



# Weekly Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,  
We have finally made it to the end of an incredibly long and busy term. Well done to you all for getting your children to school on time and their attendance this term. We have managed to keep our attendance figures in line with the national figure, which is a fantastic achievement! Thanks to all of the parents that contributed food for our winter parties, the children had a great time and your contributions were most welcomed.

### EYFS and Year 4,5 and 6 Winter Performance

A huge congratulations to the children from Year 4, 5 and 6 for their winter performance. They sang their hearts out this week and we were so proud of your beautiful performance. Thanks to teachers and teaching assistants from the year groups for their hard work this term teaching the children all the lyrics and actions for the songs. Well done to the early years team and children, your performance was magical! We were so proud of how brave you all were performing in front of such a large audience!

### Next Terms Topics

If you want to get ahead and do some extra reading perhaps you could help your child research their next topic. Please see a list of topics for the next term below.

EYFS – Space

Year 1- Polar regions / Frozen worlds

Year 2 – Pirates

Year 3 – Vikings

Year 4 – The Tudors

Year 5 – The Romans

Year 6- The Ancient Greeks

### Reports

You will have received your child's winter report. This report gives you an indication of your child's progress so far this academic year. If they are working towards the expected standard then please help them at home with their maths, reading and writing as this will help them make further progress. If they need to work on behaviour please speak to them about their attitude at school. If we work together then there is more of a chance that your child will be on track by the end of July. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss in detail your child's progress during tutorial day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Sad Farewells

As you know we said goodbye to a few members of staff today. We hope you managed to wish them all well and thank them for the work they have completed with your children over the years. We would like to wish Sue, Jackie, Angela and Tushar good luck with their future plans and thank them for everything!

### Trips and Visits

Please make sure you have paid your trips and visit contribution by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January if you have not already done so. This contribution ensures all visits can go ahead and that exciting opportunities can be planned.

### Wanted

If over the holiday you are having a clear out, we are in need of the following items for Year 1 and Early years;

- Clean pots and pans for the mud kitchen
- Lego
- Building blocks
- Duplo
- Dressing up outfits
- Train sets
- Small matchbox cars

If you have any of these items please hand them to a member of SLT on the gate.

### Books

Over the holiday, please have a look for any school books which you may have at home. Please return these in January to avoid any unnecessary fines.

### First Day

Please remember we will open again for everyone on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday and for those that celebrate we wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Rebecca



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# School Information

## Dates for the Diary

Important  
DATE!

06/1/25	Children and Staff return
10/1/25	Class newsletters and new homework project sent to parents
27/1/25	Holocaust Memorial Day
29/1/25	Yr 6 SATs meeting
29/1/25	Lunar New Year
1 <sup>st</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	National Story Telling Week
WB 3/2/25	Children's mental health week
07/02/25	Intra School Sports competition
11/2/25	Safer Internet Day
14/2/25	Tutorial Day - school closed for children

## Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

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



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100% Attendance & Punctuality – \*Autumn Term 2024



	Forename	Form
1	Anifa	Sun (Moon)
2	Elizabeth	Sun (Star)
3	Dottie	Moon
4	Leshun	Moon
5	Youssuf	Moon
6	Shahinaz	Star
7	Dahen	Star
8	Halimah	Star
9	Amy	Star
10	Luciana	Mercury
11	Nasir	Mercury
12	Tiana	Mercury
13	Ayana	Mercury
14	Nkateko	Venus
15	Grace	Venus
16	Ibrahim	Venus
17	Khadijah	Venus
18	Journi	Venus
19	Hannan	Planet Earth
20	Rehoboth	Planet Earth
21	Alya	Planet Earth
22	Karim	Planet Earth
23	Leonique	Planet Earth
24	Obatide	Planet Earth
25	Ka'Shaun	Planet Earth
26	Sheriffdeen	Jupiter
27	Amir	Jupiter
28	Yana	Jupiter
29	Ejatu	Jupiter
30	Safura	Jupiter
31	Kylie	Jupiter
32	Luciana	Saturn
33	Federico	Saturn
34	Princess	Saturn
35	Rubie	Saturn
36	Enzo	Saturn
37	Ainhoa	Saturn
38	Suleman	Saturn



