



# Weekly Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has finally begun to feel like winter this week, please remember to wrap your child up in a winter coat, gloves and hat. Please ensure you label all items clearly with your child's class and their name.

We will lay the lost property out on tables during the last week of term so you can find any lost belongings. Any unclaimed items will be washed and added to our pre-loved uniform stock for our next nearly new sale.

### No Phones to be used on school grounds

We have noticed many of you entering the school ground on your phone or wearing headphones and having conversations as you are collecting your children. Please remember we are a phone free school and that your children need your attention when they are collected as they are often excited to see you. Our staff will be asking that you stop using your phone when on site so please make sure you follow the rule.

### Attendance

Thank you to those parents that met with me and the assistant headteachers over the last two weeks to discuss attendance issues. As the weather gets colder, children are more susceptible to coughs and colds. Please remember the governments harsh stance on attendance and that after 10 sessions of absence (5 school days) a statutory fine can be issued. If we must make a call to you, to find out why your child is absent, then this absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. It is your duty to call us if your child is unwell before **9am**.

### Football

Well done to both of our football teams who played fantastically in their recent matches. The girls played in a tournament last week and won. The boys and girls won all matches last week. Congratulations everybody!

### Instagram

Each week every year group posts pictures and videos of things they have been getting up to in class. Please follow us so you can see what the children have been up to!

<https://www.instagram.com/grangeprimaryschoolse1/>

### KS2 – Yr 3,4,5 & 6 (2.45pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November ) Maths meeting

Do you have a child in years 3,4,5 & 6, if you do, please come along to our parent maths meeting on **Monday 25/11/24 at 2.45pm** to see how you can help your child learn at home!

There was a better turn out of parents for KS1 but out of 70 families only 10 parents made the meeting. Parent workshops take a lot of time to organise and prepare for, so it was upsetting when only a few people attended. We are hoping many more of you attend for KS2 next week!

### Christmas Tree

Thanks to AG flowers in Nunhead for donating a living Christmas tree to the school this year. The tree will arrive next Friday and be decorated by the children at after school club. <https://www.agflowers.co.uk/>

### White Ribbon Day

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November the staff at Grange will show support to victims of domestic violence by wearing a white ribbon. We will be collecting donations for this charity on the gates in the morning and after school. For mor information about this event please click on the link. [White Ribbon Day 2024](#)

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and we will see you all on Monday at 8.50am.

Rebecca



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# School Information

## Attendance & Punctuality Class Winners of The Week



School Year Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>97.8</b>
Attendance KS2 Winner	<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>97.8</b>
KS1 Punctuality Winner	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>97.8</b>
KS2 Punctuality Winner	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>98.5</b>
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Venus	96.1	95
Mercury	97.8	97.8
Earth	97.5	96.4
Jupiter	94.6	97.8
Saturn	95.7	96.5
Galaxy	96	94.3
Neptune	98.5	95.8
Pluto	97.3	97.7
Aurora	97.3	93.8
Sky	95.8	95.4
Total Weekly Attendance:		<b>96.1%</b>

## Dates for the Diary



25/11/24	KS2 Maths coffee afternoon 2.45pm
25/11/24	<a href="#">White Ribbon Day</a> (international day for the eradication of violence against women)
01/12/24	Advent Sunday
06/12/24	Pantomime visiting the school, performance in middle hall times to be arranged
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day (money raised for save the children)
12/12/24	Children's Christmas Lunch
13/12/24	Yrs 1, 2 and 3 Carol concert to parents 10am
16/12/24	House winners' trip
17/12/24	Yrs 4,5 and 6 Carol concert to parents 2.30pm
19/12/24	EYFS winter performance 10am Albert Mackenzie Hall
19/12/24	Class Christmas parties
19/12/24	Reports sent to parents
20/12/24	Last day of term school closes at 2pm

## House Winners

Tim Peake 	<b>458</b>
Stephanie Wilson 	<b>468</b>
Neil Armstrong 	<b>540</b>
Helen Sharman 	<b>472</b>
Bernard Harris 	<b>451</b>

## Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	<b>100%</b>	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	<b>99%</b>	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	<b>97%</b>	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	<b>95%</b>	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	<b>90%</b>	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	<b>85%</b>	Very Concerned



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### Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "nimble". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.


**Shinobi Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** nimble **Word Class** (adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables: (nim-ble)

**Definition:**

Someone who is nimble is able to move their fingers, hands, or legs quickly and easily.



As Amida was **nimble**, she quickly solved the puzzle.

