



Things to look forward to!

Week beginning 13th Jan:

Parent/teacher meetings for Year 1 and Year 2
Sign up sheets are at the classroom doors

Tuesday 4th Feb:

HMS Sultan visit Year 1

Friday 14th February:

Key Stage 1 Homework showcase

Friday 14th Feb:

School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break
(INSET on the Friday)

Tuesday 25th February:

School reopens - INSET on the Monday

Friday 28th March:

Non-uniform day for Easter chocolate donations

Wednesday 2nd April:

Easter Bonnet Parade for all classes

Wednesday 2nd April:

Easter disco after school

Friday 4th April:

School finishes at 3.15pm for the Easter break

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

24th February:

The Empowerment Approach

27th June:

Transition and next steps



Happy New Year to our lovely Grange Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year, enjoying quality moments with family and friends and taking time to relax and reflect upon 2024. What a year it was!

We loved welcoming families into school to help us celebrate important milestones, events and of course, Christmas! Fast forward 12 months and here we are, welcoming everyone back into school, ready to start a new and exciting spring term and a brand new year!

We have many exciting events ahead and lots of interesting and awe-inspiring learning opportunities!

It has been lovely to hear all the news from the children and to see how excited they have been to catch up with friends and the adults in their classes.

It sounds like everyone had a great Christmas! As I've walked around school this week, I have enjoyed listening to the children embracing new learning and being motivated by new topics and units of work. The classrooms as always, look bright and welcoming and I know the staff have put in a lot of effort to set up ready for the children's return. We certainly have an exciting term ahead of us, so look out for upcoming events and always check in with Class Dojo, Facebook and our website to find out what we are up to!

The spring term often brings with it coughs, colds and other viruses and whilst we understand anxiety can be high around illness, we must take a fresh look at attendance which took quite a hit last year and during the latter part of the autumn term. Attendance is the key to positive outcomes for all children and to ensure that they become the confident, successful and happy citizens of the future. We have a duty to let families know when attendance drops and we will work with you to find ways to make improvements. That's what we are here for!

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.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful New Year and extend my wishes for a positive, happy and healthy 2025!

Miss Myers 😊

Jewellery in School

Please can we remind parents that the only jewellery allowed in school is plain stud earrings. It has been lovely to see the array of bracelets and necklaces that many children got for Christmas but these are not appropriate for wearing in school and could get lost, broken or be a safety hazard.





Friday Flyer

10th January 2024

PE Days for the Spring Term 2024



PE Days for the Spring 1 Term 2025

Here are the PE Days for this half term:

Year R

Sparrows/Starlings:

MONDAYS

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins

WEDNESDAYS

Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds/Magpies:

TUESDAYS - PE (school uniform)

AND

Owls & Magpies THURSDAYS

FULL PE KIT

Blackbirds

FRIDAYS

FULL PE KIT

Shorts to be worn under trackies for GYM

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.

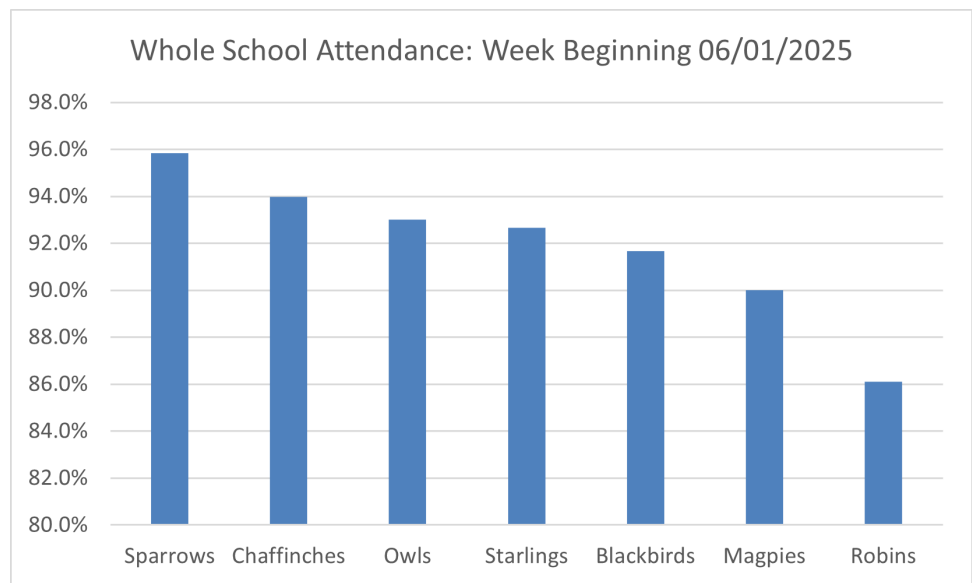
Attendance

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: Sparrows with 95%

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. 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!



Any unwanted gifts or left overs?!

We are always looking to support local charities and have been able to offer support to many of our families this Christmas through local groups.

If you have any unwanted items or non- perishable food, we will be delivering donations in the new year to support worthwhile causes. Thank you!



Applying for School Places

If you have a child who is due to start in either Year R or Year 3 in September 2024, please make sure you have completed the application within the window.

This window closes **15th January 2025** and any applications made after this will be classes as 'late' and may affect the allocation of the school.

Please use this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearrandyear3>

Notification of places for 'on time' applications is **16th April 2025**.

Staying in touch and keeping up to date at Grange Infants

We always try our very best to keep you updated about what's happening at the school including events, trips and learning themes. In the last two years, we have moved away from paper-based communication and instead communicate with our families electronically via email, Class Dojo (our learning platform), our school website and Facebook. All information can be found on these, so we strongly advise all of our families to engage with these and to check them regularly for updates.

This is how we usually use these methods of communication:



We will use email to send out letters, forms and newsletters. Texts are usually sent for reminders or quick updates and attendance messages.



ClassDojo

We use Class Dojo for class messages, homework and using individual portfolios for uploading and sharing work and photographs of your child's learning. You can also message your child's class teacher directly using this platform.



We use Facebook as a fast way of updating you on events, news and requests.



Our website is full of useful information such as policies, school structure and staffing, curriculum overviews, a calendar and useful links.

Parent Meetings for Year 1 and 2

These meetings take place next week.

Don't forget to sign up for your slot.

These meetings are a great opportunity for you to find out how your child is getting on and what you can do you help and support them .

Please can we ask that every parent makes sure they sign up and attends.



Hot School Meals: Make sure your child does not miss out!

As you are aware, all children from Year R to Year 2, are entitled to a free hot meal every day. This is such a fantastic offer and one we hope will continue as we know the difference a full tummy can make to a child's afternoon.

We have noticed that the uptake of these has dropped off and so wanted to reach out to our families and ask you to access these if you are not doing so already.

Now that the weather has become much colder, a hot meal can make such a difference to a child's well-being. All meals are nutritionally balanced and the 3 week rotation ensures variety and allows children to try new things, as well as having favourites such as the roast dinner and pizza.

Menus are shared every week on Class Dojo and you can also request a paper copy from the office.

Why not have a chat with your child and go through the options.? You'd be amazed at how willing children are to try when they see their friends doing the same!

See this link for more information:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/education-catering/>



Book Swap

Don't forget we still have our Book Swap Bookcase in the main entrance stocked with many donated and second-hand books.

The way it works is that you can bring your own book in and swap it for a new one from the shelf or simply make a donation of 20p for a book of your choice!



Wonders and Worries on the Internet

Whilst we all know what an amazing resource the internet is, we also know what a dark place it can be too. We all have a part to play in keeping children safe when they're on line and our curriculum ensures that the children are taught how to do this.

Do you know what your child is accessing?

The dangers of the online world are constantly in the press and social media, and it is sad to hear how many inappropriate sites and games are being accessed by young children, including some at school. We have heard again that the character 'Bloody Mary' is being talked about by children and are aware through feedback from parents, that this is causing great anxiety for many children.

Please can we remind parents how important it is to put parent controls on devices and to supervise access at all times.

Use this link to find out more:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Join us as a reading, library or learning volunteer!

Do you have any spare time during the week? Would you like to help promote a love of reading and learning at our school? Then come and join us as a reading, library or learning volunteer!

We are looking for volunteers to support reading and other learning activities with individual children during the afternoons. We value the positive impact that volunteers have on the children and the progress they make. If you would like to become a volunteer or you are interested in supporting our library, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or Miss Myers.



YOU CAN FIND
MAGIC
wherever you look,
SIT BACK AND RELAX,
ALL YOU NEED IS
A BOOK

-Dr. Seuss



Opportunity!



Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

- Job Start Date: as soon as possible
- Contract/Hours: Fixed Term, Part-time
- Salary Type: Support Staff
- Salary Details: Grade A, £23,473 FTE - **Actual Salary £2,984**
- Hours of Work: 5.5 hours a week, 11.55am – 1pm, Monday to Friday, term time only
- Location of Role: Grange Infant School, Franklin Road, Gosport, PO13 9TS

Job/Person Summary

Children are at the heart of what we do at Grange Infant School. We are a vibrant and popular school where children enjoy a rich and diverse range of experiences and achieve well in a caring and respectful environment.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants are valuable members of our staff team and we are seeking to increase our lunchtime team to support children in their play and to help with general supervision. We wish to appoint friendly, caring people, who like working with children, to join our experienced team of lunchtime supervisors. You will need to be enthusiastic, patient, well-organised and flexible. You must be able to communicate with children and adults well, show initiative and understand the importance of safety and safeguarding.

