

Hello
Sunshine!

9th June 2023

Welcome back Everyone,



We hope you all had a happy and healthy half term break and enjoyed time with family and friends in this gorgeous weather! Following our recent inspection, it was important that all the staff and the children had a chance to stop, relax and reset and it has been lovely to hear what everyone has been up to.

It's almost as if we have fast-forwarded into summer with long sunny days and bright blue skies. It's been a perfect week for the KS 1 beach trips, although I'm sure the hot temperatures and fresh air wore them out and led to some early nights! I was lucky enough to join one of the classes for their trip and was so impressed with the children's behaviour which was fantastic as always. All of our families should be very proud of how brilliantly the children represented the school whilst having fun and learning lots. Days like this are what makes working in education so rewarding!

As beautiful and much welcomed as this weather is, it also brings its own risks. Young children can find it hard to manage their body temperatures and don't always recognise when they are thirsty or dehydrated. In this way, we regularly remind the children to drink water and they have opportunity throughout the day to top their bottle up. They can access their bottles whenever they need to which is why it is so important your child has a bottle in school **every day**. It is also essential that the children have sun cream applied before the start of the day and this can be left in their bags for reapplication as needed by the children themselves. Staff can verbally support to ensure the whole bottle isn't applied in one go or wiped into eyes! Sun hats are also essential so make sure your child has one with their name written in clearly.

As we approach what is set to be another scorching weekend, may we wish you a safe and relaxing weekend. Don't forget there is a weather warning in place so keep in the shade and drink lots of water!

Miss Myers 😊

PE days for the Summer 2

Please check which day your child will need to come to school in their PE kit as these have changed for the new term. Please can we ask that PE kit consists of plain trackies in black or blue (or dark coloured shorts in warmer weather), a white t-shirt and either the school jumper or a dark coloured sweatshirt.

Earrings and jewellery must be removed before the start of the day.



Owls, Wagtails: **Tuesday** Blackbirds: **Wed & Fri**

Robins and Chaffinches: **Thursday**

Starlings, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: **Monday**

Weekly attendance: Cool to be In School

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: Chaffinches with 97.67%

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!

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend that day, please contact the office to let us know and this will be recorded on our registers.

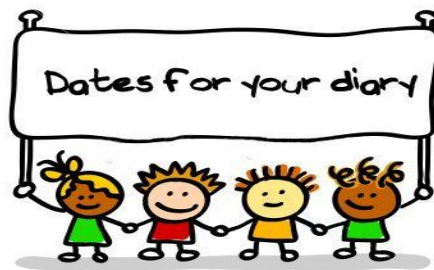
During out of office hours, you will be able to leave a message.



Attendance is a key priority for school improvement at Grange Infants. To keep attendance at the forefront of our minds (and our families!), we will be sharing with you the attendance of each class for that week in every newsletter. This is with the intention of our community understanding how important attendance is and the value we place on it in ensuring the children have the best possible start to their education.

This week's results:

Class	Percentage attendance for the week ending 26.5.23
Chaffinches	97.67
Blackbirds	97.3
Starlings	95.65
Woodpeckers	94.4
Robins	92.5
Wagtails	91.74
Owls	90.76
Sparrows	89.2



Things to look forward to!

Week beginning 12th June: Phonics screening test for Year 1

Week beginning 12th June: Songs, Stories and Smiles sessions for new entrants begin

Monday 19th June: PE Wall of Fame assembly at 2.30pm in the school hall

Wednesday 5th July: Transition morning for Year 2 children who are going to Grange Juniors

Friday 7th July: School closed for INSET- Transition planning

Monday 10th July: Transition meeting for Year 2 families whose children are going to Grange Juniors

Monday 17th July: Sports afternoon from 1.30pm - 3pm on the school field

Friday 21st July: School closes for the Summer holidays at 1.30pm

Friday 21st July: The Grange Schools' Summer Fayre from 1.30pm!

INSET days for 23/24

We want to give our families as much notice as we can for our INSET day closures next year. Every school takes 5 INSETs a year for training and development.

