



Things to look forward to!

Thursday 14th May: Year 2 trip to Arundel Wetlands

Friday 22nd May:
School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break

Monday 1st June:
School reopens for Summer 2

Thursday 11th June:
Year 2 trip to Southsea Model Village

Thursday 25th June:
Summer Fayre 3.15pm on the field!

Friday 26th June:
School INSET closure:
Transition and next steps

Monday 29th June: Armed Forces Day celebration

Wednesday 1st July:
Year R trip to Swanwick Lakes

Thursday 16th July:
Year 2 Leavers' performance in school hall pm

Wednesday 22nd July:
Whole school sports morning followed by a family picnic

Wednesday 22nd July:
School closes at **1.30pm** for the Summer break

Happy Friday Grange Families,

The months really are flying by and here we are at the end of the first week in May with the half term break fast approaching. As the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun" and the children have certainly been doing that!

Next week sees the first of our Summer trips with Year 2 off to Arundel Wetlands which is not only an amazing centre for learning but also a key partner in highlighting environmental impact and looking after the planet. It will tie in so well with the celebrations nationally for David Attenborough's 100th birthday and at an assembly this week, I was so impressed to see how many children recognised him and had seen some of his programmes. Look out for the BBC's 'David Attenborough's 100 Years on Planet Earth' tonight at 8.30pm.

Thank you to all of our community for understanding and complying with our new car park rules, making it a much safer space for pedestrians, cyclists and scooters. The gate timings have helped to reduced traffic on site and the carpark looks so tidy with everyone reverse parking!

A big thank you to all of the children for an amazing couple of weeks in which I have loved seeing the many achievements and successes across the school. No matter whether it's small steps or giant leaps, I am always so proud of the children at Grange Infants and what effort they put into their learning, as well as their behaviour. It never fails to make me smile when I see children overcome a challenge or have one of those 'light bulb moments' when things simply click into place. Well done to everyone for keeping our Grange Infant School Values and shining bright!

Our after school clubs start next week and again, we had a huge number of applicants. We have tried our very best to give every child their first choice but this has not always been possible. No child has gone without a club though and I'm sure they will all enjoy the extra activities no matter what they are! A big thank you to the staff for giving their time so generously to give the children a variety of new and exciting experiences.

Please remember, there is always someone here to help, to advise and to listen. No worry, query or question is ever too big or too small! Find us on the playground in the morning and at the end of the day, or pop into the office to see one of the lovely office staff.

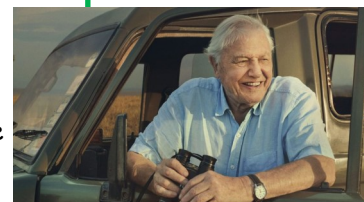
Best wishes, Miss Myers

Happy 100th Birthday David Attenborough!

Today we celebrate the 100th birthday of my hero, Sir David Attenborough.

The children joined a special assembly this week to recognise the amazing work this man has done and the lasting impact he will have on our planet and how to take care of it.

The Year 2 Community group will be focusing on being 'green' and what we can do in a local community to help, so watch out for updates.





Friday Flyer

8th May 2026

PE Days for the Summer 1 Term 2026



Here are the PE Days for this first half term:

Year R

Sparrows/ Starlings:
WEDNESDAY
(kits already in school)

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins
THURSDAY
(full PE kit)

Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds
MONDAY- PE
(full PE kit)
TUESDAY—Gym
(shorts needed)

Please can you make sure all jewellery is removed as part of our health and safety guidance.

It is always good practice to name all items of clothing too!

We would ask that PE kits consist of black shorts or trackies when it is colder and a plain white t-shirt.

School jumpers or cardigans can be worn so please avoid hoodies or other sweatshirts.

We encourage the children to wear black plimsolls or plain black trainers.

