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Things to look forward to!

Friday May 23rd:

Year 1 and Year 2 reports out to parents

Friday 23rd May:

School closes for the half term break

Monday 2nd June: School re-opens for Summer 2

Thursday 26th June:

Infant and Junior School Summer Fayre after school

Friday 4th July: Year R reports out to parents

Week beginning 7th July: Optional parent meetings

**Tuesday 8th July:** Year 2s visit Grange Junior school as part of their transition

Tuesday 8th July at 2pm: Year 2 to Year 3 Parent Meeting at Grange Junior

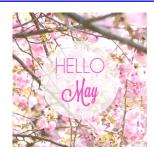
Tuesday 15th July: Whole school Sports Afternoon @2pm

Thursday 17th July: Year 2 Leavers' performance at St Mary's Church @2pm

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

27th June:

Transition and next steps



Happy Friday Grange Families,

The months are flying by and here we are already half way through May, with the half term holiday fast approaching, but as the saying goes, 'Times flies when you're having fun!'

Teams have been busy planning the final half term and we have lots of exciting trips ahead for many of the children. It has been so nice to have a few sunny, warm days and we hope many more are ahead of us so we can make the most of our wonderful grounds and open spaces.

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 continue to be a great success and we are proud of the opportunity we give the children to develop those important life skills such as cooking and art. I must thank the wonderful staff who give their time to run these clubs and in investing so much thought into activities and experiences. It has also been great to welcome ActiveMe360 and FunkdDance to widen our offer to the children.

There are lots of dates for you in this newsletter, so please take the time to read through and add them to your calendars so you don't miss anything. It's certainly going to be a busy end to the year!

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:)

#### **KS1** Reports

On Friday 23rd May, Key Stage 1 reports will go out to parents. Please take the time to read through your child's report and to give some feedback. It is always so important to have parent views shared with us so we can improve further but also know what we are doing well.

Reports for children in Year R will go out in July.





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#### PE Days for the Summer Term 1 2025



Here are the PE Days for Summer 1 half term when the children will need to come to school in their PE kit:

Year R

Sparrows/Starlings:

**TUESDAYS** 

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins

MONDAYS

Year 2

Owls & Magpies THURSDAYS

**Blackbirds** 

**FRIDAYS** 

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 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.



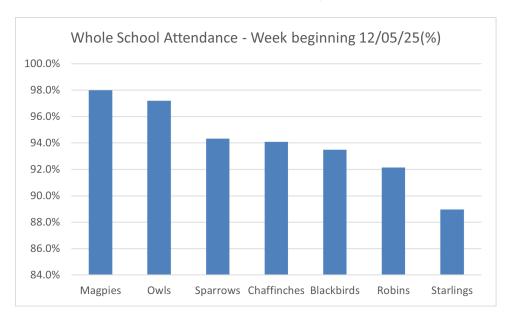
#### Attendance

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: Magpies with 98%

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.

#### 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, before 10.00am on each day of your child's absence. A message can also be left on the absence line (option 2) if there is no one able to answer the phone, or if you are calling out of office 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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With the hope of warmer days ahead, please can we remind you all about sun safety and well-being. Every child should have their water bottle in school every day. All classes have access to water dispensers so that bottles can be topped up during the day as we are encouraging them to drink more to keep hydrated.

On warmer, sunny days, please can we ask for your child to come to school with an application of sun cream already on. Under health and safety guidance, we cannot apply sun cream to any child but can guide and support them in doing it themselves should they need an additional application.

Sun hats are great for shading little faces and eyes.

Please make sure all hats are named clearly!

#### Annual Parent and Families Survey 2025



### Thank you to those of you who have returned our parent survey!

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning a £25 voucher, please return your completed form by Friday 23rd May.

Your views, thoughts and suggestions are such a great way for us to seek to make improvements and to make Grange Infants the best it can be!

#### I need your bottle tops!

As part of the Grange Community
Award this year, the children will be
creating a piece of art by 'upcycling'
everyday materials. If you have any
coloured bottle tops such as red/
blue/ green milk carton tops please
could you pop them in to the office or
pass them to me on the playground?



#### Listen up!

We know how much the children love to listen to popular music and with the ease of access to streaming and other music platforms, they can listen to a wide range of different styles.

Recently, there has been a rise in the use of explicit and inappropriate language and we believe this may be as a result of listening to certain music that is not suitable for younger children.

Please can we ask that you monitor the music your child and older siblings are listening to. This will ensure that we all work together to maintain a respectful and inclusive environment at the school.

Thank you!





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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...



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.



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.



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.

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.



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.



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!





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#### Our VE Day Celebration!

What an AMAZING afternoon we had last Thursday, celebrating VE Day, 80 years on! We were blessed by beautiful sunshine and the support from families was truly wonderful.

Thank you for your support for this family event. It was definitely one of our most successful ones and the feedback was so positive.

Thank you to the staff for organizing a whole range of activities and to the children for their brilliant singing.







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