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2nd October 2026

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World Mental Health Day



World Mental Health Day is celebrated every year on 10th October.

Poor mental health is not inevitable, and World Mental Health Day is an opportunity for us all to talk about mental health and consider how, together, we can help everyone have better mental health.

It's good to talk. It's even better to be heard.

Being heard helps us feel understood, less alone, and more able to cope with the challenges we face. That's why our message this World Mental Health Day is simple:

Support starts with being heard.

Everyone's mental health journey is different. Whether someone is facing challenges themselves, seeking support for the first time, or supporting a loved one, everyone deserves to feel heard, understood and supported. Yet everyday pressures, life circumstances, stigma and systemic barriers can make it harder for people to reach out, seek support, and get the help they need.

Mental health affects us all, and taking the time to listen is one of the most powerful ways we can all show support and understanding. That's why we're encouraging you to create space for honest conversations where people feel genuinely heard. Because being heard can change lives.

This World Mental Health Day, help others feel heard. By sharing your experience, starting a conversation, or taking the time to listen, you could help someone feel understood, less alone, and more confident reaching out for support.

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Healthy Snacks



As a school, we recognise the importance of children eating healthily and trying to meet their 5 a day. At morning break time, the children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack. Please ensure snacks are nut free and of a healthy/low fat nature e.g. cereal bars, rice cakes, rice crackers, cheese box, vegetable sticks and fruit.

Thank You.

Year 7 September 2027

31st October 2026

Applications for transfer to Secondary School in September 2027 opened on 7th September 2026 and will close on **31st October 2026, during the half-term holiday.**

Please can we remind you that it is very important that you all apply **before** the closing date, to ensure that your child has the best chance of a school place offer at your local or preferred school.

Notifications of placements for on-time applications is March 2027.

Year 3 September 2027

Applications for Year 3 placements open 1st November 2026 and close 15th January 2027.

Football Boot Donations

We are looking for donations - if anyone has some spare football boots they no longer need, we would love to make use out of them for our team players. Sizes needed child 11 – adult 2.

Thank You.

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Travelling Book Fair

13th, 14th, 15th October 2026



We will be holding a Pop-Up Book Fair here at Grange between 13th & 15th October.
Children and parents will be able to come in after school and buy books, from 3:20pm in the school hall.
Prices start at just £3.99.
Cash ONLY. Thank you.

Raising Awareness



A message from Emelia's Mum (4JH)

I am so proud of Emelia, Louie and Ronnie (along with little sister Evie). They decided amongst themselves to raise money for diabetes awareness which as you know Emelia suffers with. They sat outside all day in wind and rain selling lemonade for 50p. They were outside from 8:30-6pm and loved raising money which they are going to send in to the charity along with this picture. They made a whopping **£54** which they are so proud of!! Emelia is also going to be bringing some diabetes awareness bags into school in November. I have told her she should make a presentation to show to her class to inform them about diabetes so they can learn about her condition more.

Wow, this is awesome! Well Done.

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Halloween Disco & Non-Uniform Day

21st October 2026



We are pleased to let you know that we have arranged Halloween Discos (Halloween or Disco outfits) for the children on **Wednesday 21st October** – in the School Hall.
This is always VERY popular with the children!
The time is **3:20pm – 4:15pm for Lower School** and **4:30pm – 5:30pm for Upper School**.

We have a DJ and there will be lots of fun, games and prizes!
Tickets are **£5** this includes entry, a hot dog or pizza slice and unlimited squash, so no pocket money is needed.
This is also a non-uniform day – children can come to school wearing their Halloween outfits if they wish. Prizes awarded for best-dressed!
Please provide your child with a named water bottle, which we can fill up as required.

We will be selling glow sticks the week leading up to the disco, these can be purchased from the office or via Arbor in the School Shop for £1 each.

Year 2 Parents Meeting

Year 2 Parents Meeting: **Monday 9th November 2026 @2:15pm** in our school hall. This is a great chance for families to learn our values, ethos and what makes our school a special place to consider for next September 2027.
Join us to explore what Grange has to offer, including opportunities to view our school, meet staff, see our uniform and speak to the Senior Leadership Team.

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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 is for demonstrating an excellent commitment to our school values. The following children were selected as this week's Outstanding Child:

3CP	**Vincent.W**
3KA	**Oliver.E-W**
4JH	**Maia.W**
4MM	**Florence.S**
5AH	**Violet.B**
5SG	**Amelia.W**
6AJ	**Jissal.J**
6SLS	**Dolton.B**
6TC	**Violet.K**

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 – Tilly.H **Y4 – Aimee-Leigh.P**
Y5 – Louie.S **Y6 – Rohey.C**



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 October
School Photographer

Thursday 8th October
6TC Watercress Line trip

13th, 14th & 15th October
Book Fair

21st October 2026
Halloween Discos

21st- 23rd October
Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 23rd October 2026
Year 3 Butser Trip

26th – 30th October
Half Term

Monday 2nd November
Inset Day

Monday 9th November 2:15pm
Year 2 Parents Meeting

Wednesday 11th November
Flu Immunisations

16th – 20th November
Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 20th November
Children In Need

Monday 23rd November
Year 4 Viking Workshop

Wednesday 2nd December
Xmas Fayre

Wednesday 9th December
Santa's Grotto

Thursday 10th December
Xmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December
Break up for Xmas 3:20pm

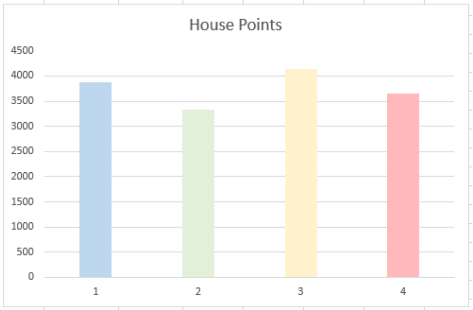
Monday 4th January 8:50am
Back to school

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House Points

Congratulations to this week's winning house:
WILLOW

	Sycamore	Oak	Willow	Maple
TOTAL	3877	3329	4132	3649



Well done **WILLOW**, you are in the lead. With only 3 weeks left, can another house take the lead?

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 – **WILLOW**
In **1st** Place winning **50** House Points – **SYCAMORE**



Remember, it's cool to be in school!

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Digital Stranger Danger

People you only know online are strangers. Not everyone on the Internet is who they say they are, so it's important to be careful when talking to people online.



Beware of Strangers

Any person online who you have not met in real life is a **stranger**.



Some strangers use the Internet to gain the trust of children and take advantage of them.

This is called *grooming*.

Strangers online can:

- Change their location to pretend to be from your school or area
- Use a fake name or username to appear to share your interests
- Use a fake age to seem like a child you could be friends with
- Use avatars (images or characters that represent online users) to hide who they really are
- Pretend to be interested in the same things as you by asking questions about your interests or hobbies

Live Streaming



Live streaming is when two or more people have live video conversations on social media or online streaming apps.

Live streaming can be dangerous because strangers may target sites such as Snapchat, Facebook Live, Periscope and Omegle, to groom or abuse children.



Staying Safe Online

To stay safe online, make sure you:

- Never accept friend requests from people you don't know.
- Never use a webcam or live streaming app with strangers.
- Never share photos of yourself with strangers.
- Never meet with anyone you've only ever talked to online, unless you're with a parent or guardian.



If a stranger has contacted you inappropriately, tell a trusted adult (such as a parent or teacher).

If you feel as though you're in danger and need help straight away, call the police on 999.



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