

16th October 2025



The Grange Times

Cedar

Cedar class have been working incredibly hard since returning in September. We have been focussing on exams and qualifications. Everyone has risen to the challenge, and they are all determined to achieve their personal goals. Alongside the exam focus we have also had lots of fun.

Some students attended The Power Games at Bedford Rugby club, and some students have represented the school in a football match against Ivel Valley. Additionally, The Rotary Club kindly visited the school to show us an Iron Lung and to teach us about polio.



Ryan: I have enjoyed coming back to school and I would like to work really hard this year on my qualification work. I want a proper qualification so I can get into college.

Skye: I am really enjoying being back at school because I am getting better at maths, English and other lessons. I work hard and I enjoy it.

Connie: I have liked coming back to school and doing Animal Care.

Amma: I have worked really hard since coming back to school.

Adam: I did really well in my mock exams.

Megan: I have enjoyed coming back to school. I have been working hard in maths and with my communication skills.

Keith: It is so nice to be back with my old teachers. I am focusing on my

Entry Level Maths and English. When I have finished the Entry Levels, I am going to do my Functional Skills.

Ben: I have really enjoyed settling back into school and doing work. I hope that this year will bring great things.

Kieran: Kieran has chosen some AQA Unit Awards to complete.

Cayden: Coming back to school has been stressful. Talking to teachers helps.

Arron: I enjoyed seeing the Iron Lung. It taught me about Polio.

Sienna: I am currently enjoying my work experience in Robins. My favourite lesson is Animal Care and Food Tech. I want good qualifications so that I can go to college.

Naomi: I enjoy all my outside lessons like Animal Care, Duke of Edinburgh, PE (even though I cannot take part!)



Maple

On Thursday the 25th of September Falcons went to visit Leighton Buzzard Railway Station. Our history topic this term is WW2. The children really wanted to ride on a steam train because they have learned that the evacuee children were evacuated by train.

Levi: I enjoyed going on the train because it actually felt like I was in the war.

Riley: I liked it when the train went fast.

Marcel: I liked it when we were on the train, and it gave us reminders of the war.

Alex: I love looking at the Polish coal.

Jack: I enjoyed looking into the hole of the steam engine.

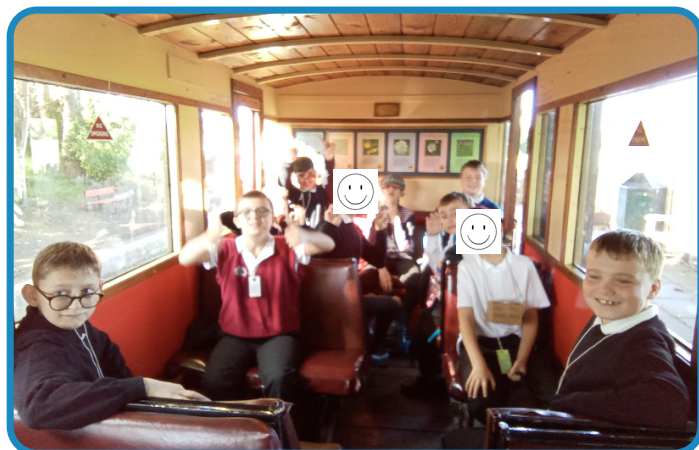
Samuel: I liked it because the train looked good.

Teddy: It was nice being there because it felt like I was in the war evacuating.

Alfie: It was great when the train was moving, and I enjoyed the picnic.

Olo: I enjoyed playing in the playing area because there were lots of exercise equipment.

Cody: I enjoyed the train ride and the picnic on the grass.



Acer

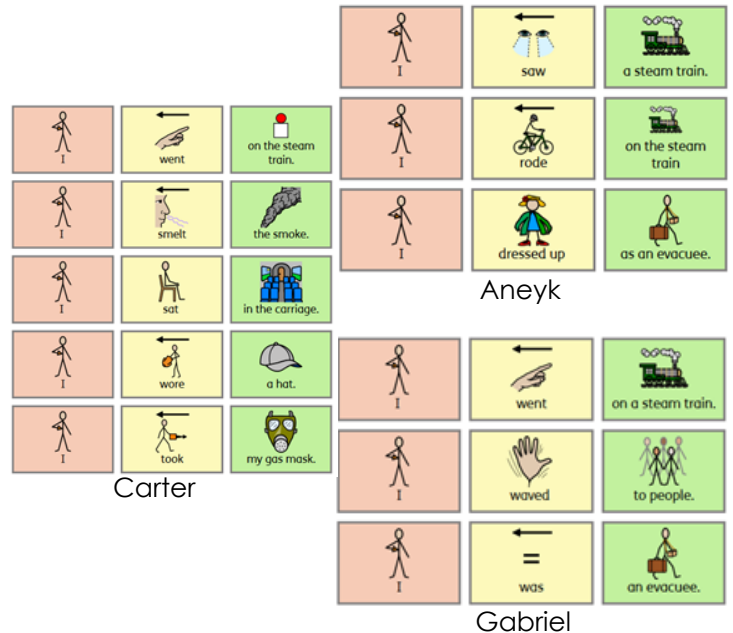
This term Falcons are learning about World War 2. At the end of September, Acer Class went to Leighton Buzzard Railway to travel on a narrow-gauge steam engine. We all dressed up as evacuees and adults from World War 2. We got to look at engines up closely and we thought about how evacuees would feel when they were evacuated to the countryside away from their families. We had a great time!

Harrison: I dressed up as an evacuee and went on a steam train. I waved at people in their cars. There was smoke coming from the train. I heard a whistle and saw a green flag when it was time to go. I liked going on a steam train.

Lewis: I saw a steam train. I went to Leighton Buzzard. I dressed up like an evacuee. I think the evacuees would be sad if their house got bombed.

Louis: I didn't like the train trip. All I did was sit down. I wasn't very interested in the steam trains.

Alex: I had lots of fun on the steam train. I liked the train and the smell of the smoke. I dressed like an evacuee, and I made a ration book, gas mask and a gas mask box to take with me. I would really like to do that trip again! When we got back to school, I put my hat on the guinea pigs. They looked cute!



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Redwood



Redwood have had a wonderful start to the academic year; we have gotten involved in student parliament, growing and talking, eco club and lots more. Our highlights so far have been exploring the Victorians in topic; by tracing the journey of investigative journalist Nellie Bly we have been able to look back at what life was like in this era not just in Victorian Britain but Around

the World. We have enjoyed activities such as basketball and swimming and are looking forward to bring to you our annual Redwood Games afternoon to raise money for our Redwood Garden; stay tuned for details!

Jacob: I enjoyed science and learning about all different type of animal classifications.

Summer: I love being in Redwood class, I am proud of the hard work I am doing and the friends I have made. I am also the Class President!

Jason: I got to play football for Grange Academy, and I scored our 10th goal! Horrayyyyyy!

Ugne: I like maths and art the most, I'm happy in Redwood.

Bryony: I have made friends and like my new teachers.

Freddy: I love COJO where we get to use lots of equipment like tyres and planks to complete missions.

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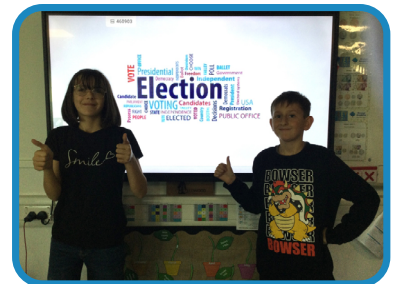
Sophia: I have made friends, and I know I can talk to the staff. I also love my music lessons.

Martin: I like Redwood class; we work hard but have fun.

Sam: I love Hattie the tortoise, I get to see her every day and take care of her, although soon she will be going into hibernation so I will miss her.

Zach: I like PE, we are doing basketball.

Jerome: I love all the after-school clubs like fitness and dodgeball!



Willow



Willow have been looking at the colour monster, and we have made our own feelings chart based on the colour monster, every student decorated a lollipop stick character that represents them, and they can move their character to any colour monster they are relating to each day.

Larissa: Anger is red.

Jake: We put the sticks in the colour monster, because the colour monsters show what you are feeling.

Jordan: Pink is when you feel loved.

Phoebe: Blue is sadness.

Scarlett: Green is when you feel calm

Mon: Yellow is happy and I am happy when I play football.

Jessica: The colour monsters show how we are feeling.



Walnut have had an excellent start to the term and have been exploring alongside Levinson Wood in their Commander Jo (COJO) lessons. They have worked hard on their problem solve and team building skills to solve each situation that is given to them.

Betsy: I love solving the water problem with the gutters and balls.

Toby: I enjoyed building the bridge, it made me feel strong.

Lucy: I like doing COJO and training like Levinson Wood.

Courtney: I'm really enjoying COJO this year, it's very fun and different to normal lessons.

Robin: I enjoyed it last year and it is even better this year.

Hannah: I like working as a team and solving the problems, especially the water one.

Ruby: COJO has helped me focus and listen to instructions so we can solve all the tasks.



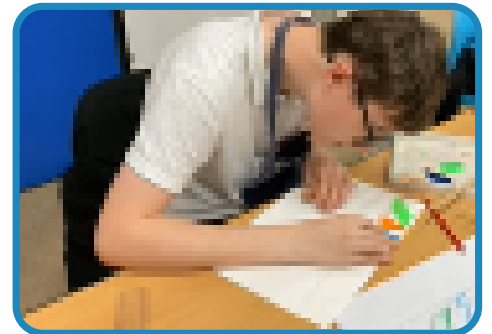
Beech

Beech have begun to settle into the new academic year. The class and staff have spent the last 6 weeks getting to know each other better and learning how to work best with each other.

We are enjoying reading Journey to Jo'burg in English which links to Black History Month as it is about the Apartheid in South Africa.

In maths the class have completed their first Entry Level Maths component showing great progress.

Pupils have enjoyed learning new skills in netball, making repeating African patterns in art and learning to work as a team in Commando Joes.



A great start to the new year Beech Class well done from your class teachers.

Jack: I have learnt about work and jobs in RSHE. We talked about skills and qualifications, punctuality and attendance. I really enjoy PE, Maths and COJO.

Raf: I have enjoyed making new friends in my class as well as maths and IT especially typing club.

Cameron: I loved doing the Gonk Hunt. I secretly hid some tiny Gons around the classroom for people to find. I am enjoying art too. I have made some really creative patterns.

Palm

Palm Class have all settled back well after the summer break. They have worked hard with their Maths and English assessments and have taken part in a wide range of activities, including a successful food sale to raise money for Dorcas.



Ashton: I have joined Palm class this year and I enjoy it. I sit next to a person that is a bit funny. And I'm having fun here. The learning is not easy I English, in Maths I was tutoring another student as they were stressed out.

Kyle: We did a food sale on Tuesday and we have been doing lot's of assessments since we have been back at

school. We also went to the Boccia tournament which was really fun.

Alfie: Since being in Year 11 I have been doing lots of assessments such as English, Maths and reading and we also went to the library in Kempston. I found the books I have been searching for my entire life, Atlantis, Fountain of Youth, Moby Dick.

Bradley: Since being in Year 11 I have been doing lots of assessments such as English, Maths and reading and we also went to the library in Kempston.

Rowan: Recently I have done a food sale in Palm class. We sold a variety of items, we made popcorn from a popcorn machine, sold different cakes and donuts and finally vegetable samosas for 50p each. We made a lot of money for Dorcas I had fun.

Matthew: When we came back from the six weeks holidays, I started in year 11. I have been doing a lot of assessments and a lot of qualification work. I want to get a level 1 functional skills maths and a level two

English so I can do the course I want to do when I join college.

Ryan: I've had a lot of fun playing football with my team, and I scored a goal. Grange academy won against Ivel Valley.

Scarlett: I am in year 11 everything has changed so much because we had some new students starting my class this year and the tables were in different places but the new students were very quiet. I don't like changes, but I was ok with it.

Aarnav: So I have settled back in Palm class after the summer and now I'm in Year 10 I going to be doing lots more assessments. I am getting better on my times tables and I now do food share for work experience I am really enjoying it because I can make myself a bag for me.

Holly: I enjoyed going to Colmworth Stem Fair for girls because I had never been to the fair before and I had lots of fun tasting the drinks. I liked doing the smelling of the scented pens. I also learnt about the importance of eating health.

Alex: Back at school I am enjoying animal care, and now I am with the big animals.



Pine

On Tuesday 7th of October, Pine class, including Kyle and Scarlett from Palm, played boccia at the Bunyan Centre. All the pupils had great fun and demonstrated Grange values in their teams. After five rounds of boccia, Grange Academy came top of the leader board, with first place for Grange teams A and B in their separate matches.

Connor: We went to the Bunyan Centre to do boccia, which is a bit like curling. Grange team A and B won the tournament. It was very fun, although I did overshoot the ball a couple of time.

Asia: I had lots of fun playing a game. I was so happy and excited. In my team I have Aishah and Scarlett and we were in the blue team. We did amazing and beat the red team at the end of the game.

