

# Grange Lane Infant Academy

## October Newsletter

### RugbyTots - Try-Athlon

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to Coach Jez's Rugbytots Try-Athlon raising money for the wooden spoon project, a great charity which supports children's activities such as rugby. Children from Grangers to Year 2 had a great try at passes, kicks and scoring tries and at the end received a certificate from Jez for taking part.



### Congratulations!



Congratulations to Louise Winwood (in Grangers) who got married last weekend! She will now go by her married name of Mrs Peart. At the wedding was one her best friends Wendy her chocolate Labrador! Dogs can really be a wonderful addition to a family as we found out in our Blue Cross lesson.

### Reception & Year 3 applications are now open!

Primary applications for Reception and Junior School (Year 3) for September 2026 are now live!

Important: If your child is currently at an infant school and will be due to start at Junior school for Year 3 next year, you will need to apply for their Junior school place.

If your child is in our nursery and is due to start reception next year, you will need to apply for their reception place.

The closing date is Thursday 15 January 2026 and the announcement date is Thursday 16 April 2026.

All applications made by this date will be considered together.

#### LINK TO DMBC ADMISSIONS

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/school-admissions>

### Blue Cross - Dog Safety

Thank you to Lois from Blue Cross for talking to KS1 about keeping safe around dogs. This included how to care for dogs, how to treat & handle them but also knowing their body language and what a happy or an anxious dog looks like. Ozzi also came into the workshop as a special helper!



### Reminder

**Autumn half term starts at close of school Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup>. We all return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

## Forest School

We all love Forest school, especially at this time of year when there is so much to forage, collect and explore! Our early years especially have been having a great time collecting autumnal items for their friend Sally Squirrel and Henry Hedgehog! They also used all the natural treasures inside for their activities.



## Nut Free School

We have a number of children with allergies to nuts, severely so they need EpiPens. Please can we ask that children who bring a packed lunch do not have cereals bars with nuts, have nutella or peanut butter spread sandwiches or any other food that contains nuts.



## Children left uncollected

Unfortunately, we are seeing more children not collected at their finishing times, across both nurseries and main school. We understand that one off, emergency situations happen but we are frequently getting late collections or phone calls saying for example I shall be 10 minutes late - is that okay?

Teachers workload means they do not have capacity to watch your child, support staff are paid to a set time and many staff have their own children to collect. We offer a 4pm (£5 per child) and a 5pm (£10 per child) wrap around care club that can be booked each morning through the office or via the MCAS app so please use this if you don't think you will be able to collect at 3pm or when the extra curricular club has finished.

If your child has needed to go into this provision due to being not collected then charges will be incurred.

We also have safeguarding procedures for uncollected children which can include calling social services or the police. Thank you for your understanding.

## Toothbrushing Club



We have submitted the second batch of children's permissions for toothbrushing club.

These should hopefully be added to the existing children after half term.

We also wanted to clarify - the children are not asked to rinse the toothpaste away after brushing but spit any excess toothpaste into their paper towel. By not rinsing with water, fluoride in the toothpaste will stay on the child's teeth for longer helping them to keep strong. All children are supplied their own toothbrush with their own designated spot in the tooth brush rack.

# 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

## October

- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Assembly. Please bring your donations for the food bank.
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - James Brunt Artist working with the whole school.
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Reception & Discoverers trip to Austerfield Study Centre
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Year 2 shall have a bespoke literacy lesson about the book The Tunnel
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Reception are working with the school nursing team about the importance of handwashing.
- **Half term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

## November

- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

## December

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Rainbow Connections Choir at Doncaster Dome
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Play in a Day. Yr1 & 2 Creating their own show called The Grinch
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Panto time!
- We break for Christmas at school closing Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and return Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January