



## Things to look forward to!

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> & Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
Year 1 trips to HMS Sultan

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - 9am:**  
Coffee Morning in the Aviary  
with Mrs Kennell & Mrs Cave

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
Y2 'hike' to Alver Valley

**Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
School closes at 3.15pm  
for the half term break  
(INSET on the Friday)

**Thur 28<sup>th</sup> March:**  
School closes at 3.15pm  
for the Easter holidays

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April:**  
The summer term begins!

**Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> May:**  
Polling Day Closure

**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 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July:**  
Transition planning

**Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> July:**  
Behaviour and restorative practice

Happy Friday Grange Families,

This half term is flying by and we now have only one week to go before the half term break!

As always, it has been wonderful to see and hear all about the fantastic learning that the children have been doing from welcoming many visitors in to share their passion for transport to celebrating Chinese New Year. It has been a privilege to see how much progress the children have made and how proud they are of every achievement and success. They really have 'aimed high' and made great 'effort', showing a true 'love of learning'.

This week, is National Storytelling Week and the children in all classes have enjoyed a diverse range of stories. National Storytelling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills. We are always seeking ways to develop that true love of reading and to ignite a passion in all of the children for books, imagination and knowledge. Books really do open the children's young minds to a world of creativity, adventure and fun! We are already planning an exciting World Book Day and will be launching our Summer reading events after the Easter break.

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.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Myers 😊



## Oxford Owl at home

Don't forget you can access Oxford Owl ebooks at home to help support your child's reading. Every child has their own log in and this should be stuck into the front of their reading diary. If you can't find it, please ask your child's class teacher.

Use this link for the student log in:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active->





# Friday Flyer

2nd February 2024

## PE Days for the Spring Term 2024



There have been no changes to PE days, but here is a reminder of them below!

### Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:  
Wednesdays

### Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins/  
Wagtails: Mondays

### Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds:  
Tuesdays

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

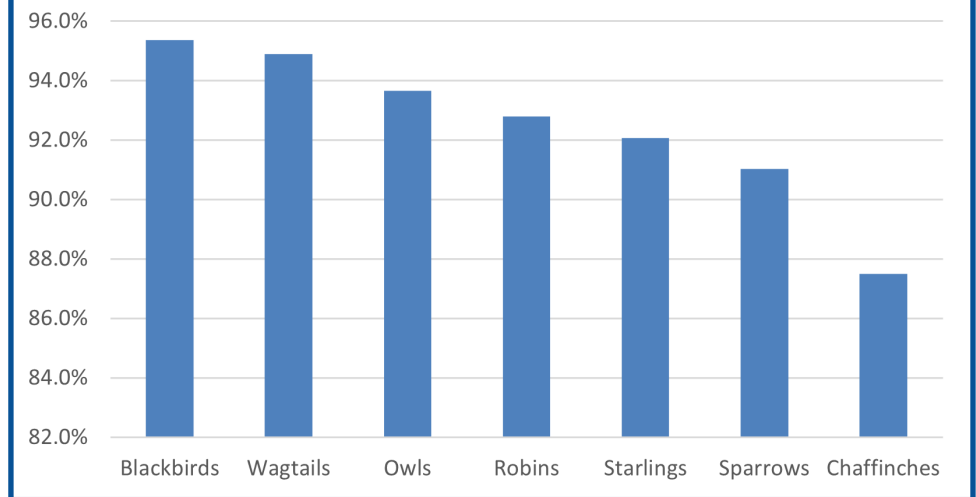
Each week, attendance is tracked across the school and on a Friday the class with highest attendance for that week, gets a certificate.

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:  
Blackbirds with 95.36%**

Congratulations and well done for your great attendance this week.

Whole School Attendance - 1st February 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!

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and this year the theme of 'My Voice Matters' is empowering children and young people to express themselves.

