



Things to look forward to!

Week beginning 11th March:

Year R parent meetings -
Please sign up on the sign-up sheets at the classroom doors

Fri 15th March:

Red Nose Day - Non Uniform in exchange for £1 donation to Comic Relief

Fri 22nd March:

Non Uniform in exchange for Chocolate Donation

Mon 25th March:

Easter Bonnet Parades

Wed 27th March:

Easter Raffle Draw

Thur 28th March:

KS1 Homework Showcase

School closes at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays

Mon 15th April:

The summer term begins!

Thur 2nd May:

Polling Day Closure

Fri 24th May:

School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break

Mon 22nd 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 5th July:

Transition planning

Tue 23rd July:

Behaviour and restorative practice



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!

We were so excited to welcome a huge array of pets into Year 1 last week as part of their topic 'Paws and Claws'. It was such a brilliant morning and the children learnt so much about different pets, including the weird and wonderful! (We made sure to keep the snake well away from the rabbit!) A huge thank you to the lovely family members who brought their pets into meet us all and shared such knowledge and passion for their animals.

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. This is a new learning opportunity for the children and it appears it's going to be a firm favourite.

This week the focus has been on our love of reading and today we have celebrated World Book Day. This year we decided to theme the day around the well-loved books of Julia Donaldson, the author of the *Gruffalo*. All the children had the opportunity to visit every classroom in school, hearing favourite stories and taking part in book-themed activities and experiences. I've only captured a few of the moments experienced during the day, but I'm sure the children will tell you all about the fun they had!

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 😊



Easter Bonnet Parades

It's nearly that time of year again when the mini eggs and fluffy, yellow chicks make their annual appearance!

We will be holding our Easter bonnet parades on Monday 25th March at the following times:

Year R: 9am

Year 1: 9.30

Year 2: 10am

The parades will either be held outside or in our hall dependent on the weather but we will let you know nearer the time.



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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.



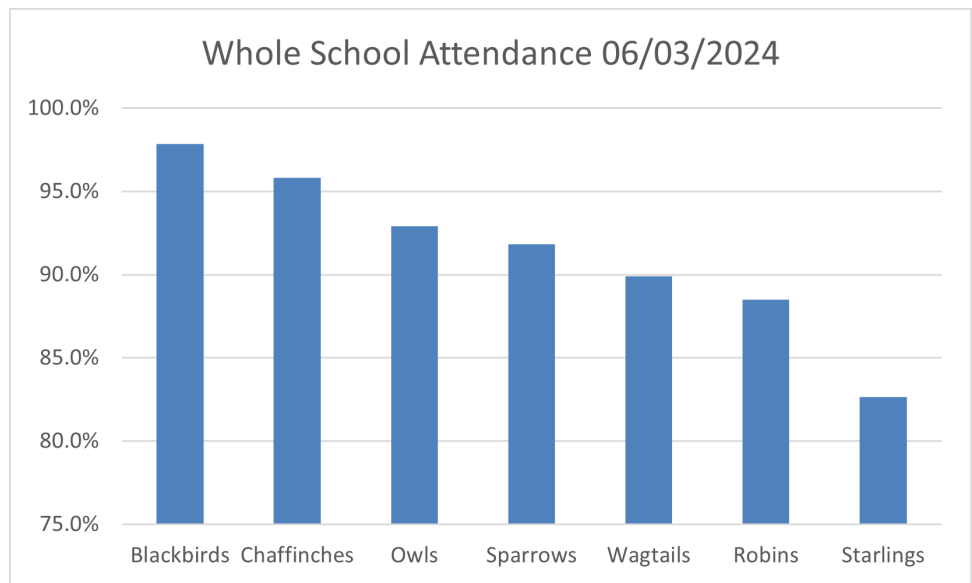
Attendance

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 97.84%**

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!

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World Book Day 2024

We all had such a fantastic day today celebrating the books of Julia Donaldson as part of World Book Day. Thank you to the staff team for creating such exciting and fun activities whilst promoting a love of reading.





