



**Things to look forward to!**

**Tuesday 30th April:** Year 1 trip to Alver Valley Garden Centre and Country Park

*Please let your class teacher know if you would like to join us as a volunteer for the trip.*

**Thur 2nd May:**  
Polling Day Closure

**Tuesday 14th May :**  
NSPCC workshops for all year groups

**Friday 24th May:**  
KS1 Homework showcase

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May:**  
School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July:**  
Last day of Summer term, it's a Monday Fun Day!

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

**Fri 5th July:**  
Transition planning

**Tue 23rd July:**  
Behaviour and restorative practice



Welcome to the summer term Grange Families,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break, relaxed with your family and ate lots of chocolate! It has been lovely as always, to see the children's happy, smiling faces and to hear all about the exciting things they have been up to. The playground has such a positive buzz every morning and I always love that time before the doors open for the new day, when I can walk around, have a chat with the children and watch them having fun with their friends.

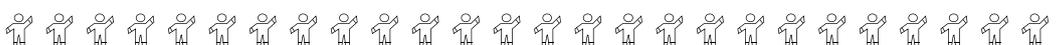
The children have been 'hooked' into their learning with Year 2 celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi, Year 1 growing beans and exploring the first signs of spring and of course, Year R, having a fantastic visit from Mill Cottage Farm. The summer term is always a busy one but the welcome sunshine and (slightly) warmer weather means that we can spend much more time in the great outdoors whether on our huge field or in the shade of the woods.

This week we celebrated St George's Day and thought about what it means to be British, how we can all show strength and resilience just like George did when he faced the 'dragon' and embracing our rich and diverse culture. Over the Easter break, Eid al-Fitr, was celebrated all over the world and the children have heard all about this special celebration and the importance of charity, will-power and reflection.

The school had a local authority visit on the last day of term and we were so pleased with the positive feedback we received! The children and the staff continue to work so hard to make Grange Infants the warm and welcoming place it is and this was recognised during the visit. I was so proud of how polite and engaging the children were, showing focus and effort in their learning and facing challenges with confidence. Thank you to everyone for making this visit so positive! What an amazing team!

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 😊



**PE Mentoring with ActiveMe360**

This week Year 2s will have the exciting opportunity to work with talented sports coaches from ActiveMe360. The children will be taking part in sports coaching and we know they are going to get so much from this experience!

Matt Lewis from the ActiveMe360 team is also running a sports after school club for the Year 2s. They are definitely been kept active!





# Friday Flyer

26th April 2024

## PE Days for the Spring Term 2024



Here is a reminder of PE Days below!

### Year R

**Starlings/Sparrows:  
WEDNESDAYS**

### Year 1

**Chaffinches/Robins/  
Wagtails:  
THURSDAYS**

### Year 2

**Owls/Blackbirds:  
MONDAYS**

**AND**

**Owls Gymnastics:  
THURSDAYS**

**Blackbirds Gymnastics:  
FRIDAYS**

**SHORTS ARE NEEDED  
FOR GYMNASTICS**

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 on top 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.

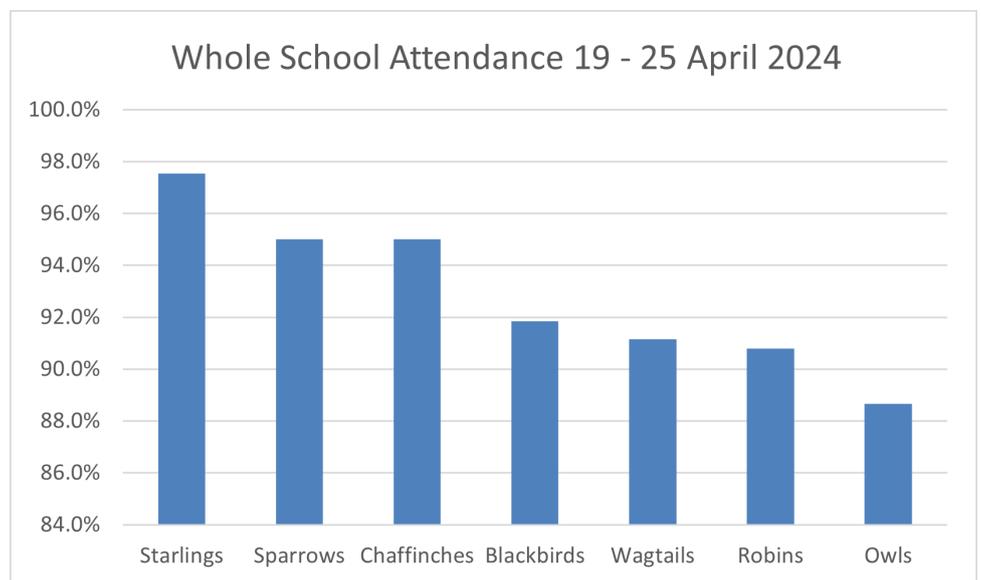
At the end of each term, we look at who has had the best attendance overall and that class gets to choose an item for their class such as a new game.

