Day, as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Your child is invited to wear odd socks for the day to celebrate that we are all unique. During the week, children will be learning to identify and call out bullying through assemblies and classroom discussions.

Dear Grangefield Community,

It has been another busy and enjoyable few weeks at Grangefield, with our children taking part in a range of enriching experiences and important learning opportunities.

Last week we were delighted to welcome a professional pianist to school for a special recital. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to a range of pieces and learning more about the skill, dedication and creativity involved in becoming a musician.

Our recent whole-school cross-country event was a fantastic success. It was wonderful to see children of all ages challenging themselves, showing resilience and encouraging one another. The determination, teamwork and positive attitudes on display reflected our school values perfectly.

This week, we marked Remembrance Day with thoughtful activities and a period of reflection. The children learned about the importance of remembrance and demonstrated great respect during our two-minute silence.

We also recently carried out a fire drill, which is one of the ways we practice keeping out school community safe. As part of helping children understand safety procedures, we also teach them that there may be occasions when we need to shelter inside the building if there is a concern that something or someone outside may not be safe. We are proud of how sensibly and calmly our children respond to these important routines. I've produced an information sheet for parents on these emergency procedures which can be found on our website

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best Wishes
Gemma Kydd, Headteacher

School Grounds Safety

Please be careful walking around the school grounds, as fast as Mrs Stickings is collecting the leaves more are falling, making the ground a bit slippery underfoot in places.

Please be careful when entering / exiting the school grounds, please stick to paths, do not across the staff car park. Please dismount bicycles before entering the gates to the school grounds.

Children MUST NOT be playing on the play equipment during pick up time, this includes the play equipment on the astroturf outside the Reception and KS1 classrooms, the trim trail, MUGA, Amphitheatre and gym equipment by the bike shed.

Please leave the school grounds promptly with your children, as Mrs Stickings needs to secure the gates for After Schools clubs.

Parking

Please take care whilst driving and parking in the Grangefield approach road. Significant damage was caused to a car parked up a pick up time earlier this week.

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

Please only park in the disabled space outside the school gates if you are a blue badge holder.

School Dinners

KS2 parents, please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are credited with enough funds to cover school dinners before they are taken. Our current school debt is over £450, so please clear any outstanding debt, as soon as possible, as this could affect your child's ability to be able to have a hot dinner. If you need any assistance or support, please contact the school office.

Year 6 Residential—October 2026

Please can the google form be completed as soon as possible, so that we can confirm numbers. The £10 payment item will be added to your ParentPay accounts after half term. Please note that the deadline for paying the first £10 deposit via ParentPay, is 31 November.

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

Reception Admission 2027

The facility to make an online application for Reception 2027 admissions is now open until 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 Admissions—Admissions Website

Year 3 & 5 Trip to Panto

Thanks to FOGS, our Year 3 and 5 will be visiting the Everyman Theatre to watch Cinderella on Wednesday 2 December. This is a free of charge trip, however, please log onto ParentPay to confirm consent. Due to the timing of the trip, children will need to bring a packed lunch with them. Children will be allow to bring a small snack with them to eat whilst that the Panto, this can be a small packet of sweets, some popcorn or a small packet of biscuits, but please NO nuts or nut based products.

Owl Group Cross County

Well done to all the children taking part in the above event on Friday 6 November. They all did brilliantly. The overall winners were the GREAT GREYS. Here are the placings for each year group:

Year 6 Boys—Ezra, Charlie F, Mateo

Year 6 Girls—Maya, Harriet, Clara

Year 5 Boys—Ronnie, Jaxton, Ben

Year 5 Girls—Delilah, Leanne, Isabelle

Year 4 Boys—Ted, George, Jude

Year 4 Girls—Hattie, Eva, Florence

Year 3 Boys—Archie, Thomas, Ted

Year 3 Girls—Evie, Tala, Amelia

Year 2 Boys—Finley, Leo, Freddie

Year 2 Girls—Zoe, Lottie, Ellie

Year 1 Boys—Keir, Alex, Oliver

Year 1 Girls—Amelie, Rosie, Hattie

Christmas Jumper Donations

Mrs Lack is on the look out for Christmas Jumpers for her Christmas Jumper sale.

Donation Details

- **What:** Clean Christmas jumpers of any size (children's or adults').
- **Where**: Please either send in with your child or drop them into the school office

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us support sustainable fashion!



Christmas Food Bank

As Christmas is quickly approaching and I'm sure many of you will be busy with Christmas shopping. Could I ask you to consider adding an item from North Cotswold Foodback's appeal list to your trolley?

Your local foodbank offers support to some of our families and over the Christmas period hope to include a festive treat within their referrals.

