

6th December 2024



Things to look forward to!

Wednesday 18th December
Whole school performance at
St Marys Church at 2pm

Thursday 19th December:
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch

After School Parties
including Santa's Grotto
Christmas Raffle Draw

Friday 20th December:
End of term at 3.15pm

*Merry
Christmas*

Monday 6th January:
Spring term starts



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

To Our Lovely Grange Families,

Welcome to this week's flyer and welcome to December!

The festive vibe is definitely here and classrooms are starting to sparkle and shine. Last Friday saw our annual Christmas decoration afternoon and we all agreed what an exciting and fun afternoon it was, with trails of glitter, sequins, snippets of wool and sparkles brightening every classroom! Thank you for your support. The hall looks amazing and a huge thank you must go to the staff who gave their time after school last Thursday to put up the tree, hang many baubles, string up lights and set up the Nativity. The children were so excited when they came into assembly Friday morning and saw that Christmas had definitely arrived!

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead of us with the whole school practising ready for our production of 'Born in a Barn' at St Mary's church. We can't wait to share with you the children's performance and know you will love every moment! This is the first time in many years that we have had all year groups performing together and I am in awe at how Year R have embraced their singing and dancing! Space at the church is a premium, so we are asking for all families to be mindful of numbers attending and are asking you to keep this to 2 per family.

Once again, we are running our Christmas raffle which we know our families love. So many of you generously donated some fantastic prizes, and we are happy to take any other treats and donations over the next week. Every little counts!



Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend. As always, my door is open so please let me or the amazing office team know if there is anything we can do to help. We are always here for you!

Miss Myers 😊



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PE Days for the Autumn 2 Term 2024



Here are the PE Days for this half term:

Year R

**Starlings/Sparrows:
WEDNESDAYS**

Year 1

**Chaffinches/Robins
MONDAYS**

Year 2

**Owls/Blackbirds/
Magpies:
TUESDAYS - PE
(school uniform)**

AND

**Owls & Magpies
THURSDAYS
GYM—FULL PE KIT
Blackbirds
FRIDAYS
GYM— 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 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 plim-solls or plain black trainers.

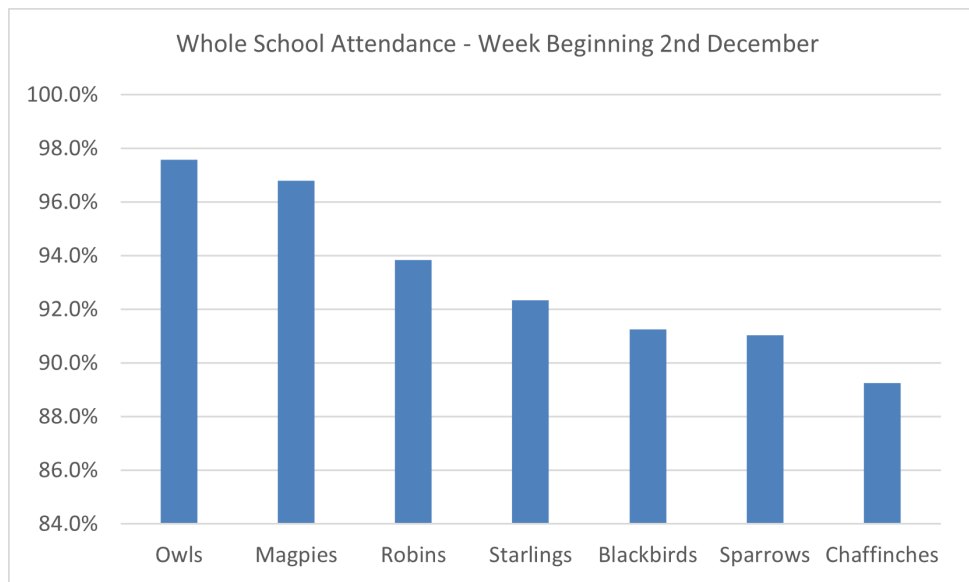
Attendance

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 97.6%**

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.

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!

Office Hours

Please note that the school office is not open before 8.30am. Families are welcome to use the voicemail facility which is open 24/7 and any messages left will be picked up at the beginning of each working day. The office closes at 3.30pm Monday-Friday.

Christmas Decoration Afternoon

A big thank you to those of you who attended our annual Christmas decoration afternoon last Friday. The children absolutely loved having family members in the classroom, being creative and chatting across the tables. I love moments like these, seeing so many happy faces and listening to the children interact with all the adults. It was lovely to see so many younger siblings too!



Access to the Junior School

We have noticed that some families are using the field at the back of the school as a short cut to the Juniors at the end of the day.

