

# Autumn Dates & Curriculum Insights- Dough Disco & Science

## Autumn Term



Grasslot  
School

We have a very busy term leading up to Christmas. Upcoming dates for your diaries...

Thursday 24th October- Celebrating Diwali Day (see below)

Friday 25th October- Halloween Fun Day (see below)

Friday 25th October- Finish school for half term.

Monday 4th November- Back to school

Monday 11th November- Anti-bullying week.

Tuesday 12th November- Into Film Festival cinema visit (Rec, Year 1 & Year 2) see below.

Thursday 14th November- Pyjama drama road safety workshop for Year 1 & 2

Friday 15th November- Children in Need. Children can wear Pudsey bear items of clothing or pyjamas for school. £1.00 donation for non-uniform. There will also be Pudsey Bear items on sale in school.

Wednesday 27th November- Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball competition (details to follow)

Wednesday 4th December- Carol service for Year 1 & 2 children- St Mary's Church. 6pm start.

Thursday 5th December- Christmas Fayre (school will close at 1pm on this day for all children)

Tuesday 10th December- Reception, Nursery and Sunbeams Christmas show (9.15am start)

Wednesday 11th December- Reception, Nursery and Sunbeams Christmas show (9.15am start)

Wednesday 11th December- Year 1 and 2 Christmas show (2pm start)

Thursday 12th December- Year 1 and 2 Christmas show (9am start)

Monday 16th December- Carol singing at Riverside residential care home- Year 1/2.

Tuesday 17th December- Carol singing at Granville Court care home- Year 1/2

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Dinner day. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers/ outfits.

Thursday 19th December- Christmas Party day.

Friday 20th December- Finish school for Christmas holidays 1.00pm.

Tuesday 7th January- Back to school.

## Diwali



We have booked a Diwali workshop on Thursday 24th October, during which the children will enjoy dressing up, music and dance activities. Part of this will include a little bit of face paint applied to the face/ hands of the children (consent form must be completed prior to this).

All children are welcome to attend school in bright clothes on this day and we will have traditional Indian snacks for the children to taste & crafts for them to enjoy.

## Halloween Fun Day



Children are welcome to attend school in a fancy dress costume. We will enjoy Halloween games and crafts in school.

## Into Film Festival



The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be attending a special screening of Despicable Me 4 at Workington Cinema as part of the Into Film Festival.

There will be a charge of £3 per child to go towards the cost of the bus. The payment will be available soon on Eduspot.

## Dough Disco



Dough Disco is a fun, hands-on activity designed to develop young children's fine motor skills, especially their hand strength and coordination. It involves using playdough to perform a series of exercises to music. The aim is to help children improve the muscles in their fingers and hands, which is important for tasks like writing, cutting with scissors, and other activities that require hand control.

### **How Dough Disco works:**

- Children are given a small piece of playdough.
- With music playing, they follow guided movements like squeezing, rolling, pinching, and patting the dough.
- These movements strengthen their hands, fingers, and wrists, building the muscles needed for fine motor tasks.

Please see Tapestry for more photos and videos.







## Grasslot School achieve Primary Science Quality Mark



The **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)** is an award that schools can earn to show they are doing a great job in teaching science. It helps schools improve their science lessons and make sure students are getting the best experience possible.

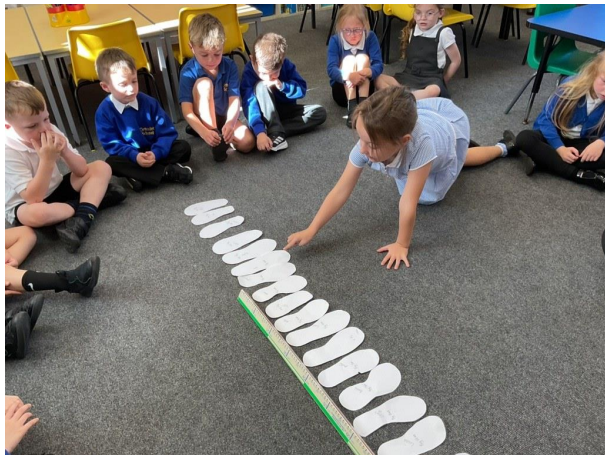
### **Key Points for Parents:**

- **Improving Science Education:** PSQM helps teachers plan better lessons, use more hands-on activities, and make science exciting for children.
- **Hands-on Learning:** Schools work to include more experiments and investigations, so children learn by doing, which is fun and educational.
- **Focus on Progress:** Schools that aim for the PSQM regularly review and improve their science teaching, ensuring students develop a strong understanding of science over time.
- **Building Confidence:** Teachers get extra training, helping them feel more confident and creative in how they teach science.

For parents, PSQM means the school is committed to providing high-quality science education, inspiring curiosity, and helping children enjoy and succeed in science!







Thank you for your continued support.

