



Friday Flyer

12th September 2025



Things to look forward to!

Wednesday 17th Sept:
RaptoXotics Visit to Year 2

Friday 19th Sept:
Deadline for School Council applications KS1

Thursday 25th Sept:
MacMillan Coffee morning

Wk beginning 29th Sept:
Meet the Teacher for Year 1 and 2

Wk beginning 30th Sept:
Meet the teacher for Year R

Tuesday 7th Oct:
Individual pupil photos

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Phonics workshops - all parents are welcome! *More info to follow*

Wednesday 19th Nov:
Nasal Flu Sprays
Please complete the consent form!



INSET dates for this year- we like to give you plenty of warning so you can prepare!

Friday 3rd October:
Special Educational Needs

Monday 3rd November:
Special Educational Needs

Friday 13th February:
Gosport and Fareham Common Day Closure

Friday 26th June: Transition and next steps

To Our Lovely Grange Families,

Welcome to our first Friday Flyer of the new academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer, enjoying time with family and friends in the sunshine.

As we begin a brand-new school year, we are delighted to welcome you and your children back to Grange Infants. Whether your child is returning or joining us for the first time, we are excited to start this journey together. I really don't know where the time goes and I can't believe we are here at the start of a new school year, with a world of possibilities ahead of us all! September is a time of change and transition and I have been so proud of how well our children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled straight back into school with such strength, independence and resilience. In the same way, our new Year Rs have been attending part time and their arrival has brought such a buzz to the whole school and the smiles on the staff's faces says it all!

A huge thank you must go to all of the staff who have put so much effort into preparing the classrooms ready to welcome the children. Hopefully you all had a chance to visit your child's classroom last term but if not, our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will be taking place soon.

This term, we have lots of exciting activities planned to spark imagination and build foundational skills. From storytelling and outdoor play to early maths and phonics, we aim to make learning joyful and meaningful. You'll receive regular updates through newsletters and our school website, Facebook and Class Dojo, so you can stay connected with what's happening in the classroom. We also value your partnership and welcome your involvement in school life. Whether it's attending parent workshops, joining us for special events, or simply chatting at drop-off and pick-up, your support makes a big difference.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or contact the school office. We're here to help and want every child to thrive.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's early education. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead! May I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend. We can't wait to welcome you back again on Monday!

Best wishes, Miss Myers 😊



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PE Days for the Autumn Term 2025



Here are the PE Days for this first half term:

Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:
Will start PE later this term

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins
WEDNESDAYS

Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds
MONDAYS - PE
(full PE kit)

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.

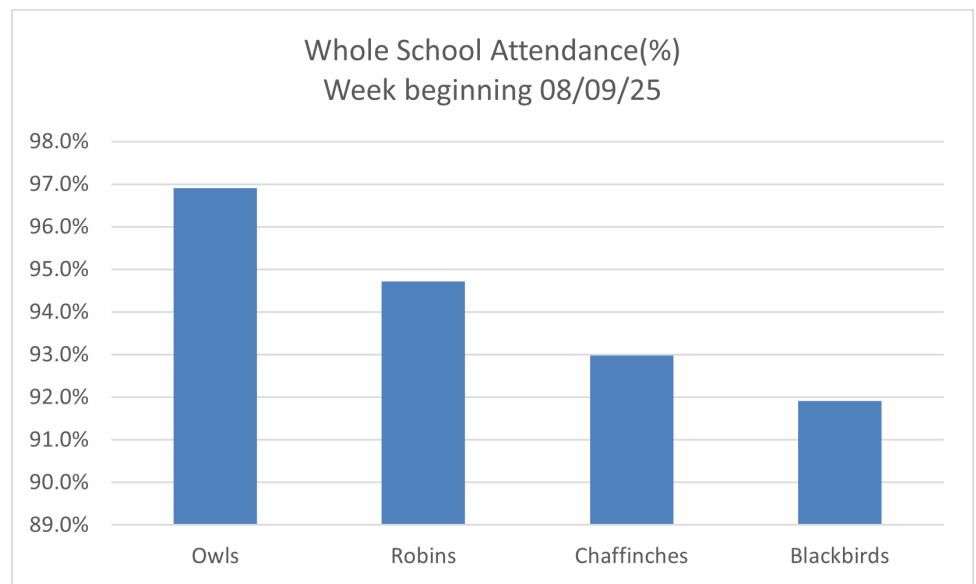
Attendance

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:
Owls with 96.91%

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.