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39	Imran	Galaxy
40	Scarlett	Galaxy
41	David	Galaxy
42	Sophia	Galaxy
43	Azion	Galaxy
44	David	Galaxy
45	Aya	Galaxy
46	Linda	Neptune
47	Ayaat	Neptune
48	Mohamed	Neptune
49	Kgomotso	Neptune
50	Yusra	Neptune
51	Daniella	Neptune
52	Kandji	Neptune
53	Nabila	Pluto
54	Mohamed	Pluto
55	Sanusi	Pluto
56	Anes	Pluto
57	Jamal	Pluto
58	Zeemah	Pluto
59	Ololade	Pluto
60	Bevelyn	Aurora
61	Ammar	Aurora
62	Kimaya	Aurora
63	Hasanat	Aurora
64	Safiatou	Aurora
65	Ilyas	Aurora
66	Rahmah	Aurora
67	Samaha	Sky
68	Saima	Sky
69	Liya	Sky
70	Oriana	Sky
71	Erick	Sky
72	Hafsah	Sky
73	Manzour	Sky
74	Gazel	Sky
75	Younus	Sky
76	Anas	Sky



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### Word of the Week

The word of the week for the first week back will be "prolific". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.


**W Shinobi Word of the Day**

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

Pronunciation / Syllables  
(pro-lif-ic)

**Definition:**

A prolific writer, artist, or composer produces a large number of works.



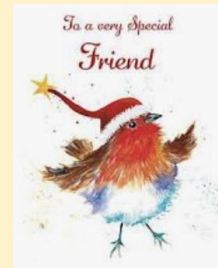
**Rahul was a prolific reader.**

<b>Synonym:</b>	<b>Antonym:</b>	<b>Prefix / Suffix:</b>	<b>Rhyme:</b>	<b>Link Word:</b>
productive	unproductive	-ally	specific	notably
creative		-acy	horrific	highly

### Value of the Week

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

*"Nothing embodies the spirit of Christmas more than true friendship".*  
**(Unknown)**



## Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Arman	Galaxy	9
Kayden	Planet Earth	7
Aisling	Saturn	8
Ayaat	Neptune	10
Victoria	Planet Earth	7
Kushaine	Moon	5
Mariam	Pluto	10
Emily	Sky	11
Kerry	Aurora	11
Ali	Sky	11
Stephanie	Moon	5
Averii	Aurora	11
Alpha	Neptune	10
Knadia	Saturn	8
Ainhoa	Saturn	8
Aila	Planet Earth	7
Harli	Galaxy	9

### 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.



New Year



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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

From us all at Grange  
Have a wonderful Holiday and for those that  
celebrate a very Merry Christmas



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 Jackie has chosen one of her favourite books to share in assembly.

## Favourite book Friday



My favourite book is Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. I love this book because it's packed with exciting adventures, friendship, and a bit of magic, and it was one of the first books I read that made me excited to read just for fun! I would recommend this book for anyone Year 4 and above.

- Miss Jackie

## Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun will run across the winter holidays (21st December – 5th January) and will offer free places for children between the ages of 4 – 16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals or from families with no recourse to public funds. Southwark are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in the local community.

Each programme will provide:

- Free, nutritious and tasty food;
- Fun physical activity sessions;
- A wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities;
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition.

Further information and booking details can be found by using the link below: [Food and Fun](#)





# Christmas

Christmas can be difficult for some autistic children and their families. Here are some references, ideas and contacts to help make Christmas time more relaxed.

Christmas tips from the **National Autistic Society**:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/leisure/christmas/tips>

Including resources and links to other organisations:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/professional-practice/christmas-resources>

Some advice for the season by Dr Michelle Garnett and Professor Tony Attwood:

