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school**

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# Newsletter

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Dear Families of The Grange School,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils grow in confidence, develop new skills, and achieve so much both academically and personally. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our team members and the invaluable support provided by our families at home.

As the summer holidays begin, we hope that you and your family have the chance to relax, spend quality time together, and enjoy some well-deserved rest. Whether you are travelling, enjoying local activities, or simply taking things a little slower, we wish you a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer break.

This message is also a personal farewell from me (Mr Trigwell-Jones). As I leave my role as Deputy Headteacher, I would like to thank all of the families, pupils, and team members I have had the pleasure of working with over the year. It has been a privilege to be part of such a caring and supportive school community, and I will take many wonderful memories with me.

Looking ahead to September, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Our team will continue to expand, we will welcome new pupils into our school community, and we look forward to introducing our new Headteacher.

Thank you once again for your support.

With best wishes for a fantastic summer.

Emily Pearson and Tony Trigwell-Jones  
(Deputy for Nurture) and (Deputy for Flourish and Grow)





## ART

Looking for something creative to enjoy over the summer? The following BBC resources are free to access:

- [CBBC Creative Lab Art Game – Colour, craft, create and design with your favourite CBBC characters](#)
- [Blue Peter Wildlife Photography Tips – Helpful advice and inspiration for budding photographers.](#)
- [Go Get Arty – Fun art activities and creative challenges to try at home.](#)

You could also visit your local library, which often offers free art and craft workshops during the holidays, as well as a fantastic selection of books to borrow and enjoy.

Have a fun and creative summer!

## Gardening



As we head into the summer holidays, we are excited to start bringing our school garden to life and would love our pupils and families to be part of the journey.

The summer months are the perfect time to get outdoors, enjoy nature and try a little gardening. Whether you have a garden, a balcony, a windowsill or a few plant pots, every small effort can help plants, flowers and wildlife thrive.

Over the holidays, why not:

-  Plant some seeds and watch them grow. Maybe prepare some to bring in for September.
-  Grow a sunflower and see how tall it becomes by September.
-  Look out for bees, butterflies and other wildlife visiting your garden.
-  Help care for any fruit, vegetables or flowers at home.
-  Take photos of your gardening adventures to share with us when you return to school.

Gardening helps us learn about nature, develop responsibility and care for our environment. Every flower planted and every seed sown helps create a brighter, greener space for everyone to enjoy.



## READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge

### Summer Reading Challenge 2026

This summer, children are invited to take part in the **Read to the Beat** Summer Reading Challenge, run by The Reading Agency and local libraries. The challenge celebrates the link between reading and music, encouraging children to explore stories, spark their imagination and have fun with books over the holidays.



## Dates for the diary – June 2026



- ☆ Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Inset Day
- ☆ Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Whole School return – welcoming our new team members and pupils.
- ☆ 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September Re-use water week



### FROGS



Thank you to all the families and children who have supported us this academic year. We look forward to welcoming our new families and pupils to our FROGS family.

Our **AGM is on 14th September, also from 4–5pm**. Everyone is very welcome to attend—your ideas and support make a huge difference. You can either attend in person at the school or via teams, link below.

#### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/391586425655337?p=Tu13acFywWtHqOCZpL>

Meeting ID: 391 586 425 655 337

Passcode: wK6Jn78K



We would **love** to see as many of you there as possible to support our FROGS and share ideas for raising funds for our wonderful school.

Thank you for your continued support.



### Gentle Reminder



Please remember all pupil medication that will need to be taken in school, needs to have a PAAM Form completed.

Pupils should bring a pencil case containing the following items, all clearly labelled with their name.

- \* Pens (black/blue)
- \* Pencils
- \* Ruler
- \* Eraser
- \* Coloured pencils
- \* Glue stick
- \* Highlighter
- \* Small cuddly toy for their desk



## 📌 Our Local Community 📌



- 🔗 **SEND Café:** [SEND Parent Carer Cafe](#)
- 🔗 **Swings & Smiles:** [Swings & Smiles](#)
- 🔗 **Inclusive Teen Club:** [Inclusive Teen Club in Newbury - ASD Family Help](#)
- 🔗 **Waterside Centre Berkshire:** [What's On at Waterside Centre | Youth Sports and Activities in Newbury](#)
- 🔗 **Berkshire Youth:** [BERKSHIRE YOUTH HUB | Berkshire Youth](#)



### Family SEN Football Session 2026 AUGUST(Thatcham)

#### [ASD Family Help](#)

[Henwick Worthy Sports Ground Thatcham, England](#)

Thursday 6 August • 5 PM - 6 PM

Join us this summer for a fun and active football session designed for young people aged 5–18 with additional needs. Accompanied by a responsible adult, participants can enjoy a relaxed kickabout, try out football skills and tricks, and take part in games led by what the children and young people most enjoy. The focus is on having fun, building confidence, and burning off some energy—not football ability! Adults must stay with their young person throughout the session and are warmly encouraged to join in the fun too. Siblings are welcome, and no formal diagnosis is required to attend. ASD Family Help staff will be there to welcome and support families. Please remember to bring plenty of bottled water, book one ticket per young person, and select a free adult ticket when registering. For any questions, contact [james@asdfamilyhelp.org](mailto:james@asdfamilyhelp.org).

Tickets can be purchased [here](#)



📞 **We'd love to hear from you** 📞

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