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. Thank you!

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Class Dojo



The Class Dojo app is a brilliant way of staying in touch. It's safe, secure and private but offers a platform for us to communicate with you and for you to be able to contact your child's class teacher directly.

Each child has their own portfolio into which photos and activities can be uploaded.

The class page keeps you up to date with what's happening and often has photos of what the children have been up to that day.

If you haven't yet joined your child's class, please check 'clutter/junk' in your emails for the invite or speak to your child's class teacher for details. The lovely office staff are also available and happy to help.

Please respect our 'Quiet Hours' policy for Dojo messages and emails. Can we remind parents that messages and emails sent after 6pm, will not be responded to until after 8am the next morning. All absences must be reported to the office by phone call or voicemail on the absence line, NOT Class Dojo. Thank you!

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform!

The office is just re-stocking their supplies with everything you need. We also have a good amount of good quality, second-hand uniform available, so let the office know if you need anything or pop in to have a look at the selection in our reception/entrance area.

Gosport Community Hub based at Brune Park School also have a good selection of second hand items available to support local families.



Alternatively you can shop online at **School Trends**, simply follow the link on the uniform tab on our school website.

PLEASE NAME ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM AND PERSONAL ITEMS!

Loving Home Learning

Don't forget children in Year 1 and Year 2 can access Mathletics and Oxford Owl at home to help support the learning they are doing at school.

Mathletics gives them the chance to practice skills they've learnt in class, as well as experience a bit of healthy competition with other users.

Oxford Owl is a great resource for accessing online reading and e-books and developing that passion for reading.

All of the children have their own login and if these haven't already been sent out, they will very soon! Please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo if you would like these sent out again.

Please look out for the homework activities on Class Dojo too!



Parking in and around our school

Thank you to those of you who have approached us to ask for car park permits. These will need to be displayed on your dashboard so that they are visible to staff at the gates.

Can we remind all of our families that walking is really the best way to get to and from school and good for you too! Should you need to drive on the odd occasion, please remember to park safely and respectfully.

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A Summer of Firsts!



Our Vision for the school is 'A Flying Start' and this really underpins everything we do to give your child the very best start to their school years. We pride ourselves on the nurturing and welcoming approach we have to education as well as our strength in inclusivity and recognising every child for their uniqueness and individuality.

I have been asking for children to share any 'firsts' that they experienced over the summer break and for families to send in photographs for our display in school. This could be anything from losing a first tooth, to paddling boarding, from learning to swim to making a cake!

Thank you to those of you who have already sent photographs in. The display in our main corridor is starting to come together and is a great talking point for the children and the grown-ups!

If you have any 'firsts' that you would like to share, please email them to me at:

s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

Thank you - I can't wait to see what the children have been up to!

A Big Hello!

We are very excited to welcome new staff to our Grange Family this term.

Welcome to Mrs Bews who has joined us as the class teacher for Robins and welcome back to Mrs Wilkinson, who has re-joined our team!

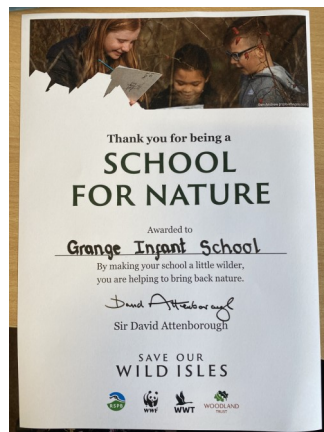
We know you will love being a part of Grange Infants and support our children in getting the 'Flying Start' they deserve!



Guardians of the Wild

A huge WELL DONE to last year's Year 2 for this amazing achievement following their visit to Arundel Wetlands. We have now been recognised as a 'School for Nature' which is so exciting!

We want to continue this great work through more sustainable choices and thought for our precious planet.



Medicine

A quick note on medicines in school!

