

15th May 2025



The Grange Times



Walnut



On Friday 6th June 2025, Kestrels will be holding the second annual Big Lunch! Walnut have been working hard to plan and organise the event. We are really excited about hosting the day. Walnut is in charge of the sweet zone!

Bradley: We are selling sweets!

Arron: We are selling cakes at the big lunch!

Sienna: At the big lunch we are selling ice cream and ice lollies. The ice creams are £1 per scoop.

Naomi: We are selling cakes, and I am excited for the big lunch!

Ibrahim: I am looking forward to spending time with my friends on the day.

Adam: I am looking forward to selling cakes.

Chibunna: I am looking forward to working on the sweet stall.

Amna: I am excited to sell the drinks at the big lunch!

Ben: I am really excited to work with my group and maybe make some new friends.

Ashton: I am selling drinks.

Skye: I am excited for the big lunch because I am going to sell ice cream!

Megan: I am excited to sell sweets!

Birch



Our current topic is 'Under the sea' and we are learning all about oceans and sea animals. We are also having fun creating lots of different artwork too! This is what we have learned so far.....

Olo: The normal starfish has 5 arms; the crown of thorns star fish has between 10-21 arms!

Sidney: The Indian Ocean is the warmest.

James: Dolphins can squeak, whistle and click to communicate!

Arya: A crab has pincers!

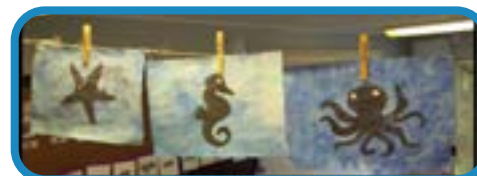
Gabriel: Shark, big!

Phoebe: Blue whale enormous!

Dominik: The shark can have 3000 teeth!

Henry: Octopus in the sea!

Ayaan: A jellyfish has long tentacles!



Maple



Maple Class have had lots of fun activities this term so far, they took part in the annual 'Quidditch Day' competition ran by Mr Kilcoyne and Maple class had such a fantastic time.

Maple Class also took part in the VE day celebrations and got to spend lunch outside with the rest of the school and got to take part in some activities outside in the afternoon.



Riley: On Quidditch day I enjoyed playing the games because it was so much fun.

Seth: I was the golden snitch; I had to run everywhere as fast I could to get away from everyone who was trying to catch me.

Summer: I liked it, and I managed to get one of the golden snitch tags at the end, I also won the 'best beater' award.

Alfie: I liked the VE day because it reminds us about the war.

Alex: I liked having the big picnic on the field and sitting together.

Jerome: I liked learning about the soldiers and remembering them for fighting for us.

Jeffrey: It was nice to be outside eating with everyone.

Rowan



Over the past few weeks, Rowan Class have been busy preparing and planting in the Sensory Garden as part of our class gardening sessions. The children have explored which plants they would like to grow that will benefit both pupils and wildlife, with a focus on wildflowers.

Kajetan: I watered flowers. They will get bigger and look beautiful.

Stephen: I planted sunflower seeds. These will become huge like suns.

Lucy: I planted silver flowers like the White Witch from Narnia!

Kai: We planted wildflower seeds in the sensory garden to help the bees and wildlife.

Kayden: We planted lots of seeds 1cm from the top of the pot and put them in the greenhouse to grow. It was hot, but fun.

Asia: We planted wildflowers. It was so much fun to do. That's all!

Toby: We dug and planted flowers. They will be pretty.

Max: We planted sunflowers and cosmos seeds and lots of colourful flowers.

Piotr: We planted plant sees for people to look at.

Freddy: We planted some flowers so that they grow and look colourful, which bees like. I love flowers and bees.

Raf: We planted flowers outside.



Beech



There have been lots of activities and events already this term for our class to enjoy and we have many more planned before the end of the school year.

We have had a Quidditch Tournament, VE Day celebration and are getting ready for the Big Lunch on Friday 6th June which the Kestrels are running for the whole school. We also look forward to inviting guests from Kempston Guild and parents of pupils in on Wednesday 25th June for a Coffee Afternoon and Talent Show.



Oliver: I enjoyed winning the running race in PE.

Courtney: I liked playing football in PE and passing the ball to my partner. I also liked drawing shells.

Aarnav: I liked Art because we did shells.

Ryan: I liked Quidditch Day and had fun dodging all the teachers! I enjoyed drawing shells in Art and the VE Day picnic.

Cayden: I liked playing rounders and running up and down the track in PE.

Tulicia: At the VE Day picnic I enjoyed helping the children on the trampoline with Mr Gray.

Holly: I enjoyed playing rounders in PE and had fun at the VE Day picnic celebration.

Cameron: Quidditch Day was so much fun because I did lots of running and was with my friends.

Caoimhe: I liked learning about butterflies and making a fact file in Science.

Connie: I enjoyed learning about shading and drawing shells in Art.



Sycamore have given a roundup of their news for the end of this term on how they are getting on and their progress.

Keith: In Food Tech I made a fabulous English breakfast. In Maths I sometimes get answers right or wrong but I try to learn from my mistakes. I have also been doing work experience helping the children at Forest School every Monday until the end of July.

Kaschan: In DT I made a lamp using wood and acrylic. The light source was an LED glued into one end. The middle of the lamp was acrylic with transfers of wolves on all four sides. I am pleased with how it looked when it was finished.

Jake: The sheep shearing was difficult at first particularly while catching them and flipping them over. You then drag them onto the platform. The shaver is very heavy to hold while keeping the sheep in place.