We have agreed the following 4 dates and will need to confirm the 5th one at a later date once training has been agreed and booked.

Friday 1st September: Phonics whole school training

Monday 4th September: Safeguarding and behaviour

Friday 9th February: Common Day Closure for Gosport and Fareham schools

Friday 5th July: Transition planning

Hampshire School Term Dates

These are the term dates for next year. This image is a bit blurry so please use this link for the full document:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/education/ndlearning/schoolholidays>

Please note that due to INSET days, the first day for Year 1 and Year 2 will be Tuesday 6th September.

Autumn Term 2023 starts on Friday 1st September 2023 and ends on Friday 15 December 2023
(Half term from Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023)

Spring Term 2024 starts on Tuesday 2 January 2024 and ends on Thursday 28 March 2024
(Half term from Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024)

Summer Term 2024 starts on Monday 15 April 2024 and ends on Tuesday 23 July 2024
(Half term from Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024)

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2023	1 September 2023	15 December 2023
	Half term 23 October - 27 October 2023	
Spring 2024	2 January 2024	28 March 2024
	Half term 12 February - 16 February 2024	
Summer 2024	15 April 2024	23 July 2024
	Half term 27 May - 31 May 2024	



With the hope of warmer days ahead, please can we remind you all about sun safety and well-being.

Every child should have their water bottle in school every day. All classes have access to water dispensers so that bottles can be topped up during the day as we are encouraging them to drink more to keep hydrated.

On warmer, sunny days, please can we ask for your child to come to school with an application of sun cream already on. Under health and safety guidance, we cannot apply sun cream to any child but can guide and support them in doing it themselves should they need an additional application.

Sun hats are great for shading little faces and eyes. **Please ensure all hats are named clearly!**

Taking Care of our Outside Areas

We are so lucky at Grange to have wonderful outside areas and gardens. We have recently planted an orchard and the whole school has been busy growing plants and adding to the planting boxes we have around school.

Mrs Kennell has been taking care of our sensory garden so we would like to remind families that this garden should not be accessed by the children at the beginning or end of the day. There is a sign on the gate, but please make sure the children do not enter as there has been some damage to the plants and pathways.

Similarly, we would ask that the children do not enter the wooded area prior to the start of the school day.

We are lucky enough to have a fantastic forest schools area but this is being repeatedly damaged by visitors.

Thank you!



Year 1 and Year 2 head to the beach!

Key Stage classes had an amazing adventure at Lee beach this week, paddling in the sea, searching for 'treasure' and creating beach art. We are so lucky in Gosport to have beautiful beaches so close by and despite the heat, the children had great fun and loved every minute!

Thank you to the team and to our lovely volunteers for making this a trip to remember!





Love of Learning



Mathletics

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Avaya—Chaffinches

Noah C—Starlings

Kady—Sparrows

Kamsi—Sparrows

Willow—Owls

Elizabeth—Owls

For **aiming high!** And achieving a Mathletics certificate this week, well done for all your hard work.



Aiming High



WOW & PROUD CONGRATULATIONS



Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to Madiha for remembering finger spaces in her sentences!
Proud Pot goes to Ashlee for her knowledge and description of 2D shapes!



Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to Heidi-May for writing a sentence using finger spaces!
Proud Pot goes to independently doing his morning jobs!



Robins

Wow Writer goes to Hazel for her persuasive beach poster!
Proud Pot goes to Louis for his wave picture imitation!



Owls

Wow Writer goes to Maddison using commas in her writing AND for settling in at her new school so beautifully - welcome to Grange!
Proud Pot goes to Elizabeth for her understanding of number bonds to 10 and 20

Starlings

Wow Writer goes to Skyla-May for using finger spaces during phonics!
Proud Pot goes to Emily for her party picture using 2D shapes!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to Teddline for her 'stay safe at the beach' poster!
Proud Pot goes to Theo H for his persuasive beach poster!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to Chloe for writing a list using bullet-points!
Proud Pot goes to Emilia-Rose for her seaside art using pastels!



Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to Kawsar for using descriptive words in her writing!
Proud Pot goes to Liam for being super productive, completing 3 sheets of work in one day!