Marcus: We did boccia at the Bunyan Centre. It is to similar to curling but with balls instead of curls. I did pretty well and actually won a few games with my team. I had Aaron, Oliver and Kyle in my team and we enjoyed it.

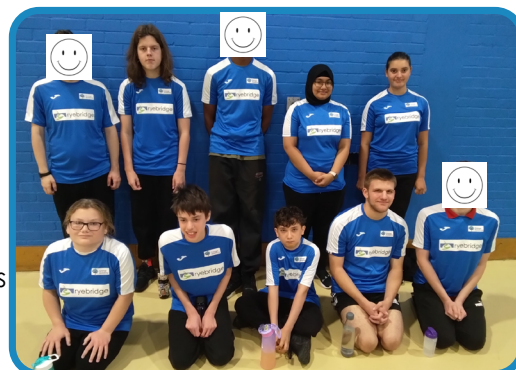
Aaron: We did boccia at the Bunyan Centre with Mr Kilcoyne, like I did last year. I threwed the red and blue balls next to the white jack ball. The closest team to the jack ball wins. Also, Kyle from Palm was in my team who is my friend.

Kyle: Boccia was fun. Kyle was in a team with Connor and Emmanuel. The team rolled the balls at the white ball to score points and win. Bedford Academy were there but two of the schools didn't turn up. The team won most of the games and only lost one.

Oliver: I always got closest to the white balls, which was good. We were there a long time, but I had fun and I got a certificate at the end.

Aishah: I had boccia at the John Bunyan sport and fitness centre. I had a lot of fun with other school and my team, including St John's, Bedford Academy and Robert Bloomfield Academy. I got a certificate for demonstrating sport values with the girls team, which was Asia, Scarlett and me.

Emmanuel: Boccia was a unique experience and a contrast from doing curling. The aim is to throw the balls at the white ball, which was a lot tougher and more challenging that curling. However, our team won a lot of matches against other school teams. I also got an award after all the matches had taken place.



Rowan



Rowan class have had a great start to the new academic year this is their news.

Nevaeha: I have enjoyed settling into Rowan class because I am able to play with my classmates and have fun History (Victorians) and RE lessons.

Lewis: This term I have enjoyed Food Tech especially cooking Florentines. I am thankful for the support that I get from Miss Burns and Mrs Read in my lessons.

Sophia: My favourite subject is animal care because I love picking up the bunnies and guinea pigs, they feel soft. My class teacher makes us all laugh.

Stephen: This term I have enjoyed Maths in class as I like to learn about numbers. Miss Burns Math's activities are fun and memorable.

Dejon: I like going to my Art classes because I like learning new art techniques. I enjoy all my lessons in Rowan class.

Tyler: In Rowan class I have made a friend in Stephen, and we enjoy playing games together. I really enjoy fitness club too.

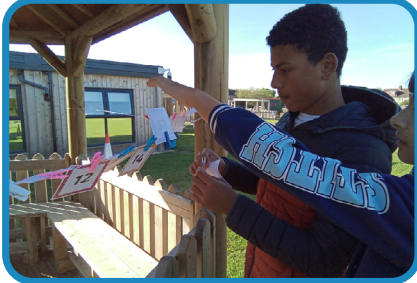
Eva Louise: I am enjoying my Art lessons with Ms Cowen and learning about

aboriginal work. I enjoy classes with my friends.

Stefano: I really enjoy Maths because it is fun, and I enjoy the worksheets that have been set. I also enjoy Rowan class time in the Isabelle room.

Harry: I enjoy Miss Burns Maths lessons as they are fun. I am also proud to be the Eco representative for Rowan.

Aneesa: I am working hard in all my lessons. I really like my Maths, English, RE, DT and Art lessons. I have also made a friend in Sophia, and we share an IPAD in our spare time.



Hazel



Hazel have had a great start to the year and have been reflecting on how things have been going over the last few weeks.

Kai: Hazel is a nice class. I enjoy doing maths because we are learning about multiplication. My favourite lesson in school is PE because it is lots of exercise.

Kairhys: I started at Grange in September, and I really enjoy PE :we have been learning to play Netball. I enjoy doing animal care and learning about the animals and I love Food Tech because I get to make my own food and eat it... sometimes I wait til I get home.

Max: I like Maths and PE. I love to go outside and play with my friends, especially basketball. I love cooking but I don't eat my food! I like Hazel, its really nice and I like where I sit.

Noah: Hazel class is fun and enjoyable. Art is fun and I like making artwork. I like ICT because I like being on the computers.

