

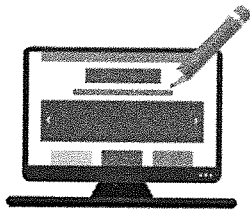


# The Grange Gazette

April/May 2018

## Term Dates:

7/5/18 - School Closed - Bank Holiday  
8/5/18 - School Re-Opens  
25/5/18 - 3:15pm - School Closes  
4/6/18 - School Re-opens  
19/7/18 - School closes for Summer Holiday



**OUR NEW WEBSITE IS COMING SOON**  
[www.thegrange.northants.sch.uk](http://www.thegrange.northants.sch.uk)

## Sports Events and Fixtures:

24/5/18 - Mini-Red Tennis competition  
24/5/18 - Badminton Skills Festival  
14/6/18 - Kwik Cricket competition

*Please note that you will receive a letter if your child is chosen to attend any of these events, please return the slip even if they can't / don't want to take part.*

## Year 6 SATs week

**Monday 14th - Friday 18th May**

Please ensure that you do not book any medical appointments during this week.

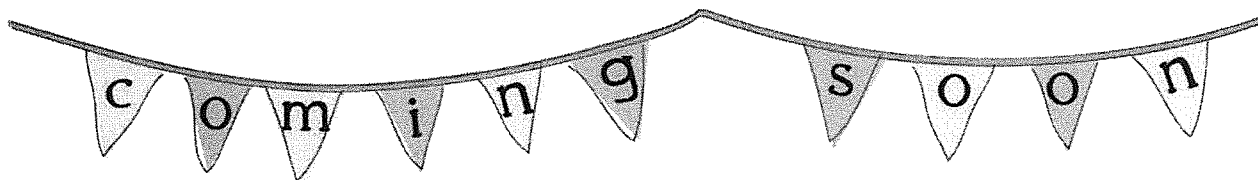
Breakfast sponsored by TnS will be served to all Year 6 children from 8.10am in the school hall.

## ASSEMBLIES

Family Assemblies: (all 9:00 am)

4/5/18 - Y5  
11/5/18 - Y3  
18/5/18 - Y1  
25/5/18 - Reception

8/6/18 - Y6  
15/6/18 - Y2  
22/6/18 - EYFS & KS1 Dojo Assembly  
29/6/18 - KS2 Dojo Assembly



### May

May 2018 - **KS1 (Y2) Tests**

Thursday 10th May 9:00 am - **Y3 Strings Assembly** - parents invited

W/B Monday 14th May - **KS2 (Y6) SATS week**

Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th May - **Y6 France Residential**

### June

June - **Y6 First Aid training**

Thursday 7th June - **Nursery** new parents meeting

Tuesday 5th June - **Reception** new parents meeting

W/B Monday 18th June - **KS1 Phonics Screening**

Tuesday 26th - Wednesday 27th June - **Yr2 Sheringham Residential**

### July

Thursday 5th July - **Induction Day in New Classes / Open Afternoon** from 2pm

Thursday 5th July - **Meet the teacher** 3.15pm

Wednesday 11th July - **SHOW DAY!**

Thursday 12th July - **Written Reports Out**

Monday 16th July, **KS1 - am, KS2 - pm - Sports Day**

Tuesday 17th July - **Back-Up Sports Day**

Wednesday 18th July - **KS1 - am, KS2 - pm Presentation Assemblies**

Thursday 19th July - **Year 6 Assembly, 2.30pm - all parents welcome**

## Summer Term Themes

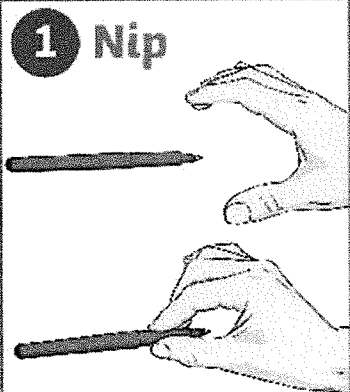
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Summer 1	Majesty (History)	Explorers/ Where In The World? Daventry (Geography)	May The Force Be With You (Science)	Our Cool Capital (History / Geography)	CSI The Grange (Science)  Invasion! (History)	Light Up Your Life (Science)
Summer 2	Blooming Marvellous (Science / Geography)	Wish You Were Here (Geography)	The Time Team - Romans (History)			Digging Daventry (History / Geography)

## Improving Handwriting and Presentation

We're working hard to make the improvements Ofsted identified that we need to make. We've not been happy with our handwriting scheme for a while, as we felt it wasn't having the impact it should. So we've invested in a new scheme and have begun teaching it to the children. We're working hard to ensure that every child forms all letters correctly so don't be surprised to see your child with letter formation practise, even if their work appears neat. It's about 100% consistency. We'll be adding resources to the Parent Resource area if you wish to support your child at home. Please help yourselves.

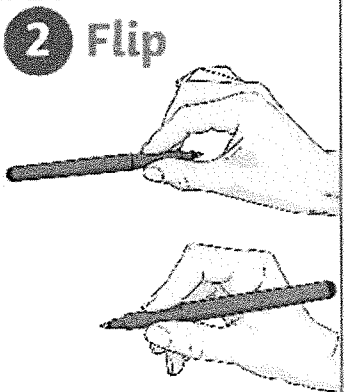
### How to Grip a Writing Tool

#### 1 Nip



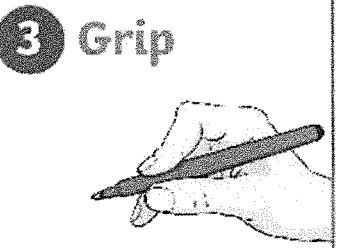
Choose the writing tool that is best suited to the task. 'Nip' it towards the end.

#### 2 Flip




'Flip' the writing tool around so that it is resting on your hand.


#### 3 Grip



'Grip' the writing tool. Make sure it is pinched between the ball of the thumb and the forefinger, supported by the middle finger with the other fingers tucked away.



Check - Does your grip provide stability and freedom of movement?





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## **Free School Meals**

### **My child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**

All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

You will need to find out from the school how to order and access the meals.

Contact your child's school directly if you have any other questions about the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

### **Pupil Premium - extra support for your child**

You can apply for the Pupil Premium which provides your child's school with additional funding to support them

### **My child in in Year 3 or above**

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

If a child resides in a local authority care home they will **not** qualify for free school meals. This is because government funding has already been allocated to fund their meals.

### **How do I apply?**

To apply for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium please complete an online form which will give you an instant decision. Please see below link:

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### **Contact**

To contact the Free School Meals team the best and quickest way is to pop us an email to [freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk) We will aim to respond in no longer than 3 working days.