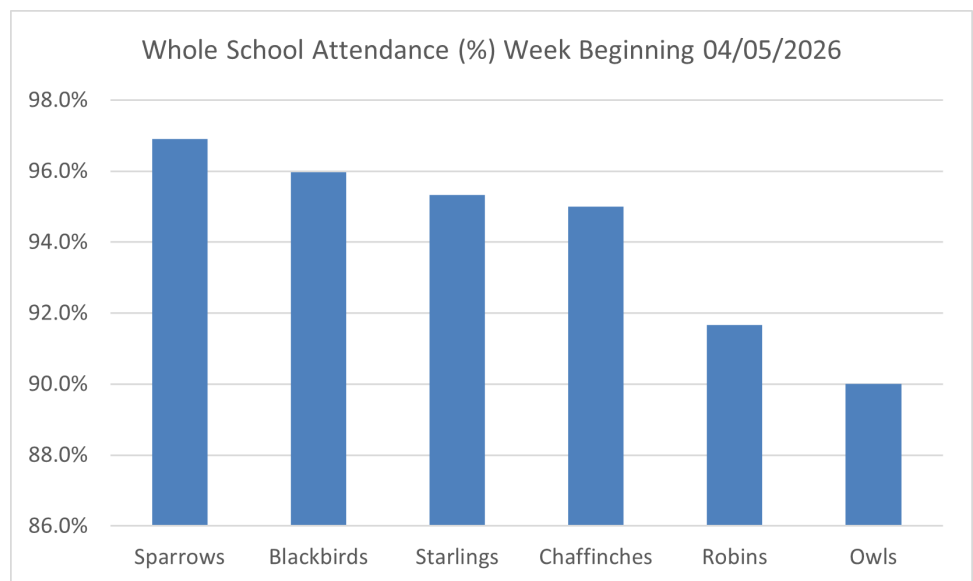
Attendance

Each week, attendance is tracked across the school and on a Friday the class with highest attendance for that week, gets a certificate.

At the end of each term, we look at who has had the best attendance overall and that class gets to choose an item for their class such as a new game.

This week the winners are:
Sparrows with 96.9%

Congratulations and well done for your great attendance this week.



Don't forget, the more you're in school, the more learning you can do!

As a school, we have a responsibility and a duty of care to ensure that children attend school regularly and that attendance is good.

Where attendance drops, we will make contact with parents and carers and work with you to get attendance back on track. Please also note that we will request evidence such as text/email/letter confirmation from the medical practice for ALL appointments taken during school hours.

PERSISTENT LATES

Sometimes, things don't go right, and we appreciate that and always endeavour to be sensitive and understanding. However the amount of children who are being persistently late is not acceptable. Please make every effort to be organised and get your children to school, on time, between 8.45-8.55am.

Reporting School Absence

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please can you make sure you phone this through into the school office. A message can also be left on the absence line (option 2) if there is no one to answer the phone, or you are calling out of hours.

Whilst we love Class Dojo and all that it offers, please can we ask that parents do **not** use the messaging service to report absence. Additionally, email should only be used as a last resort method of contact. **Leaving a voicemail on our absence line is the preferred and most efficient method of reporting absences.** Thank you!

Healthy, Happy Lunches

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed a drop in the number of children having a free hot lunch. The staff have spent time with the children to find out why this may have happened and to explore the new menus with Chartwells to see for themselves what the meals are like.

What we've discovered is that our children love routine and that too much change can be confusing or unsettling. The menus, although similar to the previous ones, do not always follow a set pattern, such as Pizza Wednesdays. In this way we are working with Chartwells to try and resolve this and encourage the children to take up the Free School Meals offer.

Please can we ask you to talk through the menus with your children and to encourage them to try them again. The Universal offer for fully funded hot meals is a great offer and ensures that our families are not having to spend out of expensive packed lunches.