If your child is likely to need Calpol during the school day, we do ask parents to please provide this, as our emergency supply is exactly that - for emergencies!

We are unable to administer medicine containing Ibuprofen to any child under the age of 16, which is, of course, all of our children.

Antihistamines should be administered at home before school, where possible this should be a 1 a day medication.

Antibiotics - should your child need during the school day, we ask this is just 1 dose. Parents must complete a medical form and drop off & collect the medicine from the office each day. Thank you!

Holidays during Term Time

Attendance is so important in your child's educational development and so we always ask our families not to take holidays during term time. Holidays taken will go down as an 'unauthorised absence' and will affect your child's overall attendance percentage.

You are also at risk of being issued a fine/ fixed penalty notice.

Use this link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

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PE Safety

As part of our drive towards healthy lifestyles and celebrating sport, please can we remind families that all jewellery must be removed before school on PE days.

We have noticed a number of children wearing necklaces and bracelets which are not permitted due to the risk of injury. Children will be asked to remove these and they will be returned at the end of the day.

Please can you make sure that children wear sensible and suitable footwear for PE. Our uniform states black plimsolls or plain, black trainers if possible.

For those classes who are doing gymnastics, the children **MUST** be in shorts. These can be brought in and kept at school.

Thank you!



Grange Infant's Office Hours

Our lovely office team is always here to help and support with any question, query or need. Miss Allison and Mrs Bamfield are our front of house duo with Mrs Fairs, our School Business Manager, available too. The team would like to remind our families of their opening times and to also let you know that in the event of an absence, to leave a voicemail which is picked up first thing.

The office is open from **8.30am to 3.30pm every day**
Once the office is closed, the answer machine will pick up any messages.



Thank you for your support

Thank you to all of you for your support with our water bottle changes! We were so excited that we could fund a brand new water bottle for every child in school this year. This will reduce bottles getting lost, cracked or smashed and will ensure that every child has a bottle available every day. It has been so lovely to see the children keen to hydrate and they really do understand how important water is as part of a healthy lifestyle. WE do encourage families to try and avoid squashes and fruity waters due to the impact on health and teeth.

For more information please use this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/>



Home School Link Worker (HSLW) Mrs Kennell



My role as the HSLW is to help you and your child get the best out of school and family life.

I can support you and your children with advice and signpost you to other professionals for additional help. I am able to advise you with any worries you may have about attendance, your child's emotional well-being, behaviour or mental health.

Every child and every parent matters and I am happy to support you any way I can.

You can contact me via the school office or pop into the Aviary, which is on the main playground, for a chat.

Keep an eye out for up-coming events that will be posted on Class Dojo and the school website.

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) Mrs Cave



My role as the SENDCO is to support your child with their learning and development ensuring the best outcomes regardless of their personal starting point. I am here to offer advice to both staff and families for every child who has an additional need including learning, physical need or mental health.

I can support you and your children with advice and signpost you to other professionals for additional help. I can make referrals to external professionals such as the School Nursing team, Educational Psychology and Primary Behaviour Support.

You can contact me via the school office or catch me on the main playground, for a chat.

I work Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



School Age Immunisation Service



Get protected against flu



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.



COMING SOON



The Immunisation team will be coming to school soon to administer the flu nasal spray to the students.

Date - 19/ 11 / 25



Scan the QR code

School Code

SH 116171



Wow and Proud Congratulations

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Sparrows

A big, warm Grange welcome to our new Sparrows! Year R will join Wow and Proud soon.
Well done for a super first week at school!



Starlings

A big, warm Grange welcome to our new Starlings! Year R will join Wow and Proud soon.
Well done for a super first week at school!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Jenesis for her beautiful sentences about the colour yellow!
Proud Pot is Jay-Jay for trying so hard with all of his learning!



Robins

Wow Writer is Zahlee for showing great resilience with her writing this week!
Proud Pot is Mia for being so polite and respectful all week!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Heather for lovely writing this week!
Proud Pot is Enes for his fabulous creation of an octopus!



Owls

Wow Writer is Oliver for his super descriptive writing about a dragon!
Proud Pot is River-Rai for following our Grange Values all week!