FRIDAY NEWS

9th January 2026

GRANGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Happy New Year!



A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all!

We do hope you are well rested after the holiday. The children have settled quickly back into the school routine, which is great; please help your child with this routine by ensuring that they are at school promptly to start the school day, and have the relevant equipment to work.

Drop-Off



Please can we ask that you do not arrive too early to school.
The school gates open at **8.40am** and there are then 10 minutes to allow the children to filter into school before the close of registration at **8.50am**.

The path outside of the school gates is becoming very blocked and heavily congested due to parents and children arriving at school too early.

Office Opening Hours



Please can we remind Parents/Carers that the School Office opens at **8:30am**.
Although you may see staff in the Office before this time, they are busy preparing for the school day. If you arrive before 8:30am you will be asked to remain outside until 8:30am.
Thankyou.

Calpol

Calpol supplies in school are for emergency use ONLY. If you feel your child may need Calpol during the school day because of a known illness, please send a named bottle with a consent form, to the school office Thank you.

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PE Day Changes

You may already be aware, but the following changes have been made to some Class PE Days this term, as below:

5AH- Swimming Mondays, PE Tuesdays
5AJ- PE Mondays, Swimming Thursdays
5SG – PE Tuesdays, Swimming Fridays

6CS – Tuesdays & Fridays
6SLS – Mondays & Tuesdays

Thankyou.

TTRS



Times Tables Matter!!

Times tables are one of the basic building blocks of maths that help the children with so many other areas in the maths curriculum. Times Tables Rock Starts is a really fantastic online game which tailors the learning specifically to your child, helping them to become more fluent. Please support us in helping your child to learn their times tables by regularly using this game. If you do not have your child's login, please ask your child's class teacher.

This week's trophy Winners are 4JH! Well Done everyone.

School Admissions

REMINDER – The deadline for Year 3 Admissions is Midnight on 15th January 2026. If you have younger children and need to apply for a Year 3 place, you must do this by 15th January.

Thank You

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Attendance/ Illness

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers to **call or email the school office if your child will not be attending school and state a reason, for each day of their absence.**

We have seen an increasing number of Parents/Carers not contacting the school or giving a reason for their child's absence.

If your child has a Medical appointment, please send in a text message/email/letter so we can mark their absence as Medical.

Thank You for your support.

Road Safety

We have noticed an increasing number of Children and Parents walking through the Car Park on the road before and after school. Please can we ask that everyone sticks to the footpaths as the car park is very busy with staff and visitors coming at going at all times, we would hate for there to be an accident.

Reminder – the car park is strictly for Staff and Authorised Visitors ONLY and should NOT BE USED FOR DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP CHILDREN.

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Year 4 SSE Visit



Year 4 were lucky enough to have a special visit this week from SSEN (Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks) this week to talk to us about electricity. We learnt a lot about how electricity is made, where it comes from and how to keep ourselves safe. The children were thoroughly engaged in this and created some super posters to show what they learnt.





Chartwells

As you are aware, this week was our first week using Chartwells for our school dinners. We wanted to say a huge thank you to our school kitchen team for working so hard to ensure a smooth transition over to the new menu, you have all done an incredible job.

Please bear with us as a few teething problems may arise, due to all the changes with the school menus and set up. We do value any feedback and would love to hear your thoughts on the new menus.

Thank You

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Outstanding Children & Perfect Presentation

Every Friday, a child from each class is chosen as the Outstanding Child of the Week. This could be for good work, an act of kindness, exceptional behaviour or being helpful etc.
The following children were selected as this week's Outstanding Child:

3CP	**Harry.G**
3KA	**Noah.C**
4JH	**Michael.T**
4MM	**Sarah.Z**
5AH	**Oliver.T**
5AJ	**Leo.M**
5SG	**Rohey.C**
6CS	**Clark.B**
6SLS	**Kyle.W**
6TC	**Eliza.L**

In addition, a child from each year group is chosen for an exceptionally good piece of work that has been completed to a very high standard during the week.
The following children were selected for this week's Perfect Presentation Award:

Y3 – Lula-Belle.G
Y4 – Violet.B
Y5 – Amelia.B
Y6 – Joshua.H



Once again, a massive well done to all the children for their super achievement, we really do enjoy celebrating fabulous work and good behaviour, as I am sure you do too!

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School Dates

Monday 5th January 2026- Friday 13th February 2026
Year 5 weekly Swimming:
Mon – 5AH
Thurs – 5AJ
Fri- 5SG

Monday 12th January 2026
Year 6 Height & Weight Check

Monday 19th January 2026
Year 6 Bikeability Week

Friday 6th February 2026
NSPCC Number Day

Wednesday 11th February 2026
Valentines Discos

Friday 13th February 2026
Inset Day
Break up for Half Term

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Half-Term

Monday 23rd February 2026
Return to school

Friday 6th March 2026
Year 6 Stem Fair - Cemast

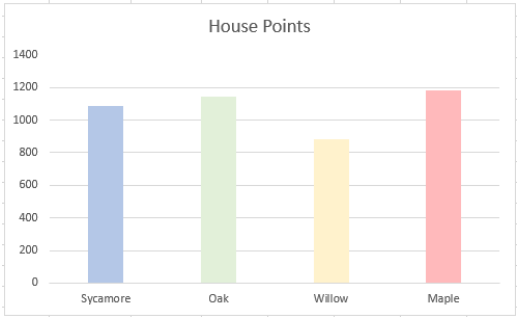
Thursday 7th May 2026
Poling Day - School closed

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House Points

Congratulations to this week's winners: **MAPLE**

	Sycamore	Oak	Willow	Maple
TOTAL	1084	1141	881	1182



Well Done to everyone, **MAPLE** take the lead this week.

Keep up the fantastic work!

Outstanding Attendance

This week's Outstanding Attendance Winners are:

In **4th** Place winning **10** House Points – **MAPLE**
In **3rd** Place winning **20** House Points – **OAK**
In **2nd** Place winning **30** House Points – **SYCAMORE**
In **1st** Place winning **50** House Points – **WILLOW**



Well Done everyone!
Remember, it's cool to be in school!