Grands Vaux Primary School
Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the new school year. It has been a busy start. The children have settled well into their new classes. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers attend our 'Welcome' meeting this week, your support as always is truly appreciated.



Welcome and Share meeting 16.9.26:
Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to make this session. It was an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and find out more about the year ahead. Our school average turnout was 65%.

Class	%age attended	Class	%age attended
Nursery	**100%**	**3**	**82%**
Reception	**37%**	**4**	**50%**
1	**100%**	**5**	**52%**
2	**55%**	**6**	**44%**

Curriculum Letters:
You should have received a curriculum letter from your child's class teacher outlining the term ahead. Please do get in touch if you have not received this letter.

Healthy Snacks:

To support children's learning and wellbeing, all snacks brought into school should be healthy choices. Suitable snacks include fruit, vegetables, cheese, crackers and other nutritious options.
We ask that children do not bring sugary snacks into school. Foods that are high in added sugar can cause rapid increases and decreases in energy levels, which may affect concentration, focus and readiness to learn. Healthier snacks help to provide more sustained energy throughout the day and support children's overall health.
Please do not send chocolate, crisps, biscuits or sweets as snacks for school. The children should be aware of this expectation as it was part of Mrs Noel's assembly this morning.

Jersey Spartans Link:
This half term, we are delighted to welcome Jason Cox from Jersey Spartans to our school. Jason will be working with our children to develop their athletics skills and help them build confidence through a range of exciting activities. We are also trialling mixed year groups for PE lessons, which we hope will encourage teamwork, strengthen relationships across the school, and increase participation and enjoyment in physical activity. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact this will have on our pupils over the coming weeks.

Guernsey Visitors:
On 8th October, Grands Vaux School will be delighted to welcome a group of teachers from Guernsey to observe teaching and learning across the school. The visit will focus on our journey to becoming a White Rose Champion School and will provide an opportunity to share the strategies and approaches that have supported the successful implementation of the White Rose Maths scheme.



Teachers will visit classrooms, discuss the impact of the scheme on pupils' mathematical understanding and outcomes, and explore how a consistent approach to mathematics teaching has been embedded throughout the school.
The visit will form part of Mrs Audrain's NPQLPM (National Professional Qualification for Leading Primary Mathematics) project, promoting collaboration and professional dialogue between schools across the Channel Islands. It will be a valuable opportunity to showcase effective practice and strengthen professional partnerships with colleagues from Guernsey.
Champion School blog: Our White Rose Journey

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 14th October – Parent Teacher Consultations – bookings will be made available shortly.
Tuesday 1st December KS1 Christmas Celebration – St Paul's Church - 6pm
Wednesday 2nd December KS2 Christmas Celebration – St Paul's Church - 6pm

INSET 26-27 - sch closed to the children Monday 12th April 2027 and Monday 7th June 2027. These can also be found here: School term dates on gov.je
INSET 27-28 are due for publication soon.

Data Sheets:

A reminder to please ensure that your contact information is kept up to date. We must have accurate address, email and phone numbers for the children's contacts on our system. This is essential should we ever need to get in touch with you in an emergency. Please inform us of any changes as soon as possible, you do not need to wait for our regular update request. New data sheets for update will be shared with you next week, please can you ensure these are updated and returned to school as a matter of priority.

Uniform:



A reminder of our school uniform expectations.
WINTER - School sweatshirt /cardigan (logo), white polo shirt (can be plain or with sch logo), grey skirt, tunic, trousers or shorts, black shoes (these may be plain black trainers).
SUMMER - As winter above or Summer dress.
P.E KIT - Navy Blue School tracksuit or navy blue unbranded jogging bottoms , white polo shirt (as above), black/navy shorts, trainers.
Our uniform provider is Lyndale Sports.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or if there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life. All at Grands Vaux Primary School are committed to the well-being of your child/ren so if we can help, please let us know.

Kind regards

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Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher