



Dear Grange Families,

As always, the time is flying and here we are at the end of the second week of this half term, welcoming in March and the first signs of Spring! The time really does fly by but we value every single minute we have with the children.

All year groups have launched straight into new themes and topics and we have so much to look forward to including Pet Day, Red Nose Day and Easter.

Last Friday, we celebrated the 100th day in school with a variety of fun activities all based around the number '100' as well as future aspirations and dreams. Thank you to Mrs Poate for organising the day and to all of the staff for inspiring the children with the magic of numbers!

Last week, Year 2 set sail on the 'Titanic' as the hook for their topic; the children were all given tickets and only when they boarded did they know which class they were in and what fate held for them once the doomed ship had hit the iceberg. All the children embraced their imagination and really engaged with the day. They have definitely been 'hooked' in and are loving being Historians!

This week the focus has been on our love of reading and yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. Reading is such a gift, opening the doors to a world of adventure, imagination and learning. As Dr Seuss says in his famous quote, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." All the children had the opportunity to visit every classroom in school, hearing favourite stories and taking part in book-themed activities and experiences. Make sure you check Class Dojo for some photos of the day but I'm sure the children told you all about the fun they had! Thank you to Mrs Johnston for organising the day and to all of the staff for making the day such a wonderful experience.

Please remember, there's 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 😊

## Tummy troubles!

We have seen a rise in poorly tummies across school.

Can we please remind our families that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea (or if they are very unlucky a combination of the two!), your child must remain home for 48 hours from the last bout of vomit or diarrhoea.

Eg: If your child is sick during the night at 1am on Monday morning, they cannot return to school until Wednesday morning. If ever you are unsure, you are welcome to call and ask for advice on when your child can come back to school.



Things to look forward to!

**Wednesday 11th March:**  
Anxiety Workshop for Parents

**Thursday 12th March:**  
Year 1 Pet Day

**Week beginning 16th March:**  
Year R parent meetings

**Friday 20th March:**  
Red Nose Day

**Thursday 26th March:**  
Easter Fun Day

**Friday 27th March:**  
School finishes for the Easter break

**Thursday 7th May:**  
School closure for Polling Day

**Friday 22nd May:**  
School closes for the half term break

**Monday 1st June:**  
School reopens for Summer 2

**Wednesday 22nd July:**  
School closes at 1.30pm for the Summer break



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

**Friday 26th June:**  
Transition and next steps



# Friday Flyer

6th March 2026

## PE Days for the Spring 2 Term 2026



Here are the PE Days for this first half term:

### Year R

**Sparrows/ Starlings:  
WEDNESDAY**

### Year 1

**Chaffinches/Robins  
MONDAY  
(full PE kit)**

### Year 2

**Owls/Blackbirds  
WEDNESDAY - PE  
(full PE kit)**

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 so please avoid hoodies or other sweatshirts.

We encourage the children to wear black plimsolls or plain black trainers.



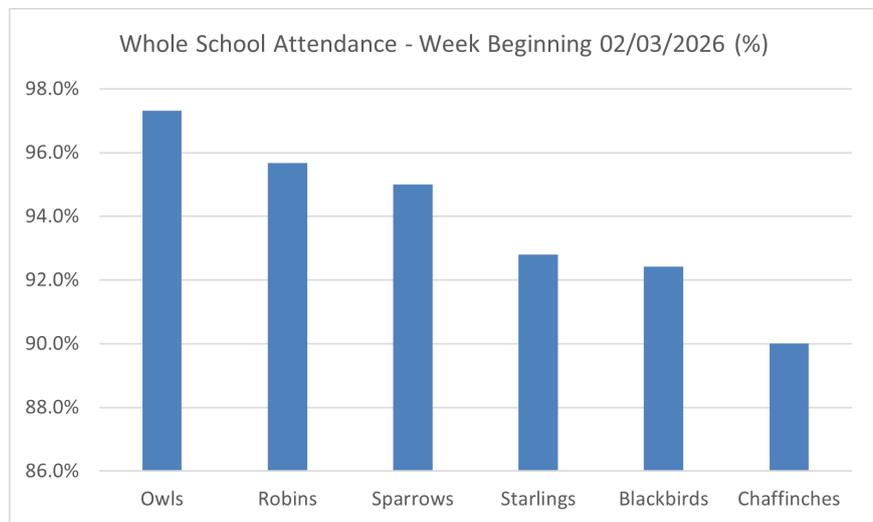
## Attendance

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 97.3%**

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.**

## PERSISTENT LATES

**Sometimes, things don't go right, and we appreciate that and always endeavour to be sensitive and understanding. However the amount of children who are being persistently late is not acceptable. Please make every effort to be organised and get your children to school, on time, between 8.45-8.55am.**

## 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. Additionally, email should only be used as a last resort method of contact. **Leaving a voicemail on our absence line is the preferred and most efficient method of reporting absences.** Thank you!

