



# Friday Flyer

28th June 2024



## Things to look forward to!

### Tues 2nd July:

Transition Coffee afternoon  
2pm, more details coming  
soon!

### Wednesday 3rd July at 2.30pm:

Wall of Fame celebration  
assembly for families

### Thurs 4th July:

Polling Day CLOSURE AND  
Summer Fayre 3.30-5.30pm

### Fri 5th July:

School closed for INSET

**Tuesday 9th July:** Year 2 to  
Year 3 transition visit

### Tuesday 9th July:

Meet your child's new class  
team for current Year Rs and  
Year 1s.

### Thursday 11th July:

Homework showcase for  
Year 1 & 2 and 'book-look' for  
all classes after school

### Weds 17th July:

Y2 leavers' performance at  
St Mary's church 2pm

### Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July:

Last day of Summer term,  
it's a Monday Fun Day!

### Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July:

School Sports Afternoon at  
2pm - families invited!

More details to follow!

### Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July:

School closed for INSET

Happy Friday Grange Families

Another two weeks have flown by and here we are at the beginning of what looks to (hopefully!) be another sunny and pleasant weekend, perfect for getting out and about and exploring the local area.

We have welcomed many of our new entrants who will be starting school in September over the last 2 weeks for Songs, Stories and Smiles. The children have loved seeing 'big school', meeting the team and exploring the Early Years unit. Transition is such an important part of starting school, ensuring that the children feel safe and secure in new surroundings and are prepared for what's ahead. These sessions are vital in the children making key relationships both with the adults and with their peers, ready for this next big step. Thank you to the Year R team for hosting these brilliant sessions and for putting so much effort in to making the activities so much fun!

Over the next couple of weeks the children in Year R, 1 and 2 will all take part in their transition sessions, giving them the opportunity to meet their new class adults and to start to get to know their new classrooms for September. After their first visit on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, our current Year R and Year 1 children will bring home a letter to let you know which class they will be in. They will then have another visit on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Make sure you check out Class Dojo over the summer break, as we will be posting stories and activities for the children to watch and join in with.

This week, the national Schools' Diversity Week took place, celebrating diverse families, our own uniqueness and embracing difference. We love how unique our children are at Grange and embrace their individual personalities, giving them the tools to believe in themselves and cherish who they are, ready for a bright and exciting future. One of the Fundamental British Values is tolerance and this is something we instil in all of the children through our carefully planned and diverse curriculum. We are always happy to get feedback from our families about what else we could be doing to celebrate diversity, so please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas for the future.

As always, my 'door' is always open, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything I can help you with. The wonderful admin team are always here for you too.

Miss Myers



## INSET Days for 2024/25 *Always good to plan ahead!*

**Monday 2nd September:** Safeguarding, Health and Safety training

**Friday 4th October:** Well-being and Mental Health

**Monday 4th November:** Special Education Needs: Training, Provision and Planning

**Monday 24th February:** The Empowerment Approach training

**Friday 4th July:** Transition for 25/26



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## PE Days for the Summer Term 2024



### PE DAYS -

#### Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:  
MONDAYS

#### Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins/  
Wagtails:

THURSDAYS

#### Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds:  
TUESDAYS

AND

Owls Athletics:

THURSDAYS

Blackbirds Athletics:

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 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.