Year 1 Paws and Claws

We turned Grange Infants in our very own zoo last week for Year 1's pet morning. Thank you to all the parents and families who supported and of course, a huge thank you to the very patient and friendly animals that took part and didn't mind 75 inquisitive children looking at them!



TITANIC

Year 2 took a doomed trip on the Titanic this week and used their imaginations to experience what it may have been like on board. The team was impressed with their acting skills and how much this inspired their curiosity!





This is **Peter**. Peter works in the Owls classroom. We are all really impressed and proud of Peter because he has achieved 5 bronze, 5 silver, 5 gold and 4 platinum certificates on Mathletics since September! What a massive achievement!! What will he achieve next?!

Mathletics is such an easy way to improve your child's maths understanding through play. Your child has their own personal login, which you should find at the front of your child's reading diary. If you can't find it, please contact your child's teacher.

Well done Peter,
I'm so pleased that you are enjoying playing and exploring all areas of Maths on the Mathletics website.

I love maths too.



Wow Peter,
You are without doubt our Mathletics Superstar! Hearing about your amazing achievements has put a big smile on my face! You are truly an inspiration to us all!



I am so proud of you Peter! Playing on Mathletics has really helped you in our maths lessons, I can tell you spend a lot of time practising at home. You have made such amazing progress since September. You are a Mathletics superstar!



Mathletics





Author Focus:
Julia Donaldson

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

**Wow and Proud
Congratulations**



Sparrows

Wow Writer is **Lily** for writing super CVC words!

Proud Pot is **Remika** for moving up a group for fabulous phonics in Read, Write, Inc! and **Hollie** for being a super Sparrow, we will miss you! Good luck in your new school!



Starlings

Wow Writer is **Henlee** for writing his initial sounds in his words, and writing his name!

Proud Pot is **Rhys** for working so hard to write the sounds he can hear in his words and for writing his name! And **Emelia-Rose** for being a superstar, we'll miss you, good luck!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is **Ruben** for writing super CVC words!

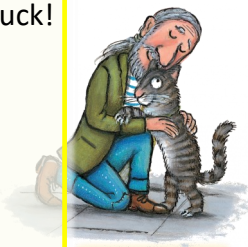
Proud Pot is **Blake** for writing a whole, fantastic story!



Robins

Wow Writer is **Scarlett** for writing a super story about a pet!

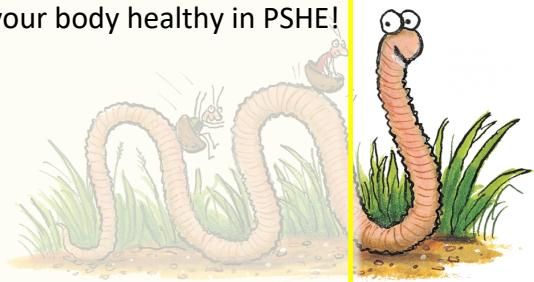
Proud Pot is **Jasper** for knowing how to keep your body healthy in PSHE!



Wagtails

Wow Writer is **Heidi** for great perseverance with her writing!

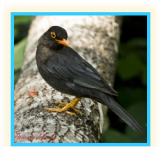
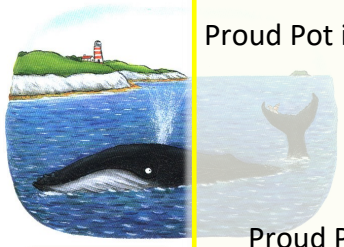
Proud Pot is **Jayden** for his beautiful Matisse artwork.



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is **Florence** for excellent use of punctuation!

Proud Pot is **Ezra** for his super acting as the stow-away in the Titanic role-play drama!



Owls

Wow Writer is **Marcus** for a detailed recount of our Titanic hook day!

Proud Pot are **Chloe & Isabel** for being amazing and always following our Grange Values. We will miss you, and good luck in your new schools!