Sports Morning and Family Picnic

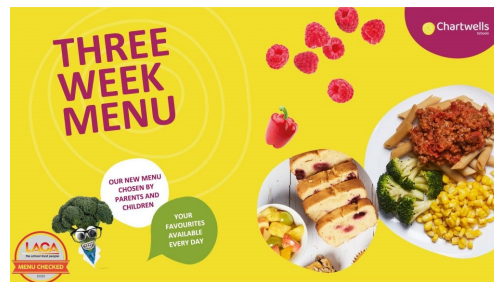
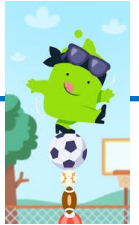
22nd July 2026

Join us for our annual sporting event

This year, we have decided to extend this popular family event to include a picnic on our field.

As usual, the children will be in mixed age teams and will compete in a loop of races, blue versus red. After all of the excitement and (healthy) competition, we thought we would host a family picnic to celebrate the end of not only the summer term, but also the year.

More details will follow soon but save the date!



Packed Lunches

As you have seen above, we are working hard to increase the number of children having hot school lunches. However, we do understand that on some days, your child may need to bring a home packed lunch.

We pride ourselves on being a healthy school and promoting a healthy lifestyle. This includes the food that we eat and having a balanced diet. We have noticed that many of the children's packed lunches have too many chocolate and sugar-based items. This can have an impact on their afternoon as well as a long-term impact on their general health.

We would ask that packed lunches include the following:

A portion of carbohydrate: bread, crackers, wraps (wholegrain if possible)

A portion or two of fruit or veg

A portion of protein: meat, egg, fish, cheese

A dairy option: yoghurt, cheese

Take a look at the following for more ideas:

[The Eatwell Guide - NHS](#)

[Healthier Families - Home - NHS](#)



Grape Alert!

If your child is bringing grapes into school as part of their packed lunch, please ensure each grape is cut in half **long-ways** or into 4 long pieces to prevent any risk of choking.



Please, please, please ALWAYS slice grapes before giving them to young children....

At Grange Infants, we deeply value the strong partnership we share with our parent community. Your involvement plays a vital role in creating a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment for all our children.

We are writing to kindly remind all parents and guardians about the importance of role modelling our Grange Values while on the school playground, particularly during drop-off, pick-up, and after-school hours. Parental influence is so powerful and has a significant impact upon how the children will then view and interact with the world around them.

Here are some suggestions as to how you can help us...

Polite and Respectful



Share with your child topics that interest you or engage them in your hobbies.

Ask them about their day and share what you have done too.

Come to our homework events.

Say "Good morning" to other parents and staff.
Avoid any inappropriate language or raised voices.
Wear appropriate clothing on the school run.- no inappropriate language/ slogans.

Love of Learning



Support your child in reaching personal targets and goals such as moving to the next reading book band.

Instil a sense of competition and an understanding that we can't win all the time.

Show that it's ok to make a mistake.

Aiming High



Model kindness to others through your words and actions.

Show your child how much you value the school grounds and property.

Talk to your child about both positive and negative feelings and share when you have felt these.

Nurture and Care



Model to your child an activity where you have had to put in a lot of effort and have tried hard even when it got tough.

Share with your child that there are times you have to do things you may not always like!

Effort from within



Make sure your child is dropped to the classroom door and handed over to a member of staff.

Make sure that bikes and scooters are not ridden on the playground.

Teach your child how to cross a road safely.

Safe and Secure





Wow and Proud Congratulations

8th May 2026



Sparrows

Wow Writer is Corey for working so hard on his handwriting!

Proud Pot is Kyron for thinking creatively with his Maths!



Starlings

Wow Writer is Aida for writing a sentence including the word 'and'!

Proud Pot is Bonnie for creating an underwater sea creature using painting and collage!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Hope C for creating her own text map of 'Oliver's Vegetables'!

Proud Pot is Willow for her super 3D shapes learning this week!



Robins

Wow Writer is Gianna for her fantastic story map!

Proud Pot is Hallie for her amazing effort with her Maths learning!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Bryan for innovating his 'Bee and Me' story!

Proud Pot is Wyn for super symmetry in Maths!



Owls

Wow Writer is Isaac B for super adjectives when planning his Bee narrative!

Proud Pot is Esmae C for challenging herself in all her learning!