The role involves:

- Helping children during lunch time in the hall and outside area, modelling good manners/supporting healthy eating
- Helping children during lunch time in our lunch club, supporting children with SEND
- Supervising and leading positive play activities for our children on the playground/in the classroom during wet play
- Being responsible for the safety, welfare and behaviour of our children
- Dealing with minor first aid needs
- Being aware of health and safety to ensure a safe environment for all
- Having the ability to deal positively with challenging behaviour

The successful applicant will need to:

- Work effectively as part of a team
- Communicate positively with children and other adults
- Enjoy working with children and small teams of adults
- Hold a First Aid certificate or be willing to take the training to obtain this
- Be a good time keeper
- Support children whilst they eat their lunch and promote healthy eating
- Be reliable and consistent in promoting good behaviour and the values of the school
- Ensure the safety and welfare of children at all times

Application Procedure

An application pack can be obtained by calling the school on 02392 582984 or emailing adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk.

We wish to appoint someone to start as soon as possible so we will be interviewing as we receive applications and will end the advert early if we are successful in recruiting.

Please note that only applications on a Hampshire County Council application form will be accepted and that all correspondence for this recruitment will be via email. You can download the application form here

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/education/recruitment-supportstaffapplicationform.docx>

Safer Recruitment Grange Infant School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment.

All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant

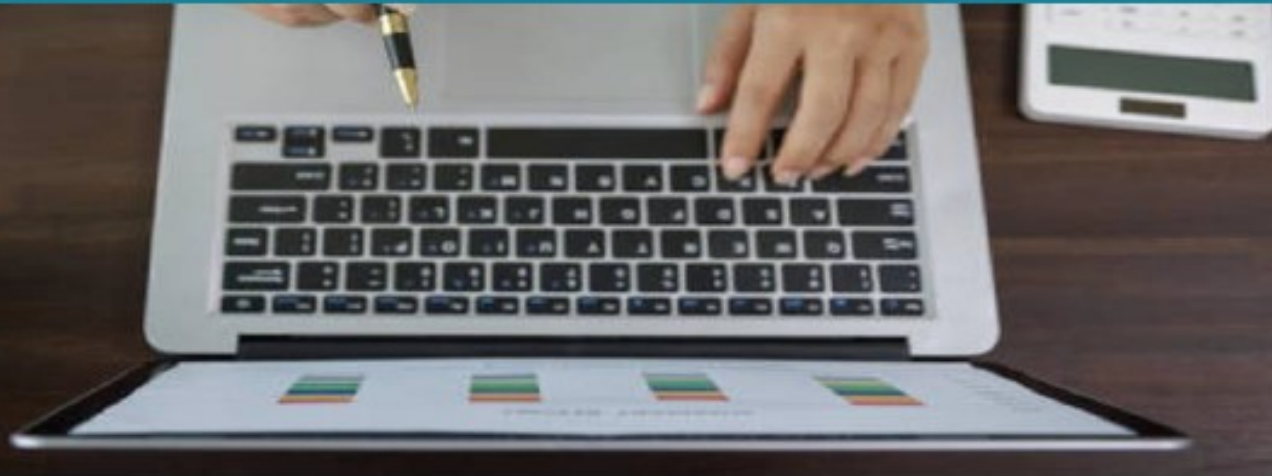


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Venue: Gosport Discover Centre, High St, Gosport PO12 1BT

Date: Wednesday 15th January 2025

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Eligibility:

Adults aged 19+ without a Level 2/GCSE maths (grade 4/C) or maths Functional Skills Level 2. Adults may also be eligible if they can show a need to improve their numeracy skills.

How to Book:

Book your place now by scanning the QR code in the bottom right corner, or by completing the form using this link here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/LinfR5qfAr>

Alternatively, please speak to the library staff for their assistance.





Wow and Proud

Congratulations



Sparrows

Wow Writer is George for his fantastic effort with his writing!

Proud Pot is Rylie B for moving up to Green group in Read Write Inc!

Starlings

Wow Writer is Ruth for writing her 2 word phrase!

Proud Pot is Chloe for using 2D shapes to make a super castle picture!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Ted for his fantastic writing about his Christmas!

Proud Pot is George W for making safe and brilliant choices all week!

Robins

Wow Writer is Tilly for super improved productivity in writing about her Christmas!

Proud Pot is Remika for her super writing about her Christmas!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Kaycee-Mae for super effort in her writing!

Proud Pot is Henry for resilience and super effort!

Magpies

Wow Writer is Leighton for great effort with his sounds!

Proud Pot is Ashlee for trying harder with her presentation!



Owls

Wow Writer is Darcie for her lovely fairytale reasoning!

Proud Pot is Preston for his amazing independent Maths work on numberlines!