Umar: I like school and especially being in Hazel. My favourite lessons are PE and Maths. I also really like doing ICT options and am learning lots about computers.

Kajetan: I love Hazel class. I love Maths.

Tyrese: I like Food Tech and Humanities. We are learning about the Mayan's. I like seeing my all my friends and have made some new friends in Hazel.

Ryan: I like Food Tech because it teaches me about food safety and different types of food groups. I enjoy PE because it involves everyone and allows for a bit of competition when you are doing a game. I like being in Hazel class and have made some new friends. I love Forest School, playing the games and making the fire.

Piotr: I like PE, it is my favourite lesson. I like doing work. Its nice in Hazel, I have lots of new friends. I like ICT, when we are doing computing. My favourite thing to do on the computer is Purple Mash.

Jack: My favourite bit of the new school year so far has been seeing my dad dressed up as a Traffic light when he came in to do an assembly with some of the students. My favourite lessons are PE, Maths and Food Tech. I enjoy playing football and hanging out with my friends.

Samuel: I am having a great time doing Commando Joes. We have been doing team building activities. My favourite was making a bridge with tyres, pallets and pieces of wood.



Ash



This half term, our students have been busy using their senses to explore a variety of textures and materials. Through hands-on activities, they discovered soft, rough, smooth, spiky and bumpy surfaces, developing their sensory awareness and descriptive language in a fun and engaging way.



It's been wonderful to see their excitement as they described what they felt and discovered! Great engagement!

Alex: It is cold.

Michael: It feels spiky and dry! And it smells fruity!

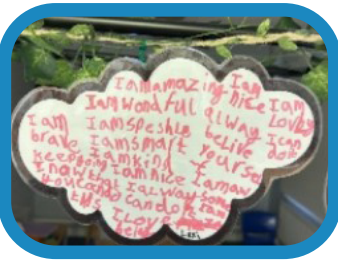
Thabo: Sticky.

Ella-Rose: It is spiky.

Olivia: Dry, wet.



Birch



In PSHE Birch class have been learning about making good choices, thinking positively and ways to build resilience.

We discussed lots of ways we can think positively and then the children designed their own motivational posters to display in class.

Alexis: Give it a go!

Lexi: Keep going!

Amelia: You can do this!

Arya: I am amazing!

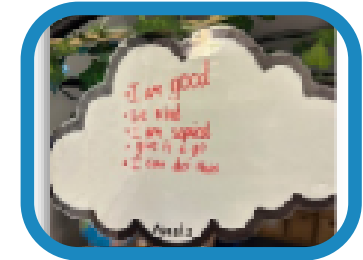
Dominik: I can do it!

James: I am brave!

Orla: Give it a try!

Shaan: Don't give up!

Sidney: It's ok to try again!



Elm

Since returning to school Elm class have settled in really well, one of their favourite subjects is Food tech.

They have been learning about safety in the kitchen as well as making some wonderful dishes.

They have learnt new skills like washing up, cutting using a bridge, weighing ingredients and working with a partner.

Riyaaz: I enjoy cooking and have learnt some new skills.

Luca: We always make some delicious food in our lessons.

Robin: Food tech is fun, I get to make different dishes and help wash up.



Childcare Option News



As a final project the childcare option group planned and ran a mini sports day event for our younger pupils.

The event was a great success:



Maple class

Seth: I liked the egg race because it was funny.

Stefano: It was fun holding the beanbags on our heads.

Summer: I liked the mini sports day

because everybody had fun.

Jeffrey: It didn't matter if you win or lose.

Alex: I liked playing with the pom poms and splashed each other.

Jerome: I enjoyed being outside.

Alfie: I enjoyed when we squirted each other.

Riley: It was fun playing football.

Jack: The football was great as I love football.

Birch class

We all had a great time at the mini sports day. The

events were well organised, and we enjoyed taking part with our friends.

We had an egg and spoon race, penalty shootout, beanbag races and loads more. There was a sensory station where we could rest and cool down with sensory bottles and water balls.

Oak class

Levi: My favourite event was the penalty shootout; I like kicking the ball into the goal.

Marcel: I really liked the egg and spoon race it was fun.

Scarlett: I practiced my balancing doing the bean bag race.

Cody: I liked the rest station playing with the sensory bottles and water balls with my friends.

Willow class

Jordan: The mini sports day was fun.

Jake: I liked the events where I got wet.