There is a box in the entrance hall for any donations you are able to make. The deadline for donations is Tuesday 1 December.

Your kindness is much appreciated.

Thank you!

Mrs Lack



Preparations are now in full swing for our Christmas events:



Christmas Dinner Day

This year's Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 16th December. We try to encourage as many children as possible to have this meal as all the teachers and staff serve the children and eat with them. We put on music and make it a really festive occasion.

As we will need to order the ingredients in advance, please could you complete this google form with your child's preference. We would appreciate if this could be completed by Monday 23 November.

Those children with special menus, we are just waiting for their special Christmas menus to arrive, once we have received them, we will share.

Carols at the Church—Years 5 & 6

Please see date and time above.

As you are aware, Years 5 & 6 will be performing Carols at the Church in Bishops Cleeve. Please can you use this google form to let us know collection arrangements for your child.

Christmas Sing-A-Long—Years 1 &2

Please see date and time above.

Due to the number of children involved in the sing-a-long and the hall capacity, the number of guests allowed to watch will be capped. This will be up to 2 guests per child, with an audience capacity of 180 guests in total. Please can you use this google form to let us know how many tickets you require.

Christmas Productions—Reception and Years 3 & 4

Please see dates and times above.

Due to the number of children involved in the production and the hall capacity, the number of guests allowed to watch will be capped. This will be up to 2 guests per child, with an audience capacity of 180 guests in total for each performance.

Tickets will be available to purchase through ParentPay at a cost of £1 per ticket. The money raised from the sale of these tickets will be used in the Creative Arts departments to allow us to continue to give the children a varied curriculum across Music and Drama.

Year 3 and 4 parents—to allow everyone's parents the opportunity to attend, please only purchase tickets for one performance.

FOR ALL IN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Babes in arms/small children on laps will not need a ticket, however older pre-school children will. We kindly request that prams/pushchairs are not brought into the school during the performance.

Ticket requests will close on Wednesday 2 December at 12noon. Any tickets still remaining at this time, will be re-released on a first come first served basis.

Physical tickets will not be sent home, we will have a list of names on the door.

FOGS

After-School Movie Night!

Thank you so much for all the support at the Movie Nights. You raised an amazing £642.82 for the school. We hope all the children enjoyed themselves.

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Upcoming Events



Christmas Discos

Get your glad rags on for our Christmas Disco. An evening of dancing, games and perhaps a special guest!

Years 1 & 2—Wednesday 2 December—4:00 pm until 5:00 pm
Years 3 & 4—Thursday 3 December—4:00 pm until 5:15 pm
Years 5 & 6—Thursday 3 December—5:30 pm until 6:45 pm

Tickets can be bought at: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-grangefield-school

Please note that Reception children will enjoy a Christmas Disco in class time. Their teachers will confirm the date in due course.

Future Events

Keep an eye on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/friendsofgrangefield for details of upcoming events as well in the school newsletter.



Some dates for your diaries:

- Family Bingo: Saturday 30 January
- Staff Panto (children only): Tuesday 9 February
- Race Night (adults only): Friday 12 March
- Easter Trail: Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 March
- Colour Run: Thursday 27 May
- Grangefest: Saturday 3 July

Please note, timings will be confirmed closer to the event but we appreciate diaries get busy so please do pencil the above in. Further events and activities will be added as we move through the year.

Christmas Shopping

If you are doing any of our Christmas shopping online this year, don't forgot to sign up to easyfundraising.co.uk. Select Friends of Grangefield School and you can raise funds for the school whilst shopping.

Over 8,000 retailers will donate a % of your spend to FOGS. So easy, costs you nothing and the children benefit!


Bishop's Cleeve
Parish Council
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
CELEBRATE THE JOY OF THE SEASON WITH US!
21ST NOVEMBER 2-7PM
CHURCH ROAD - LIGHTS ON AT 5.30PM
Music on Church Road
Tewkesbury Town Band
Market Stalls
Fun Fair
Punch and Judy
Music Man
Donkeys
Balloon Modeller
Father Christmas
Fun Games & Prizes
Food and drink from local traders
Mulled Wine
Boogie Beats Demos
FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS


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Parish Council
Book Santa here!
ho ho ho
21ST NOV
Meet Santa
AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING
BOOK YOUR FREE SPACE TODAY
SPACES AVAILABLE BETWEEN 1430-1830 DURING THE LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT
Admin@bishopscleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk
or call 01242 674440


Christmas Fair
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 1PM
TITHE BARN, BISHOPS CLEEVE
In aid of
Gloucestershire Bundles
• Raffle
• Craft Stalls
• Children's Games
• Tea/Coffee and Cakes
• Christmas Fun for All the Family
• Father Christmas
Some stalls only accept cash.