<b>Synonym:</b>	<b>Antonym:</b>	<b>Prefix / Suffix</b>	<b>Rhyme:</b>	<b>Link Word:</b>
deft	inept	-ness	symbol	swiftly
skilful	sluggish	-est	thimble	gracefully

### Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was "respect". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

**"Respect is how to treat everyone"**  
(Richard Branson)



## Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Eva	Mercury	6
Samyra	Saturn	8
Sobhi	Aurora	11
Orinta	Aurora	11
Soraya	Pluto	10
Darcie	Planet Earth	7
Nancy	Venus	6
Kamil	Galaxy	9
David	Galaxy	9
Zane	Jupiter	8
Juwayriyah	Moon	4
Ramatullai	Sky	11



### Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

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**Mathletics**



Winning Class: **Galaxy Class**  
School's total points: **37,900**



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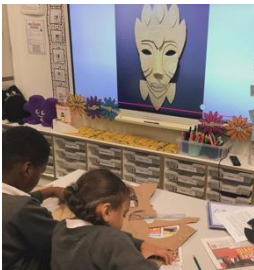
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# Class Gallery

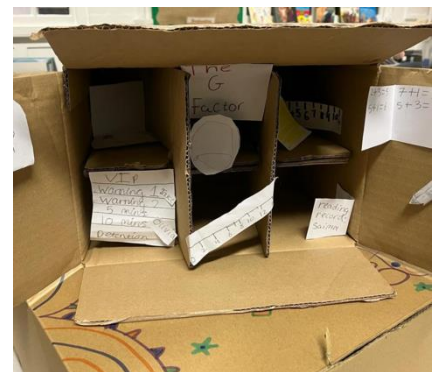
## Year 4 – Galaxy class

Year 4 have started making their Benin relief masks. Watch this space for their final pieces!



## Year 6 – Aroua and Sky class

Year 6 have learnt about the assemblage artwork of Louise Nevelson and Joseph Cornell. They created their own memory boxes of primary school memories.





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# Rewards

## Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Respect**  
EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Nicholas	For talking about how he shows respect at home and using the word nuisance correctly.
Mercury	Ayana	For always showing respect to everyone by listening to what they have to say
Planet Earth	Leonique	For being very respectful when other teachers were leading our learning this week

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Aria	For creating an amazing poster to warn Grange about the beast.
Mercury	Peace	For her fabulous Newspaper report!
Planet Earth	Hannan	For explaining the difference between a question, command and statement

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Manel	For understanding and creating her own patterns.
Mercury	Nasir	For using his sentence stems to help explain our pattern rules
Planet Earth	Kashauna	For using her knowledge of 2's, 5's and 10's to solve problems

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Yousef	For showing so much confidence with our new phase 5 sounds.
Mercury	Layla	For her beautiful reading during guided reading this week
Planet Earth	Karim	For excellent reading with expression



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# Rewards

## Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Cooperation**  
**Years 3 to 6**

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Isabella	For doing such a good time of being respectful to our environment and making sure our class is tidy.
SATURN	Ainhoa	For always displaying respect to her environment and everyone her!
GALAXY	Jannat	For always being respectful towards adults and her peers!
PLUTO	Ololade	For always being respectful to everyone around her.
NEPTUNE	Slwanos	For great listening this week and being helpful to others.
AURORA	Ilyas	For being a kind and helpful member of the class
SKY	Kiera	For being a respectful and helpful member of Sky class.-
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Yalldah	For her hard work during English and for using cause and effect conjunctions.
SATURN	Samyra	For wonderful use of cause and effort conjunctions!
GALAXY	George	For an amazing letter of advice to Sir Shackleton!
PLUTO	Zeemah	For great work planning and drafting her newspaper report about the moon landing.
NEPTUNE	Kgomotso	For great work on using conjunctions in sentences.
AURORA	Kerry	For her excellent use of sophisticated vocabulary
SKY	Saima	For excellent effort writing an obituary about Anne Frank.
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Ejatu	For her brilliant work using arrays.
SATURN	Rubie	For trying her best with arrays this week!
GALAXY	Noor	For great work on Subtraction this week!
PLUTO	Jorge	For great work on square and cube numbers.
NEPTUNE	Deonah	For great work on multiplication, square and cube numbers this week!
AURORA	Niyyah	For her excellent work on fractions this week.
SKY	Aisha	For fantastic effort adding and subtracting fractions and helping others. Well done!



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Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Kai	For his effort in his reading.
SATURN	Abdul-Raheem	Showing a love for reading within class!
GALAXY	Scarlet	For always showing great enthusiasm during our reading lessons!
PLUTO	Samson	For great work ordering events chronologically.
NEPTUNE	Linda	For brilliant inferences during guided reading
AURORA	Orinta	For answering guided reading questions with great thought and accuracy
SKY	Ali	Fantastic effort and showing great enthusiasm for reading.