## A Polite Request

We have noticed that more parent cars are starting to creep back into the car park. Please can I ask that families **do not park on site** at drop-off and pick-up each day.

We would encourage families to walk to school as part of a healthy lifestyle and to reduce impact on the environment.



It has also been brought to my attention, that many cars are parking not only on the grass verge outside of school, but also over the yellow zigzags and on the pavement. We simply **cannot allow this to continue** as it is putting **the safety of our children and families at risk**. Please plan your journey carefully and try to leave your cars at home.

Thank you!

## The Words we Choose Speak Volumes...

A number of parents have raised concerns about the increase in the use of inappropriate language on our school playground. It has also been brought to my attention that we have had some recent fall out between parents;

Under our Parent Code of Conduct, please can we ask all families, visitors and friends to be mindful of word choices and remember how powerful words can be.

Young children see the adults around them as role models and their future behaviours as young adults are influenced by both negative and positive interactions.

I would also ask that any parent fallout within our community, is not brought on to our playground. Please resolve any difficulties or conflict away from the school playground and away from not only your children, but other children who may be nearby.

"Every childhood lasts a lifetime."



## Hello sunshine, Hello bugs!

It has been so lovely to enjoy the beautiful Spring sunshine this week after endless weeks of grey skies. The children have loved been able to get outside again and to enjoy the great outdoors. However, with the temperature rising, so does the risk of little critters and bugs! We have lots of grassy areas on the school grounds which means there is always the risk of ticks. Please make sure you check your child carefully and let us know if you find anything.



## Speaking of bugs..

We have had further reports of headlice in school.

This common childhood problem can only be eradicated if ALL families are vigilant in removing any lice present and continuing with regular re-checking. The combing method is often sufficient, however please ask for advice from your local pharmacy for severe/persistent cases.

## Wheel-free playground



**NO BIKES  
OR SCOOTERS  
TO BE RIDDEN  
IN SCHOOL**

Please can we remind families that bikes and scooters must not be ridden onto the school playground or between the infant and junior schools. We have had a number of 'near misses' recently and our playground really is too busy to allow this to continue.

Bikes and scooters must not be ridden through the main car park either.

We want to keep everyone safe!  
Thank you :)



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## Hiring Grange Infant School!

Did you know that you can hire our hall for events and parties? Being at the heart of the community, makes the school an ideal venue for children's parties and celebrations. We're easy to find, have ample parking and are a familiar setting for the children and families.

We have been hiring out our hall and other space such as the field, for a few years now and our prices have remained competitive but fair. From April this year, we will however, be making a reasonable increase to our charges as outlined below.

We are more than happy to discuss any hiring of our facilities and will also consider long-term lets such as football clubs or dance schools.

Please pop in to the office to find out more or speak to Miss Myers if you are thinking of hosting your next party at Grange Infants!

<b>1 April 2026– 31 March 2027</b> (VAT is not included – see note (c)) Monday – Saturday	<b>LEVEL 1</b> Community groups composed of children under 18, the elderly or people with registered disabilities and registered youth groups	<b>LEVEL 2</b> Other community groups
Main Hall 1/2 hour set up – 2-hour party 1/2 clean up	£100.00(3 hours)	£120(3 hours)
Additional hire charges for extra spaces/ rooms	HOURLY CHARGES Monday – Saturday	
1. Hard area, playground	£25.00	£30.00
2. General playing field*	£25.00	£30.00
3. Kitchen/Staff Room Facilities	£25.00	£30.00
4. Each additional hour	£25.00	£30.00





# Wow and Proud Congratulations

## 6th March 2026



### Sparrows

Wow Writer is Ronnie for super independent work this week!

Proud Pot is Robin for moving up to **blue** group in Read Write Inc!



### Starlings

Wow Writer is Octavia for writing clues about her farm animal!

Proud Pot is Arlo-Jax for working really hard in phonics!



### Chaffinches

Wow Writer is James for using her sounds to spell dinosaur names!

Proud Pot is Jenesis for planning and writing her own story independently!



### Robins

Wow Writer is Caitlyn for showing fantastic independence with her writing this week!

Proud Pot is Tobi for fantastic independence and resilience with all of his learning!



### Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Henlee for his independent sentences using past tense!

Proud Pot is Joel for his amazing drawing of the Titanic!



### Owls

Wow Writer is Isaac H for productive and independent writing!

Proud Pot is George for a super first week in the Owls! Welcome to Grange!



### Woodpeckers

Proud Pot are Marley for his lovely painting for his World Book Day bookmark and Jasmine for joining in with the World Book Day classroom activities!