Kade: During my Art GCSE, I had a unique and

Sycamore

memorable experience exploring different printmaking techniques. I focused on the theme of a tree and used several printing methods, with a particular emphasis on lino printing. This process allowed me to experiment with texture, contrast, and composition in a hands-on way. Creating lino prints gave my artwork a bold and expressive quality that helped bring my tree subject to life in a distinctive and creative manner.

Harry: This month and in April I have been making more progress in ICT and Animal Care. In ICT, I finished Typing Jungle which has over six hundred levels. It took a while to get all five stars. Meanwhile in Animal Care I have been helping clean out and feed the animals. I am glad we have the animals because if we did not have them then we would not have Animal Care.



Pine



Pine class have been learning about Victory in Europe Day and the effects of World War II had on people and their families.

Rowan: VE Day is when the second world war ended in Europe. When the war started the children went to the countryside in the middle of nowhere to be safe; they must have been scared because they had to leave their families. The children were put in a room and people came to choose which child they wanted to come and live with them while the war was going on. It must have been heartbreaking for their parents watching their children leave on a train not knowing when they would be together again.

Emmanuel: During the second world war the women worked in factories making weapons, but they were not allowed to go back to work when the ended instead they had to stay at home and be housewives. I think they should have been allowed to go back to work because they showed everyone, they could do it.

Connor: There are over 60,000 war veterans still alive today. I think the veterans must have nightmares about the war and still grieve for the comrades they have lost. I think we should always celebrate VE Day and remember those who fought and dies in war because we might not be here if it was not for them.

Aaron: On VE Day people went outside on the streets and waved flags because the war had ended. No more bombs will be dropping on the houses anymore.

Aishah: We celebrated the 80 years anniversary of the war in Europe. The British people were celebrating in the streets when the war ended and the Queen went out to celebrate too, but nobody knew she was there because she pulled her hat down over her face.

Max: The Airforce were fighting and the Army and the Navy in the war. VE Day was the end of the war.

Lucas: We celebrated VE Day learning about the war and having a picnic with all the school outside.



Acer



In Science, Acer Class have been investigating which objects float and which sink. We made predictions about whether it would float or sink and described why we thought objects floated or sank.

Louis: We tested which objects floated or sank. I tested the stick and it floated because it has a low density.

Lewis: We did a test on items to see if they float. I tested

the ball. The ball floated because it is light.

Jack: it was funny and pretty cool. I was seeing if objects floated or sank. I put a poppet in the water, and it floated. It has air in it.

Alex: I was learning about floating and sinking. I put in a stone and it sank because it has a high density.

Harrison: I was thinking about floating and sinking. I put a crab in the water. It floated in the water.



Wear it Green Day

Wear it Green Day – Thursday 15th May 2025 (What is Wear it Green Day)?

At Grange Academy we are committed to creating a community where there is good Mental Health for all. Wear It Green Day is a day to raise awareness and support for mental health, often held as part of Mental Health Awareness Week. Participants are encouraged to wear green clothing or accessories to show solidarity with those facing mental health challenges. The green colour is a symbol of hope, growth, and renewal, which are associated with mental well-being.

Who does Wear It Green Day help?

Wear It Green Day helps the [Mental Health Foundation](#), a UK charity that works to prevent mental health problems, support individuals and communities, and promote a mentally healthy society. By participating in Wear It Green Day, individuals and organizations can raise awareness for the foundation's work, including research, programs, and support services.

We are so proud of everyone at Grange Academy for celebrating positive mental health. We had a competition for best dressed!

- In third place, for his amazing green socks – Jake Milton in Willow Class
- In second place, for looking fabulous – Connie in Beech Class
- In first place, for a great outfit and green nails – Sidney in Birch Class
- And a special mention to the wonderful green Tinkerbell – Miss Frith!!

Well done everyone!



Eco News



World Bee Day 2025

Tuesday 20th May is World Bee day. The day aims to strengthen measures to protect bees. You can help bees by planting bee friendly plants in your garden and helping bees that are in trouble.

Below is a link to make a bee hotel. When you have made your Bee hotel, send a photograph to us on Evidence me.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/04/how-to-build-a-bee-hotel/>

We need your help!

For our Eco day, we are collecting plastic bottle tops. Please save them and send your bottle tops into school to Acer Class.

Date for your diary

Eco day at Grange – 25th June 2025

VE Day Celebrations

VE day 80th anniversary Celebrations

Grange Academy celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day on Friday 9th May. Pupils completed activities in class, learning about World War 2 and how VE was celebrated in the UK, Europe and the world.

The afternoon started with a street party where pupils ate their lunch on the field. The afternoon was full of activities out on the school field for pupils to participate in.



Diary Dates

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025 - Half Term

Monday 2nd June 2025 - Pupils Return to School

Friday 6th June 2025 - Big Lunch

Wednesday 25th June 2025 - Talent Show

Friday 18th July 2025 - Last Day of Term

Grange Notices



The Big Lunch at the Grange Academy

Date Friday 6th June
Time 12.00 3.00 pm
Picnic is from 12.00 to 1.00
Bring money!

Please bring a picnic blanket.
 Pupils who have school dinners will be given a packed lunch.
 Bring some food to share like biscuits, crisps or fruit.



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Talent SHOW

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Wednesday 25th June 2025
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Other News



FARM OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 10AM - 2PM

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Tickets will be bookable on Eventbrite
 Family Fun - <https://tinyurl.com/2eotjx5r>

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