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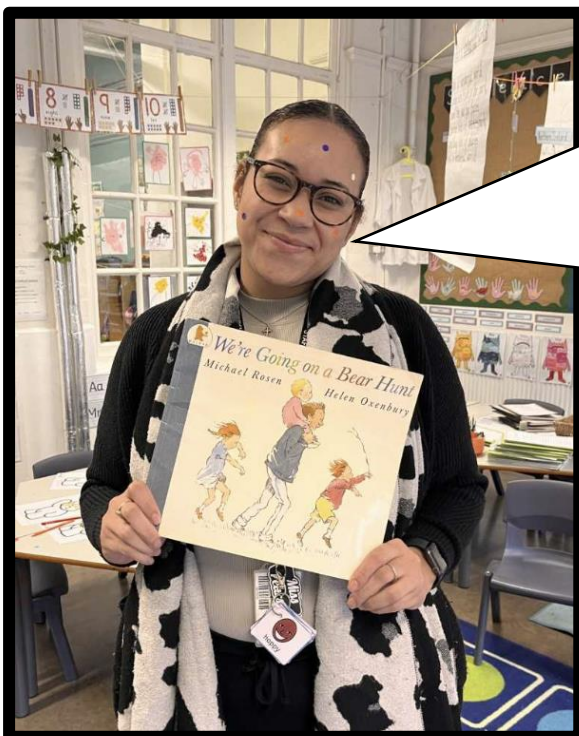
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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

In an effort to encourage reading for pleasure each week one of our staff members will share their favourite children's book. This book will then be available for children to borrow to see if they enjoy reading it also. This week Miss Daniella has chosen one of her favourite books to share in assembly.

### Favourite book Friday



The story is about a family going out for a walk and using their imaginations. They go through different parts of the outdoors, including the dark cave whilst using lots of repetition and rhyme.

I chose this book because I loved the mystery of the story when reading it for the first time.

I would recommend this book to ages 5-8 as it's a fun way for kids to put actions to the rhyme included.





Southwark Family Hubs



Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Children and Family Hubs

# Timetable - Tuesday 5th November - Wednesday 18th December 2024



## Monday

**Venue: Ellen Brown**  
**NO SESSIONS ON 4th NOVEMBER & 25th NOVEMBER - STAFF TRAINING**

**Toddler Time**  
**(2 years and above)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

A session for families with toddlers to explore their curiosity, learn through play and supporting next steps into nursery.

**Baby Massage**  
**(8 weeks old-Pre-crawlers)**  
**Booking Required**

Various Dates across the year  
Starts 11th November

This group has a long waiting list so please email us to go on the list.

**Venue: Rotherhithe**  
**NO SESSIONS ON 4th NOVEMBER & 25th NOVEMBER - STAFF TRAINING**  
**Stay and Play**  
**(1 year and above)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

## Tuesday

**Venue: Ellen Brown**  
**Baby and Us**  
**(From birth up to 12 months)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

Join this relaxed session and have an opportunity to bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents

**SENSATIONAL Stay and Play**  
**(0-5 Years)**  
**1:30pm-3:00pm**

A fun and playful session that encourages the development of early attention, social interaction, and communication skills, for children with additional, special educational needs.

**Venue: Rotherhithe**  
**Learning through Play**  
**Parent Workshop - 18 months plus**  
**12th November - 10th December**

Learning Unlimited presents an interactive workshop giving parents tips and ideas for play activities  
Email to book  
[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

**Venue: TBC**  
**'Welcome to Parenthood'**  
**10am - 11.30am**  
**INVITATION ONLY**

A new supportive group for families with babies **0-12 months** aimed at exploring and discussing topics on the first year of your baby's life with the additional benefit of support around emotional and mental wellbeing for you and your baby.  
Dates to be confirmed.

[julieralph@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:julieralph@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

## Wednesday

**Venue: Ellen Brown**  
**Stay & Play**  
**(1-5 years old)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**



### Parent Drop In

A member of staff is available for help and advice for parents that are experiencing difficulties. We are here to help!!

**Chattertime Plus**  
**(18 months and above)**  
**1:30pm-3:00pm**

A stay and play group tailored to support children with complex communication needs and areas such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.



