



# Friday Flyer

10th May 2024



Things to look forward to!

**Tuesday 14th May :**  
NSPCC workshops for all year groups

**Friday 24th May:**  
KS1 Homework showcase

**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 5th July:**  
Transition planning

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

**Year 2 families with children moving up to Grange Junior School:**

Admissions Booklets for the juniors were sent home this week. These need to be completed and returned directly to the **junior school office**, at your earliest convenience and **before Friday 24th May**, so that the juniors admin team can file all the information accordingly and in good time for September!



Happy Friday Grange Families,

The month are flying by and here we are already into the second week of May, with the half term break fast approaching.

As always, it has been a busy and productive couple of weeks, with one Polling Day and one Bank Holiday added into the mix! Year 1 had a brilliant trip to Alver Valley Garden centre and the country park last week and amazingly, it didn't rain! They had a great time and the visit was a great hook for their current topic 'How Does your Garden Grow?' The children will be learning about plants, best conditions for growth and will of course, be growing their own plants too. Developing their green fingers will be a valuable life skill for the future.

Talking of 'green', a huge thank you must go to the staff for their hard work clearing, tidying and resourcing our outside areas. From digging to sweeping, weed pulling to shearing, I think there were a few achy backs and muddy fingers that day! Don't forget, if you have a passion for gardening, we would love to welcome you as a volunteer! Just ask any of the staff or pop in to the office.

On Tuesday, we worked with local authority to complete a full review of our safeguarding practice and policy. It was a busy but positive day and we were so proud of the children who met with Mrs Savory to talk about how they keep safe at school and at home. They certainly had a lot to talk about and we were impressed with their knowledge.

Our annual parent survey will be coming out very soon.

This is such a valuable way of our families communicating their views about the school and it gives opportunity to identify strengths as well as areas to develop. As we have done before, there will be a prize draw of all participants, with a £25 voucher going to the winner! So please look out for the survey coming home and make sure it's returned by Wednesday 22nd May so you can be in the draw!

As always, I wish you a relaxing and restful weekend. Looks like it could be a warm one, so don't forget the sun cream!

Best wishes, Miss Myers 😊



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## PE Days for the Spring Term 2024



Here is a reminder of PE Days below!

### Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:  
WEDNESDAYS

### Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins/  
Wagtails:  
THURSDAYS

### Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds:  
MONDAYS

AND

Owls Gymnastics:  
THURSDAYS

Blackbirds Gymnastics:  
FRIDAYS

SHORTS ARE NEEDED  
FOR GYMNASTICS

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.

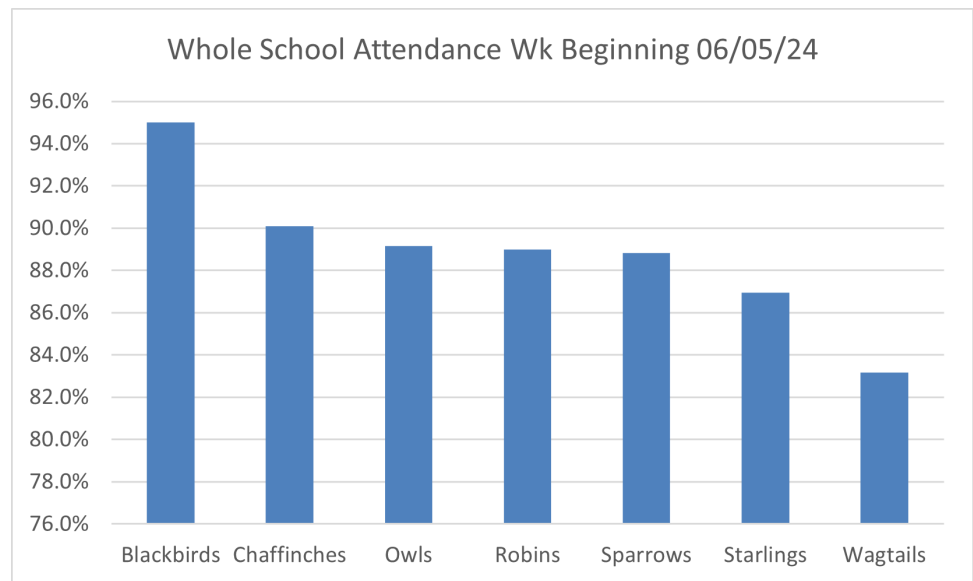
## Attendance

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%**

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!