All of us will have no doubt been affected in some way by anxiety, worries or a feeling of uncertainty during challenging times. I am so proud of the Grange community that we have built and we will always strive to build resilience in our pupils and reach out to our families in times of need. We are always here to talk, to listen and to help. You know where we are!

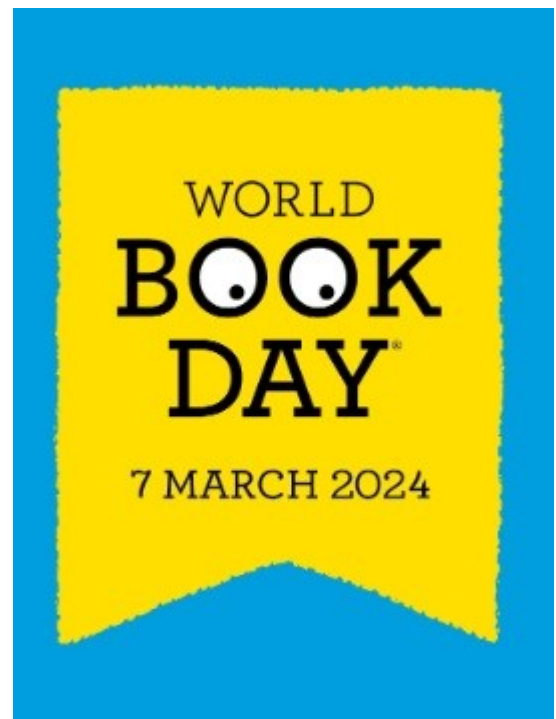
Use this link for the Place2Be family page:  
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>



## World Book Day 2024

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March**. The children **do not** need to dress up as we are having our very own author focus and will be exploring the books of Julia Donaldson through an exciting day of different book activities.

More details will follow.



## Changes to Access to the School Car Park

From Monday 5th February, we will be closing the school gates on Franklin Road and Grange Lane from 8.30 until 9am and again from 3pm until 3.30pm. This is to ensure that our joint site is safe and secure at these busy times, as we have been concerned at the raised number of pedestrians walking through the car park and on the drive.

We would encourage all families to walk to school to avoid traffic congestion outside both schools which has become increasingly worse.

From Monday, you will not be able to enter our car park at the above times and the gates will be closed. If you have a parking permit for the school car park, you will be allowed to access. Please ensure this is displayed clearly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



We must also ask the families who cannot avoid using a vehicle to please be considerate of the local residents when it comes to parking. Please ensure you are not **parked on private land**, and that you have parked legally, ie **NOT** on the **grass verge** or **yellow zig zags**. We have recently held an assembly on road safety as there have been far too many near misses recently and the safety of our children is paramount.



# Wow and Proud

## 2nd February 2024



### Sparrows

Wow Writer is **Remika** for hearing the sounds in CVC words!

Proud Pot is **Ryder** for being independent and finding his space on the carpet!

### Starlings

Wow Writer is **Bryan** for super effort and beginning to write a sentence!

Proud Pot is **Alana** for walking to the classroom so sensibly with Mrs Russell!



### Chaffinches

Wow Writer is **Archie** for writing letters with a pencil instead of using stamps!

Proud Pot is **Lexi** for being more independent in her writing!

### Robins

Wow Writer is **Divine** for writing super facts about a snowmobile!

Proud Pot is **Posie** for her fantastic Science investigation!



### Wagtails

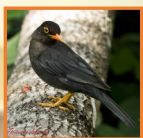
Wow Writer is **Ralf** for initiating the 'Jicketty can' poem so beautifully!

Proud Pot is **Luna** for keeping ALL the school values every day!

### Blackbirds

Wow Writer is **Phoebe** for fabulous writing in her homework project about Goldilocks!

Proud Pot is **Arthur** for creating a fabulous paper maché troll for his homework project!



### Owls

Wow Writer is **Aaliyah** for asking/writing fabulous questions to the wolf!

Proud Pot is **Mason** for trying hard with his sewing even when it got tricky!

Amazing perseverance.