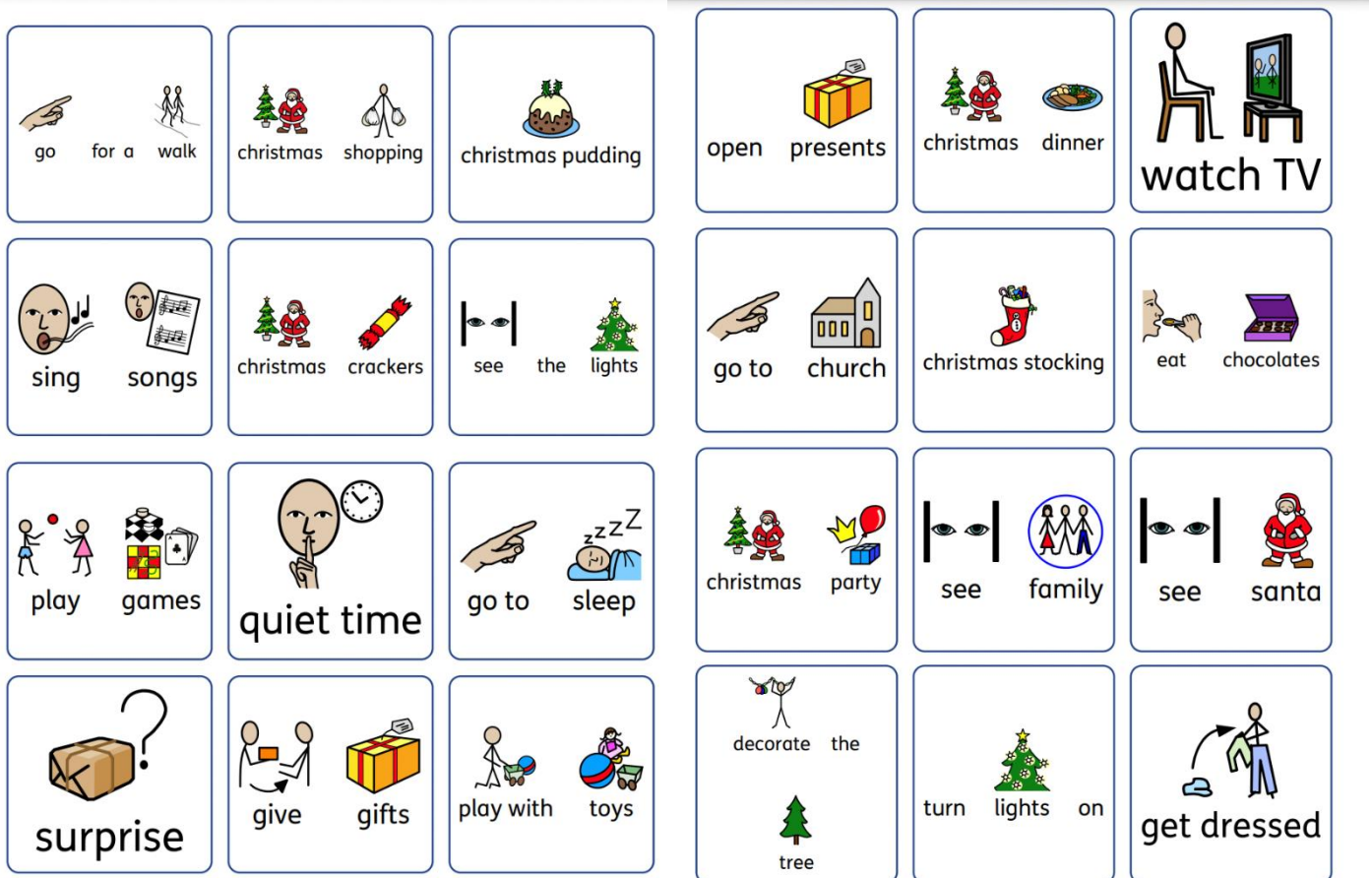
<https://attwoodandgarnettevents.com/how-to-survive-christmas-with-autism/>

From the views of autistic adults and family members of autistic people:

<https://www.autistica.org.uk/news/autism-friendly-holiday-season>

BBC Bitesize with Christine McGuinness:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zq8wwnb>





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friends



family



cousins



breakfast



dad



mum



granddad



grandma



uncle



auntie



LondonFA



# UNDER 8s & 9s GIRLS OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS

ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS  
IN YEARS 3 AND 4 TO JOIN A NEW U9 GIRLS TEAM.  
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST ENTHUSIASM!

**FREE WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS**  
FOR INTERESTED GIRLS WILL START  
ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS  
FROM 14TH JANUARY, 4.30-5.30PM.

**ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB, HOMESTALL ROAD, SE22 ONP**