



Newsletter

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The Grange School Prepares to Open

As we await our Ofsted inspection and the arrival of our first pupils, we have continued through April to prepare for our opening. We have been seeing a steady stream of interested parents, carers and guardians, and we are always so happy to show you all around so that we can extol our ethos and values. We have especially loved meeting all the wonderful children who have visited and we have been fascinated and humbled by the experiences shared with us. Our team continues to grow, and it is with great enthusiasm that we welcome the new members. As we start our second term, we thank you all for your support and wait to see what this new term brings!

Best wishes,

Rebecca Shaw (Headteacher)



Our Team Update:

Despite the absence of our first pupils, The Grange team have remained extremely busy through April. After the Easter break, we welcomed two new teachers to the team - Rachel Kowald and Shawn Curcher. We know they will make a wonderful contribution to our work and it has been fantastic getting to know them. The team are using the extra time we have before our Ofsted visit to finesse our curriculum offering, continue our learning journeys through our own continuous professional development and very excitingly, starting to carry out our planning for trips out and about for our pupils in the months ahead. It is a massive part of the ethos of the school to maximise experiential opportunities for our pupils and this will be a major part of our schools' work.



Building Update:

Building work continues apace in the Atrium, our second Primary building, and the Mews which will be home to our reception and meeting rooms. We are looking forward to working in these buildings within a few short months. Our outside areas are now taking shape; we have picnic benches, freshly turfed grass, an all-weather play area and excitingly, our new outdoor play equipment will be here soon. Looking even further into the future, the development of The Grange building itself into our secondary school is set to begin very soon. We took the opportunity to take a peek at the inside before work begins and you can see here some pictures of some old treasures found in the building.



Curriculum Supporting Resources

One of the most exciting aspects of building a new school is equipping it for all aspects of our work with pupils. This ranges from us receiving delivery of our very own minibus to buying all the books and classroom equipment we need.

All of these purchases are made with very specific aims in mind. We are looking to help our pupils overcome barriers to their learning, to build self-confidence so they may develop their skills in both academic and social aspects, to prepare them for their futures in the best possible way. We want to make learning as enjoyable as possible so that our pupils are able to explore their talents and interests and achieve their goals and aspirations.

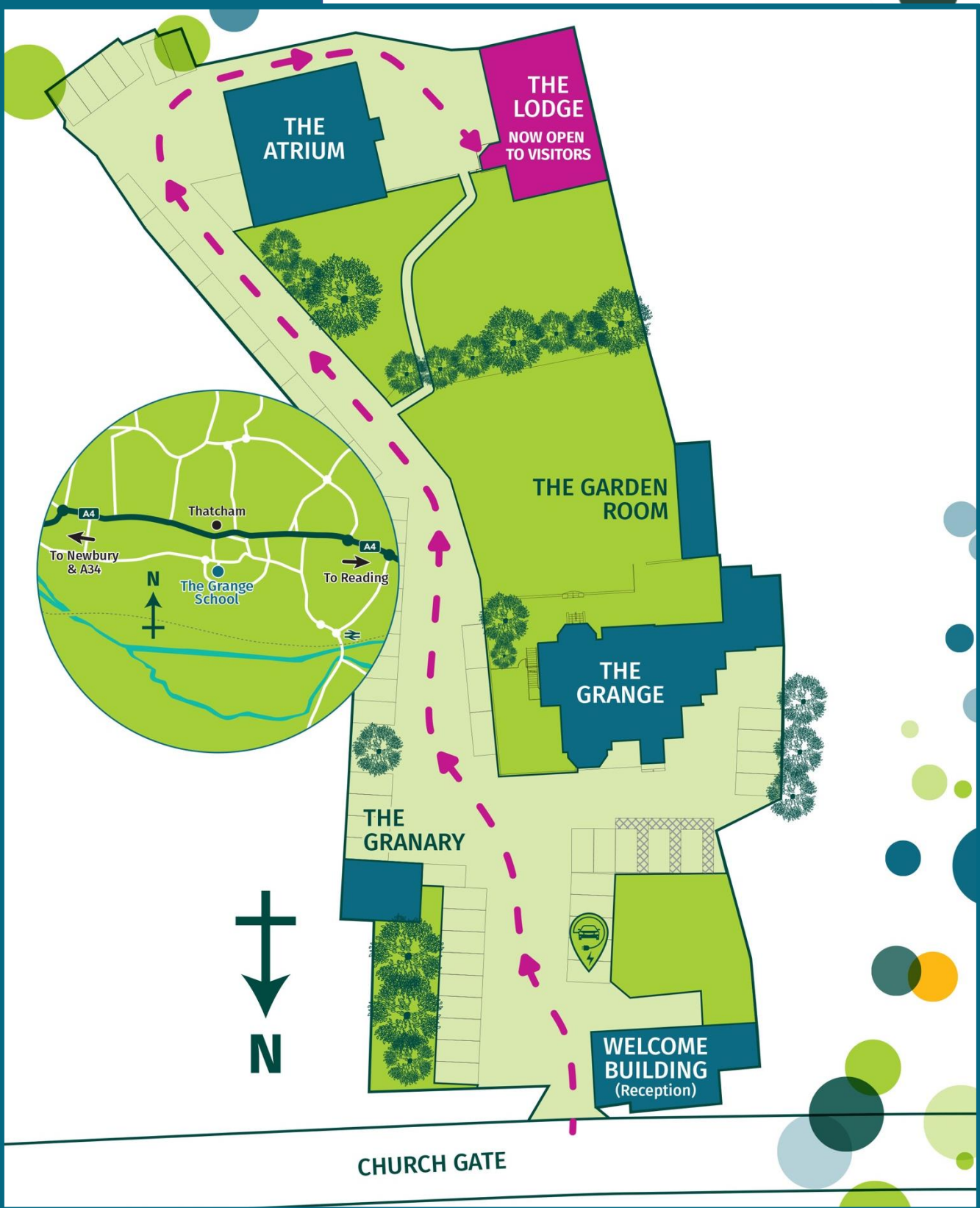
Everything we are doing as a team is to support these goals.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 26 th May	End of Spring Term
Monday 5 th June	Summer term Starts
Friday 14 th July 2023	Phoenix HEART Awards
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	The Grange HEART Awards
Thursday 20 th July 2023	End of Summer Term





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