Football News

Grange Academy V Ivel Valley

We welcomed Ivel Valley for the first football fixture of the new school year. For once the weather was kind to us and thanks to our new school ref Mr Gray, we kicked off uphill towards the ponies.

In what can only be described as a goal fest, the lead swapped hands several times but eventually Grange's determination and effort wore Ivel Valley down and Grange came out on top 10-7 (yes this was a football match 17 goals in 60 minutes of football).

Grange goal scorers were Jack F – 5, Jason 1, Kai 1, Arthur 1, Riyaaz 1 and an own goal.

Some great individual performances from Arthur, Jack TG, Lewis and Jack F plus some debuts for Ryan, Riyaaz, Monica and Jason but the person of the match for Grange was our midfield dynamo Hope.

Highlight of the match was Jason scoring the 10th goal for Grange an absolute piledriver of a shot.

The game was played in the correct manner, plus everyone seemed to have fun.

Grange team: Levi, Ryan, Jack TG, Arthur, Hope, Harry, Jack F, Scarlett, Kai, Riyaaz, Monica, Lewis and Jason



Careers



Road Safety Assembly

We were delighted to have the team from Volker Highways come in to talk to our year 10 and 11 pupils regarding Careers in the Road safety field.

Holly Lane who had joined the team 3 weeks ago had finished school in July 2025 and had started her work life with an apprenticeship within the Road safety company in the IT department, creating some of the IT presentations

that they were able to see in the assembly.

This was discussed with some of the year 10 pupils in class, that this could be them in their first jobs in a couple of years' time.



Internal Work Experience

We are delighted to welcome all our new year 10's back. They have the opportunity to carry out some work experience within the school this year. We have had 20 pupils start some form of work experience with the school already. There are lots of pupils supporting in classes in the Primary part of the school as LSA's, helping with the Share shack and in the dining hall at lunch time.

At the Farm open day on Saturday 20th September we also had a number of pupils helping with the animals and around the grounds to make the day a great success. Well done to all those that took time out of their weekend to help.

We look forward to all the new work experience news.



Hello Yellow Day



On Friday 10th October, pupils and staff at Grange recognised World Mental Health Day by taking part in Hello Yellow.

For Hello Yellow people wear yellow to raise awareness for the charity [YoungMinds](#), which supports young people's mental health. Participants are encouraged to wear something yellow, which can be anything from a yellow bow to a full outfit, to show young people that they are not alone.

Wearing anything yellow can spread the message that a little bit of yellow can go a long way in supporting young people's mental health.

Eco News



Grange Academy's Eco Committee held its first ever eco fayre this month. The event was a huge success, raising £118 to go towards the 2025/26 environmental priorities for the school and the committee.

One key goal is to work with Shepreth Wildlife Park to support local and global conservation efforts. It also highlighted key Grange eco successes over the past year, including our new allotment, orchard and waste management systems. Most importantly, the fayre helped raise awareness of key environmental issues that affect our community and the world.

Thank you to all the Grange family, parents, carers, other BILTT representatives and community members that showed support on the day. This would also not have been possible without the efforts of the following pupils: Harry, Luca, Riley, Ryan, Caoimhe, Cayden, Max G, Mariah, Chibunna, Freddy B and Kai.

Together, we can make the world a better place.

Fundraising



Thank you to all pupils, families and staff that donated for our MacMillan Coffee morning we raised an amazing £181.63.

We also raised an amazing **£109.40** with our Mufti for Jeans for Genes day in September.



Grange Christmas Fayre

Friends of Grange are holding a **Christmas Fayre** on

Saturday 29th November 2025

12pm – 2pm.

It will be a great afternoon for all the family.

There will be a great selection of things to do for everyone. There will certainly be enough to keep you entertained for the afternoon.

We are looking for the following items for the Christmas fayre:

- Items for the white elephant stall.
- Unwanted gift items that could be sold on our nearly new stall.
- Cakes for our cake stall (to be sent into school on Friday 28th November).

If you are able to help with any of the above, please send them into school as soon as possible.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to help us on the day between 11.30pm and 3pm.

If you are able to help at the fayre, please contact the school office on 01234 407100



Diary Dates

Monday 20th October 2025 - Harvest Service at East Methodist Church

Friday 24th October 2025 - Last Day of Term

Tuesday 4th November 2025 - Pupils Return to School

Saturday 29th November 2025 - Christmas Fayre (12pm to 2 pm)

Monday 1st December 2025 - Mini Christmas Fayre for Pupils

Monday 15th December 2025 - Christmas Service at East Methodist Church