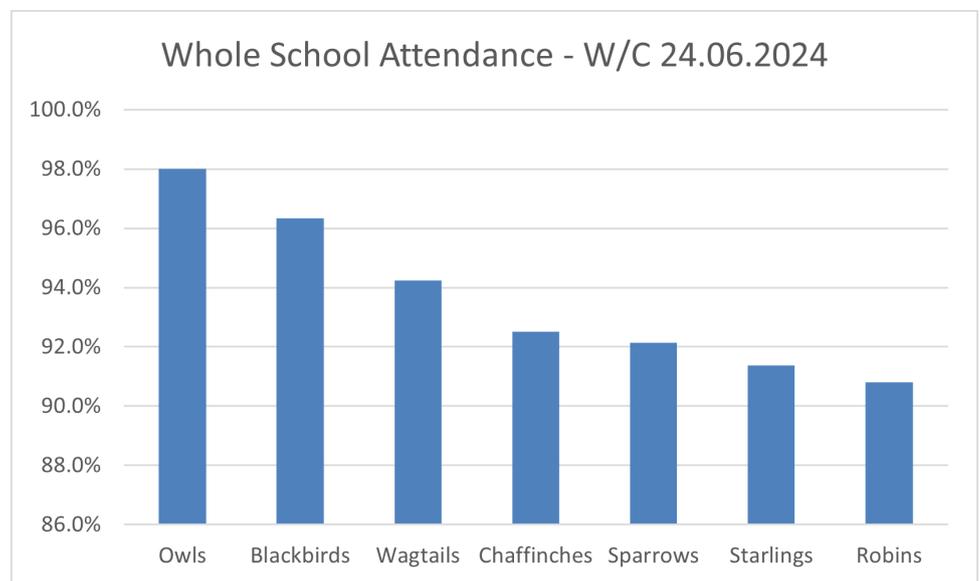
## Attendance

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:  
Owls 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. 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.

**Class Dojo must not be used to inform staff about your child's absence.**

**This must be reported to the school office at all times.**

**If your child is absent from school, you must notify the office each day of the absence, no later than 10am, thank you.**

## Changes to Penalty Notices for Term-Time holidays

Please be aware of the changes that will be coming into place regarding a child absent from school due to a holiday taken during term-time. Whilst I am very aware of the challenges families face regarding the increased cost of holidays and travel, I have to ensure we are in line with Government policy.

Please read the following and note the changes to the cost and the consequence for continuing to take term-time holidays. Thank you for your understanding.

## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

# 1

### 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.

# 2

### 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**.

# 3

### 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.

## Managing Change and Transition

We have all seen how quickly time flies and it really is hard to believe that we are only 3 weeks away from the end of the summer term. Our children grow so quickly and along the way, they will experience many changes such as moving house, having a new sibling, starting school and moving to a new class.

Whilst we work hard to ensure the children are prepared for change, we know how important the support they get from family at these times is.

Year 2 met with the Mental Health in Schools Team this week to talk about the transition to Year 3 and this gave the children a great opportunity to talk about their worries and to understand that it really is ok to feel anxious and worried. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be meeting their new classes and adults and will no doubt come home with great excitement but also apprehension. In this way, we wanted to give you some 'top tips' on how to support your child through transition:

**Plan ahead:** Children like to know what's coming up in their daily lives. Let them know what's happening, when and why. A calendar stuck to the fridge may help as could a countdown chart to events. Involve your child in getting their school uniform ready for the new term, look at the menus for school meals on our website and check in with Class Dojo for stories and activities posted every week.

**Keep to a routine:** Children respond well to repetition and predictability. Keeping to a bedtime routine helps a child to feel safe and secure. The summer break can seem like it goes on forever but as you get closer to the start of the new term, put those routines back in place so the children have time to adjust.

**Family time:** We all know how much children love to talk but sometimes they may not have the words to talk about their feelings. Talk to your child about your own feelings, label them and show how you manage these especially those 'trickier' ones such as anxiety, frustration and sadness. Using a mirror to look at facial expressions can also help.

**Get to know the staff team:** We are offering a meet and greet session on Tuesday 9th July after pick up. It really does make a difference if parents or family members can pop in and see the classroom and meet the new adults. We will make sure photos and class tours are also added to Class Dojo over the summer break.

**Have fun!** There really is so much to do in and around Gosport and don't forget the great outdoors is absolutely free! There are lots of local parks close to the school and more often than not, the children will bump into friends and classmates. Alver Valley is a great place to explore and Stokes Bay or Lee beach are just a bike ride away.



hello  
First day  
of SCHOOL



## Sun safety

We have all enjoyed some welcome sunshine this week and the rise in temperature was a surprise for many! We have noticed that many of the children do not have water bottles or hats in school. It is vital that all children bring a bottle to school every week so that they can hydrate as and when needed and more so, in hot weather.