**This week the winners are:  
Starlings with 97.54%**

Congratulations and well done for your great attendance this week.



Whole School Attendance 19 - 25 April 2024



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!

## Year 2 Celebrate Holi!

This week Year 2 took part in a rather messy but fun celebration for the Hindu festival of Holi. This important festival, also known as the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring, signifies the triumph of good over evil and is a day to forgive and forget. Each colour has its own meaning and the children had a great time placing coloured handprints on their friends' t-shirts!



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## The Farm Comes to Grange!

Last week we welcomed Mill Cottage Farm to school! Our car park became a barn for the day with all the animals quite at home in their pens. The children had an amazing time, meeting the animals, learning all about handling and how to care for the animals and of course getting the chance to get up close and stroke them too.

The weather just about behaved itself and we had no run away lambs this year!





## Play Leaders



### A Big Welcome to our Year 5 Play Leaders 2024!

This week we started a brand new initiative to engage and motivate our Year 2 children. We invited Year 5 volunteers to join us for part of their lunch play to lead a range of activities such as sports, art, IT and story telling. Under the guidance of Mrs Poate, who had the brainwave for this brilliant programme, a lovely group of Year 5s have worked with a number of our Year 2s and have led on different activities to inspire the children and to support busy lunchtimes.

The impact has been overwhelmingly positive with the children from both year groups having a brilliant time.

Being Year 5 pupils, they will still be at Grange Juniors in September when our Year 2s transition and can take on the role of buddies to help support this big change.



## Goodbye Mrs Bound

Mrs Bound, the Owls' teaching assistant and one of our HLTAs, said goodbye to us today after 6 fun-filled and busy years.

During her time here, Mrs Bound has worked across Key Stage 1 supporting children's learning, being a fantastic team member and more recently leading whole class teaching.

Mrs Bound will be greatly missed by us all here at Grange Infants and we wish her the best of luck as she moves on to start this next step in her new career

I know you will join me and the school's Governing Board in thanking Mrs Bound for her hard work and commitment to the school.



## Staffing Updates

As you will be aware, we have had a few changes in staffing recently and as a result there has been and will be some swapping around of staff between classes.

It's always good practice to let families know, although the best way tends to be through the children!

Updates as follows:

Miss Daniels and Mrs Russell now lead the Sparrows class

Mrs Wilkinson is the TA for the Starlings class

Mrs Pospiech is the TA in the Owls class

Mr Price and Mrs McKenzie are the TAs for the Blackbirds class

Miss Reed will be teaching the Chaffinches full time from next month

Miss Simpson will be joining the Wagtails class with Mrs Poate and..

..We will be saying goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Garwood for her amazing support in the Wagtails when she leaves us in May.





# Wow and Proud Congratulations



## Sparrows

Wow Writer is **Harper B** for writing a lovely simple sentence about the farm!

Proud Pot is **Eliza** for making numbers in different ways using the characters from our story, One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab!



## Starlings

Wow Writer is **Arizona** for writing her sentence independently!

Proud Pot is **Miray** for settling into the Starlings so well! Welcome to Grange!



## Chaffinches

Wow Writer is **Emelia** for great punctuation in her Jack and the Beanstalk writing!

Proud Pot is **Darcie** for doing all the Maths headers as a challenge!



## Robins

Wow Writer is **Kady** for using ! and . when writing about Jack and the Beanstalk!!

Proud Pot is **Cody** for joining in brilliantly with the Robins class and lovingly looking after his bean and the plants in the corridor!



## Wagtails

Wow Writer is **Austin W** for making so much progress with his productivity!

Proud Pot is **Isla & Evie** for writing down their reasoning during a Maths lesson!



## Blackbirds

Wow Writer is **Aiden** for super effort on his handwriting!

Proud Pot is **Ellia** for her beautiful Titanic homework project and a huge warm welcome to Naser who has settled into the Blackbirds class beautifully.



## Owls

Wow Writer is **Jaea** for some lovely descriptive sentences about bees!

Proud Pot is **Kacie** for doing lovely jottings showing her work in Maths this week!