## Year 1 Trip to Alver Valley

Last week, Year 1 got their walking shoes on and ventured out to Alver Valley Garden Centre and Country Park.

They had an amazing time, finding out about plants and nature as part of their topic 'How does your garden grow'. We were so proud of their behaviour and for being model citizens whilst out and about.

Thank you as always to the team for arranging another great experience for the children.



## Keeping Safe Online

E-Safety, Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying are major issues affecting the lives of young people today.

At Grange Infants, we raise awareness on E-safety through our Computing Curriculum, school assemblies and our PSHE units. Whilst our Computing curriculum teaches pupils a range of skills and how to apply these in real life, E-safety is at the core of each lesson.

We also focus on E-safety week held in February which coincides with National Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was **'Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change on line'**. Mrs Cave led an assembly to raise awareness and you can find more information using this link:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

During our local authority visit this week, groups of children were spoken to about safeguarding and how they keep themselves safe online. It was clear from the conversations had, that the vast majority of children have access to at least 2 devices through which they can then game online.

The children were clear about what to do if content is scary but it was worrying to hear that many of them are gaming with people they do not know.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to **supervise all online access** and to check that filters are in place to prevent unwanted and harmful content from being downloaded.

Use the following link to find out more:

[Child Safety Online: A practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

As part of our drive towards keeping all of our families safe, e-safety will be a regular slot on our newsletters with helpful hints and tips for parents and carers, as well as signposting to support.

Please can we ask that you are vigilant about what your children are watching and accessing online, as young children can become confused and easily upset by what they see. We cannot stress enough how important it is that you supervise your child's internet use and are aware of what they may be accessing. Most internet providers will support families in putting parental controls and filters on devices within the home.

Please click on the link below to find out more information from the NSPCC:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

As always, if you have any concerns, please speak to a member of staff.

## Goodbye Mrs Garwood

Mrs Garwood, one of the Wagtails' teachers, said goodbye to us this week after many years of being part of the Grange Family.

Whilst we have said goodbye to Mrs Garwood a couple of times before, we have found ways to bring her back and have been so thankful for the support she has given us and for being so flexible.

Mrs Garwood will be greatly missed by us all here at Grange Infants and we wish her the best of luck as she moves on to start this next step along her adventure.

I know you will join me and the school's Governing Board in thanking Mrs Garwood for her hard work and commitment to the school.



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 make sure all hats are named clearly!**

## Hayfever/seasonal allergies

Along with the sunshine comes some of the less fun side effects of Summer!

If your child suffers with allergies and needs antihistamine, please be aware that **you will need to provide this** for use at school as we do not carry a supply. Medicine should be labelled with your child's name, and you will need to complete a **medical form at the office**. Thank you!



## PE Safety

As part of our drive towards healthy lifestyles and celebrating sport, please can we remind families that all jewellery must be removed for PE days. We have noticed a number of children wearing necklaces and bracelets which are not permitted due to the risk of injury. Children will be asked to remove these and they will be returned at the end of the day. Please can you make sure that children wear sensible and suitable footwear for PE. Our uniform states black plimsolls or plain, black trainers if possible.

For those classes who are doing gymnastics, the children **MUST** be in shorts. These can be brought in and kept at school. Thank you!



# Wow and Proud Congratulations



## Sparrows

Wow Writer is **Oliver H** for persevering with writing a short phrase!

Proud Pot is **Ella-Rose** for writing a sentence independently during Busy Bee time!

## Starlings

Wow Writer is **Olivia-Rai** for writing her 2-word phrase beautifully!

Proud Pot is **Poppy** for brilliant effort in her special job to write her sentences!



## Chaffinches

Wow Writer is **Evie T and Chase** for their collaborative story innovation!

Proud Pot is **Mary** - we are super proud of her phonics learning!

## Robins

Wow Writer is **Kady** for writing super adjectives about vegetables!

Proud Pot is **Divine** for fantastic science knowledge, all about what plants need to grow!



## Wagtails

Wow Writer is **Jack** for writing some great adjectives!

Proud Pot is **Ashlee** for being a super scientist who knows a plant needs air as well as water, warmth, light and time!

## Blackbirds

Wow Writer is **Taejon** for his lovely Bee poem!

Proud Pot is **Naser** for a super week and settling in so well to the Blackbirds class!



## Owls

Wow Writer is **Theo** for his fantastic independent answers in guided reading!

Proud Pot is **Julia** for always being kind, caring, hard working and respectful!