

# Grange Lane Infant Academy

## February Newsletter



### Sarah brings her Sparkle

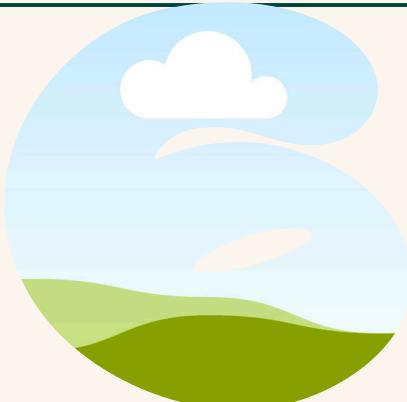
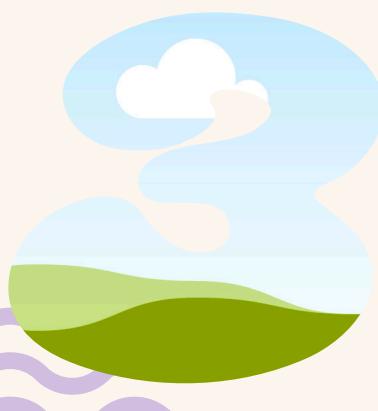
Sarah runs a fruit and vegetable stall at Rossington market and every Friday she offers children of Rossington free fruit as they are heading to school. Sarah has struck up a friendship with one of our children and his Mum over a pineapple and they look forward to seeing each other every Friday.

Hearing this lovely story we felt Sarah could make an impact with some of our children with sensory needs and invited her in to introduce some of her yummy fruits and vegetables with the children. A variety of foods were touched, smelt and tasted and children even found something new they liked to eat!



### NSPCC Number Day

Each year we take part in NSPCC number day by dressing with numbers! The charity tries to raise awareness of the number of children they support over the year and how important their organisation is to many. For example, did you know that 1 in 5 children across the UK have suffered abuse, that means 7 children in a classroom experience abuse before they turn 18. The NSPCC website offers help to children and adult ranging from online safety, advise on drugs & alcohol and what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse.



## The Skipping Ninja

Pete Thompson, 5 x World Record Holder aka the Skipping Ninja came to Grange Lane to provide the children a fantastic workshop that showcased all the positive elements to skipping! Its fun, it improves co-ordination, it improves your health and there are so many different ways to skip, as the Skipping Ninja showed us! Pete also gave out some Skipping Ninja merchandise to some children who showed their Ninja powers that day. A huge thank you for such a great event.



## Community Kindness Award

What a surprise Mrs Shaw had when she was presented with a Kindness award by the Parish Council after Fiona's flowers nominated her. The children in Tigers class also did a piece of writing about what they think Mrs Shaw does that shows kindness and were quick to give her celebratory hugs when she received the trophy and the album of previous recipients. If you have not met Kay yet, Kay is Grange Lane's Pastoral Manager who can help families with a range of different things such as housing, behaviour, social services, health and wellbeing, social care.....



# **What else happened in January?**

- School Nursing team visited to talk to the year 1 children about safe touch and the year 2 children about a healthy me!

- Nursery & Reception had a musical literacy lesson all about Goldilocks & the 3 bears



Year 1 took part in the Road Safety Roadshow



We ate a rainbow of foods at lunchtime

- We had a fire drill - which all the children responded to brilliantly

We welcomed Miss Jones to our team of lunchtime supervisors

## **Stay Connected**

### **What is the difference between My Child at School & Class-Do-jo?**

#### **My Child at School (MCAS)**

- See your child's details
- Including class & attendance
- Book 7.30 or 4/5pm Wrap around care
- Pay for clubs or trips
- Nursery - see balance & pay for dinners
- See the clubs your child is doing
- Message the school office
- Any text from the school office will come to MCAS
- The office will send you a link for you to join.
- You stay connected throughout your child's time at Grange Lane.

#### **Class Do-Jo**

- Read class updates from your child's teacher
- See posts from the class teacher just about your child.
- Know what do-jo reward points your child has earned
- Message your child's teacher -they can also message you back!
- Read school news
- Your teacher will send you a link to join class-do-jo
- This changes every year when your child gets a new teacher.

# Mark Your Calendar

## Training Days

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term

1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025 - 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025  
Half term 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - 31<sup>st</sup> Oct  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2025 - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025  
Christmas 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec-2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026

### Spring Term

5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026-13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026  
Half term 16<sup>th</sup> Feb-20<sup>th</sup> Feb  
23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026 -27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026  
Easter break 30<sup>th</sup> Mar-10<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term

13<sup>th</sup> April 2026-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
Spring Bank Holiday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
May half term 25<sup>th</sup> May-29<sup>th</sup> May  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2026-20<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Summer break

Please check training dates above

## February 2026

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - The Young Voices Choir go to Sheffield
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 go to Conisborough Castle
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Chinese New Year themed lunch
- Half term week is 16th-20<sup>th</sup> February, so school closed
- Friday 27th February - Worries to Wellbeing with Worry Wizard, a mental health workshop for reception, year 1 and 2
- February half term

## March 2026

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Play for a Day - children will be creating Georges Marvellous Medicine
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (non-uniform or dress up)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Pickleball R, Yr1 & Yr2
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - VR workshop science week
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 trip to Austerfield Study Centre
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Theatre Production of Treasure Island
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Big Yellow Friday (non-uniform)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - The incubator arrives with the duckling eggs
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Literacy workshop on the Gruffalo for year 1
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Reptile Rendezvous visits Grangers and Nursery
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Rocksteady bands perform to the school and their parents at 2pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10.15am - Easter Concert for KS1 - this is a ticket for parents event.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - The bunny hop fundraiser - details to come!
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Bunny hop themed lunch
- Break for Easter.

## April 2026

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Reception go to Boston Park Farm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Discoverers go to Boston Park Farm