

Message from Shona Pitcher

Headteacher

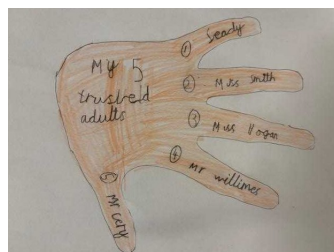
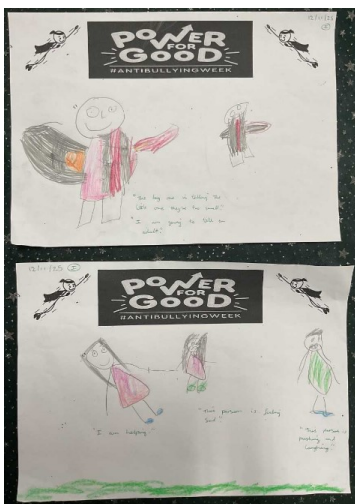
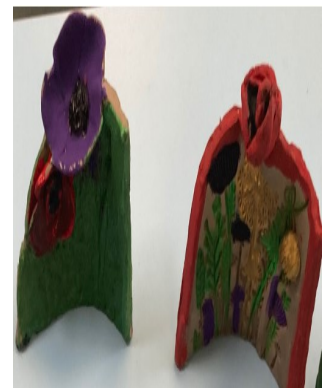
This week has been another incredibly busy week at Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School!

We kicked off Anti-Bullying Week on Monday with our wonderful Odd Socks Day. The array of odd socks across the school was truly amazing - staff and children alike joined in the fun, demonstrating our commitment to celebrating what makes us all unique! It was a fantastic way to begin important discussions about kindness and inclusion.

On Tuesday, we marked Remembrance Day. Staff and pupils respectfully joined the national two-minute silence at 11 am, remembering all those who have lost their lives during conflict. A special thank you to the children who attend the Busy Lizzy pottery club; they created beautiful ceramic poppies and you can see one special piece which is now sitting proudly in the School Office.

We held our first Parent Forum of the year on Wednesday. A variety of subjects were discussed, and it was lovely to see some new faces joining the meeting. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send in their questions. We value your input and partnership and details of the meeting and the key points discussed will be shared with you shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school.



We have promoted National Anti-Bullying Week, using this year's theme: 'Power for Good'. The children have looked at the definition of Bullying and how this is different to a relationship conflict. We have had class discussions, assemblies and stories about bullying. The children have also taken part in an odd socks day to show unity against bullying as well as identifying 5 trusted adults to talk to for support.

Year 4 have had a busy and exciting week this week. In Science, the children investigated the digestive system and how it works.



During English, we created top trump cards about our monsters we created based on Grendel, the monster in Beowulf.



Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **4C** who have had the highest attendance this week (100%).

Weekly House Points

Here are this weeks house points. Well done to Claremont.

Claremont	99
Kew	95
Richmond	89
Norbury	82
Wisley	62
Painshill	59



This week Bumblebees managed to dodge the rain and enjoyed their Autumnal visit to Stirling Walk.

They were excited to spot all the signs of Autumn. Thank you to our parent helpers who helped us.



Christmas Lunch reminder

If your child would like a Christmas Lunch on **Thursday, 11th December**, please log onto the School Gateway and make your booking as soon as possible.

AFC Parenting classes

The workshops will run on **Thursdays from 10:00–12:00**, aimed at parents with children up to ten, starting **Thursday, 13 November**, at the **Old Malden Family Hub**.

Workshop schedule:

- **Thursday, 20 November (10:00–12:00):** *Communication and Looking After Yourself (Listening and spending quality time with your child, giving attention, managing feelings, and developing empathy.)*
- **Thursday, 4 December (10:00–12:00):** *Strategies to Manage Difficult Behaviour (Setting boundaries, using ignoring and time-out effectively, choices and consequences, family rules, and logical discipline strategies.)*

Parents are welcome to attend one, two, or all three sessions depending on their interests and needs.

Please note: A crèche will not be provided.

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Cake Sales

A huge thank you to everyone who supported with last year's cake sales. We wanted to let you know what the year groups spent their money on.

Nursery - lots of toys including water play toys

Reception - Various small world toys including wooden pirate ship

Year 1 - Sea life and various animal figures toys and decoration sewing kits

Year 2 - Diwali workshop

Year 3 & Year 4 - various classroom books

Year 5 - Birds of Prey workshop

Year 6 - Funds raised go towards the leaver celebrations



We have received the proofs of the school photos this afternoon.

They will be sent home with your child today or Monday.

The deadline for placing orders for free delivery back to school is

Monday, 24th November.

If your child did not have the flu immunisation this week the Richmond Immunisation team have additional clinics taking place in the community that you can book onto. Please click on the following link to check where and book your space. [CLICK HERE TO BOOK A FLU IMMUNISATION](#)

AVENEWS

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Friday, 14th November 2025

Dates for your Diary

Mon, 17th Nov	ALL	Bag 2 School collect—lower gate
Tues, 18th Nov	RL	Ladybirds visit to Stirling Walk
Weds, 19th Nov	ALL	Swimming & Safeguarding induction @ 9.05am Please click here to book your place.
Fri, 21st Nov	ALL	Year 4 Cake Sale
Fri, 21st Nov	ALL	GASPA Decorate the School (after school)
Fri, 28th Nov	ALL	Bottle Tombola collection (non-uniform day)
Sat, 29th Nov	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Mon, 1st Dec	NUR	Nursery—open morning & afternoon
Mon, 1st Dec	4SP	4SP Drumming performance @ 2.30pm—Annex Hall
Tues, 2nd Dec	YR 6	National Army Museum visit
Tues, 2nd Dec	5AM	5AM Trumpet performance @ 2.30pm—Annex Hall
Weds, 3rd Dec	3S	3S Ukulele performance @ 2.30pm—Annex Hall
Tues, 9th Dec	KS2	Winter Concert @ 6.15pm (full details to follow)
Tues, 9th Dec	YR 1	Festive Craft Afternoon @2.15pm
Thurs, 11th Dec	YR 1	Festive Craft Afternoon @2.15pm
Fri, 19th Dec	ALL	Last day of Autumn Term— early close

**YEAR 4
CAKE SALE**

FRI 21ST OCT

from 3pm bottom gate

Don't forget your container!
cash/card payments

Bag 2 School

MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

When: During morning drop off.
Where: Please leave bags at the bottom of the main school gate, on the grass verge.
How: All bags should be tied in a double knot.
Why: Bag 2 School is an easy and free fundraising solution.

Thanks very much for your help!

Bag 2 School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, Hats, Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie, Socks, Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers only)