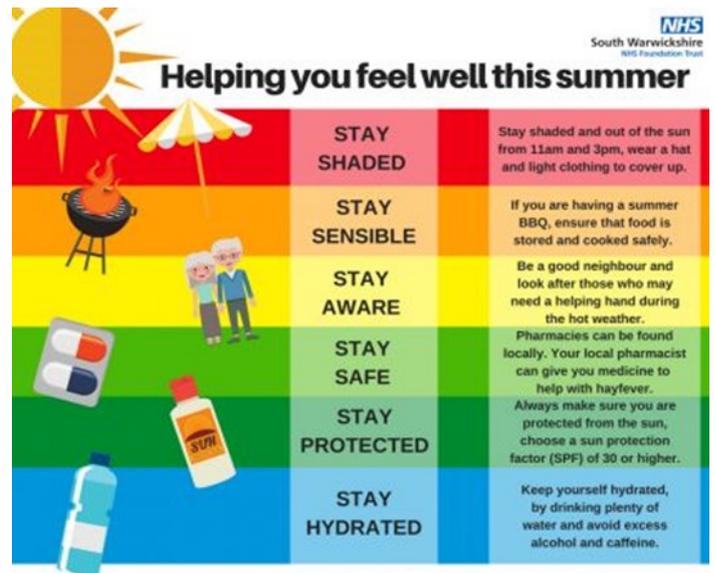
Hats are vital in keeping the children's heads and faces protected from the sun too.

We are working hard to be a more sustainable school, reducing the amount of single-use plastic and it has been heart-breaking to see how many children have needed to use plastic cups this week as they do not have their bottle. Please help us to look after the planet and do our bit towards a more sustainable world, by ensuring your child has their bottle in school every day. Bottles can be brought in daily or weekly and can be topped up from our many water stations as needed.

Click on these links for some more advice about water and its health benefits:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-much-water-should-my-children-drink>

<https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/general-health-advice-children/eat-smart/food-science/drinking/>



Please can we remind all families that juice or squash is just for lunchtime. The children are encouraged to drink water during lessons and squash can then be drunk at lunch time.

Water forms an essential part of a healthy and balanced diet as well as a healthy lifestyle. Squash, whilst it has its benefits, can be difficult to manage in a classroom and can be higher in sugar and very sticky too!

## Year 1 and 2 Get Out and About!

The last couple of weeks has seen the children in Key Stage 1 having some fun and learning through first hand experience in the great outdoors.

Year 2 spent a fantastic day at Arundel Wetlands learning about this important habitat and the role they play in being Guardians of the Wild.

Year 1 spent a lovely, if a bit chilly, day at Lee beach. Those clouds did not stop them from having a paddle in the sea and scavenging for beach 'treasure'!









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# Summer Fayre 2024

## Thursday 4th July - 3.30-5.30pm

### Join us on the field for lots of fun!



Jungle Run

Trampolines

Go-Karting

Bouncy Castle

Ice Cream

Carousel

Refreshments

Coconut Shy

Hot Food

Teddy Tombola

Hook-a-Duck

AND MORE!

Variety of Stalls

Bounce-Band

Buy a pass for unlimited use of the inflatables for £5!

Please bring cash as we are unable to accept card payments. Thank you!

If you would like to host a table-top stall, please contact your child's school office directly to book.

Stalls are available for £20 for school fundraising but all profits made are yours to keep!

Any parent volunteers available to help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community ♥.

School will be closed during the day on Thursday 4th July as the Juniors are being used a Polling Station.

However, as our fayre is taking place out of school hours and parents will be with their children, the event can still go ahead! Wahoo!

Why not pop next door, place your vote, and stick around for all the fun of the fayre!

# WOW AND PROUD

## Congratulations



### Sparrows

Wow Writer is George **W** for writing a simple phrase about pollution!

Proud Pot is Logan for moving up to **pink** group in Read Write Inc!



### Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Evie **L-E** for her fantastic writing about a plastic pollution!

Proud Pot is Darcie for her great Maths productivity!



### Wagtails

Wow Writer is Ruby **P** for excellent writing about pollution!

Proud Pot is Kashika for fantastic Maths, with repeated addition and multiplication!



### Owls

Wow Writer is Hannah for her detailed treasure map instructions using similes, expanded noun phrases and prepositions!

Proud Pot is Henlee for always working so hard, especially in Art this week!

### Starlings

Wow Writer is Alana for writing her simple phrase about pollution!

Proud Pot is Poppie for her super STEM project!

### Robins

Wow Writer is Henry for great productivity when writing about plastic!

Proud Pot is Alvia for writing a kind note to cheer up a friend!

### Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Amelia for her brilliant treasure map directions using prepositions!

Proud Pot is Ivy **L** for her lovely treasure map and directions and Felicity for her beautiful Bee Puppet project!!