## Thursday

**Venue: Ellen Brown**  
**Boogie Mites**  
**(0-12 months)**  
**10am-10:30am**

**Venue: Ellen Brown**  
**Melodies for Mums group**  
**(INVITATION ONLY)**

For more information and to register email: [m4m@breathetheair.org](mailto:m4m@breathetheair.org)

**Venue: Pilgrims' Way**  
**Stay and Play**  
**(0-5 years)**  
**10am-11:30am**

**Venue: Rotherhithe**  
**Breastfeeding Café**  
**Infant feeding Drop-in**  
**10:00am-12:00pm**

Information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

**Venue: South Bermondsey**  
**Starting Solids Workshop**  
**Thursday 5th December**  
**1:00pm - 3:00pm**

To book email:  
[est-tr.HVsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net](mailto:est-tr.HVsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net)

## Friday

**Venue: Rotherhithe**  
**Boogie Mites**

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, communication, physical and social development.

**Ages: 0-12 months**  
**10:00am - 10:30 am**  
**Ages: 12 months and above**  
**11:30am-12:00pm**

**Venue: Ellen Brown**  
**Baby Explorers**  
**(12 months-24 months)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

Engage with your baby in play and help them discover the world through fun and engaging activities.

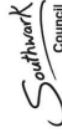
## Saturday

**Venue: Rotherhithe**  
**Gardening Workshop**  
**(2 years plus)**  
**10am-11:30am**  
**16th November**  
**7th December**

Email to book  
[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



Southwark Family Hubs



We operate a system on first come, first served basis with a limited capacity in each centre. A few sessions still require a booking so please check our timetable and email us to book on [ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

**Speech and Language support**

**Virtual Chattertime and Drop in Sessions**

Are you worried that your child is not talking or doesn't understand you? Do you have questions or concerns about your child's communication skills? Please book onto a virtual session with a speech and language therapist

To book on, email: [gst-tr.contacts1@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.contacts1@nhs.net)

Website:

[www.evelinlondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage](http://www.evelinlondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage)

Facebook: @EvelinasLT



**Free Vitamin D**

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.

**HENRY Programme**

This programme aims to help you feel more confident as a parent, physical activities for the little ones, what children and the whole family eats, family lifestyle habits and enjoying life as a family.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.henry.org.uk/>

To book please email:

[gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net)



**Southwark Start for Life offer includes help with:**

- Feeding your baby ✓
- Mental health & wellbeing ✓
- Support for children special needs & disabilities ✓
- Early education at home ✓
- Accessing information, advice, and your free childcare offer ✓
- Making friends and connections ✓
- Building relationships with your baby ✓
- Everyday parenting challenges ✓

<https://services.southwark.gov.uk/>

Due to our popularity of our groups please note that priority will be given to families trying to access our sessions. We would like to keep EVERYONE safe and healthy, and some groups have a limited number of families permitted in our centres.



We kindly ask everyone NOT to use their mobile phones whilst in our sessions. This is for safeguarding purposes, and it is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child/ren.

**What is WellComm? Speech and Language Support**

This is practical tool that the Early Years Team uses to discover children's level of communication, promote, and support the development of speech and language from as young as 6 months old- 5 years, through working together with parents/carers and completing fun activities.

Please speak with a member of staff for further information.

We have gone paperless to help save the environment.

Please scan the QR Code to download the timetable and find out updates.

[br-cc.org.uk](http://br-cc.org.uk)



**50 Things To Do Before Five!**

Download the app or visit the website for free fun activities to do with your child and have fun, play, and learn.

Website: <https://50thingstodo.org/>

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

If you live in Southwark and have a child under 5, you can register to receive a FREE book every month until their 5th birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun.

For more information please email:

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



**Contact us!**

**Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre**

145 Grange Road (Spa Park) SE1 3EU

**Pilgrims' Way Children and Family Centre**

Tustin Estate, Manor Grove, SE15 1EF

**Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre**

Southwark Park (Hawkstone Road entrance) SE1 6 2PF

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

Please visit our websites for further information

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>

**Rose Vouchers**

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in SE1, SE15, SE16, SE5 or SE17 if you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email [ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



**Healthy Minds Thrive Project**

The Healthy Minds Thrive project aims to support parents and carers across Southwark (with 0-2 infants) thrive in their parenting journey. We understand that parents may experience isolation, low mood, and anxiety, worries around bonding with baby or shame about having these feelings. For more information, please email:

[julia.tropiano@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:julia.tropiano@southwark.gov.uk)

Grange Primary School  
Winter Fair  
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**Do you have a nearly new  
item that you are able to  
donate for the raffle at the  
Winter Fair?**

**If so, pop along to the office  
and let us know.**

Look out for more information on the Winter Fair next week.

Thank you in advance for your support.