Please can I remind all families that this is not an agreed path and should not be used at any time to access the Juniors. Both schools have different timings for when gates are opened to ensure the safety of the children and by using the field as a pathway, this is creating a safeguarding risk.

Thank you.

Cold Weather- be ready!

This week has brought the first taste of winter with snow showers and frosty mornings this week. Watching the awe and wonder of the children during yesterday's snowfall was such a special moment, as this is rare nowadays!

Please can we ask that you ensure your child has suitable clothing for the changeable weather. We try and get them outside as much as possible so a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves are essential. Suitable footwear is important too; shoes or boots with good grip are great for this weather as the children's feet stay warm and dry.

We have also noticed that some children are arriving at school without their book bags or water bottles. Again, these are essential resources that they need in school. Please ensure all personal items are labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your understanding!



Screen-Free Childhoods

In an age of tech and reliance on devices to entertain, it is all too easy for young children to access games, social media and inappropriate content. We have seen the impact that excess screen-time can have on mental health, social interactions and sleep patterns and can't stress enough the benefits of being outside in the fresh air, as well as time spent talking and having fun as a family.

We work closely with local services who offer support to families such as the School Nursing Team and Hampshire Educational Psychology. Internet safety is a 'hot topic' and one we address regularly with the children and so we want to extend this to our families, starting with one small step...

We are asking for parents and family members to try and keep mobile phones away at pick up time. Children at this age love to talk and there is nothing more heart warming than hearing snippets of conversation about how the day has been.

It's definitely something to think about!

If you want to find out more, click on the following link:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>



Be Kind

We all know that this time of year is so busy and with trying to get ready for Christmas, dealing with colder mornings, as well as heading towards the end of term, things can become quite stressful for us all.

Please can we remind our families, that we are all human. Sometimes things don't go to plan and sometimes we simply can't say "Yes". Can we ask that all of the staff are treated with the kindness and respect, that we treat all of our community. Use of inappropriate language is just not acceptable especially when there are children nearby, who may hear.

Thank you



Clubs

Year 2s after school clubs are now coming to the end of the programme, text reminders have been sent/scheduled to remind parents of the last session for each club.

When we return after Christmas, Year 1s will be invited to sign up for after school clubs.

Can we please ask that if your child accepts a place at a club, parents commit to their child attending every session.

We are so fortunate to have such a variety of activities offered by volunteers at school! The grown-ups are so generous to give up their own time for this enrichment for the children, thank you as always to them for all they do.

Hot Chocolate with Miss Myers

As many of you will know, I love to meet with the children as often as I can to recognise their successes, achievements and 'golden moments'. After launching 'Hot Chocolate' Fridays last year and I have tried so hard to continue this treat this year. However there have been some weeks when my diary has simply not allowed this to happen. I am trying to catch up with all of the children who have been invited and will endeavour to meet with them all by the end of the term.

Here are the moments I have managed so far this term!

Well done to these superstars, who are all shining examples of Grange Learners, keeping our Grange Values and proving to be much-valued and respected members of our school community!



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Grange Infants

School Council Updates

Last week, the School Council had their first meeting to talk about the difference they can make to school and how they can support school improvement, making the school the great learning hub it is.

We agreed on topics for us to address over the next few months including behaviour at lunchtime, walking around the school safely and keeping the school ground tidy and nice to look at.

Year 2 councillors then joined me for a litter pick at the front of the school as we had noticed how much rubbish gets blown over from the nearby flats and onto our grounds.

I think you will agree they did a fantastic job but the work never ends and Year 1 will be taking part in their litter pick next week.

I would like to express my gratitude to the commitment and dedication these wonderful councillors have already shown to their role!





Wow and Proud Congratulations



Sparrows

Wow Writer is Zahlee for writing super CVC words in Phonics!

Proud Pot is Austin for fantastic patterns in Maths!

Starlings

Wow Writer is Ben for writing super CVC words in Phonics!

Proud Pot is Rurree for playing alongside another child whilst playing with the water!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Harper for her beautiful letter to Santa!

Proud Pot is Nancy for her beautiful gingerbread artwork!

Robins

Wow Writer is Bryan for his very neat handwriting when writing to Santa!

Proud Pot is Maisie for detailed and colourful artwork!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Divine for planning & starting to write her Florence Nightingale diary!

Proud Pot is Kayden for his excellent number line in Maths!

Magpies

Wow Writer is Luna for her amazing start to Florence Nightingale diary writing!

Proud Pot is Kashika for always following our Grange values!



Owls

Wow Writer is Lexi for a great start on her Florence Nightingale diary!

Proud Pot is Ivy for a great first week and settling in to the Owls beautifully!