



Friday Flyer

10th October 2025



To Our Lovely Grange Families,

Here we are at the end of another fortnight and I can't believe how quickly we are approaching the half term. Our wonderful Year Rs are settled in and doing so well, making new friends, exploring their fantastic learning base and already making great progress in their learning. Watching them arrive at school every morning with such confidence and huge beaming smiles, really is so lovely and they have become a welcome and much-loved part of the Grange family. They joined the rest of the school this week for our Harvest celebration and their fantastic effort at joining in with the singing brought a smile to everyone's face! A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for their performances too.

We will continue to collect donations until the end of this half term and this gives you a great opportunity to look through your cupboards for any tins or packets that can be donated to local food banks and the Salvation Army.

Year 1 continues to embrace new learning, and the weather was definitely on their side last week, allowing them to enjoy their adventure around our local area, exploring the world just outside of school. As always, their behaviour was outstanding and I was proud to hear that they stayed true to our **PLANES** Grange Values. Look out for details about their church visit soon.

This week, we had the photographer in for individual photos and I think we just about managed to keep hair in place, collars straight and jumpers round the right way! You will have been given a QR code with which to place any orders and this will be completed independently with Stanley Baker Studios, not school.

It looks set to be another sunny and warm autumnal weekend, perfect for getting out and about on nature, conker collecting, squirrel spotting and leaf scrunching!

May I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend. We can't wait to welcome you back again on Monday!

Best wishes, Miss Myers



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

Friday 3rd October:
Special Educational Needs

Monday 3rd November:
Special Educational Needs

Friday 13th February:
Gosport and Fareham Common Day Closure

Friday 26th June: Transition and next steps



Harvest 2025

Our Harvest Festival took place this week; thank you to those families who have already brought donations in.

We are kindly asking for families to donate any non-perishable food items for local charities. We all understand the impact that the cost of living is having on everyone and so your donations really do mean so much and will make a difference to the many families locally who need support.

We will be collecting items until the end of this half term.



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PE Days for the Autumn Term 2025



Here are the PE Days for this first half term:

Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:
Will start PE later this term

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins
WEDNESDAYS

Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds
MONDAYS - 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.

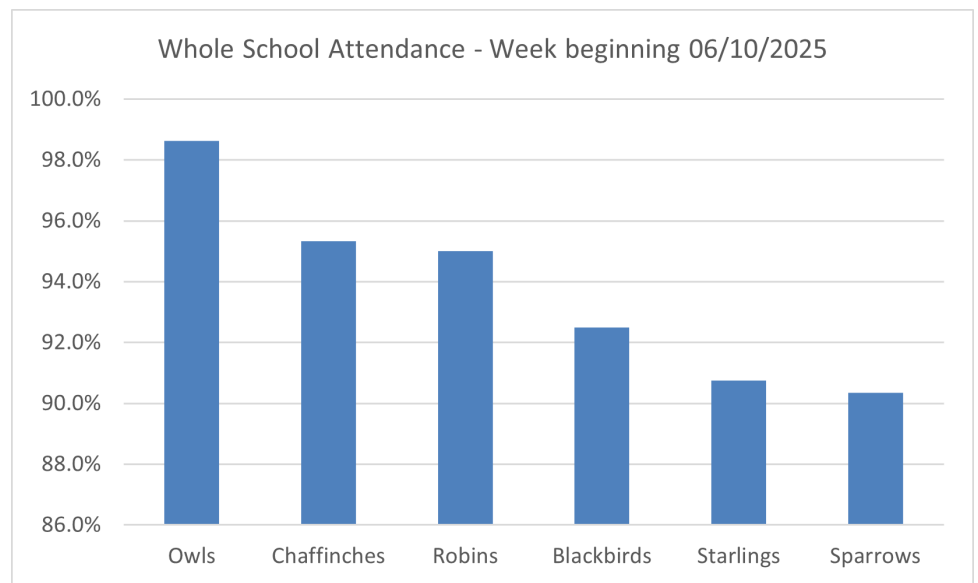
Attendance

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 98.62%

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 8.45-8.50am.

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!

Join our Friendly Team of Governors and Make a Difference to Our School!



Here at Grange Infants, we have a small but passionate Governing Board that oversees, advises and guides the team on the day-to day life of the school. Whilst this is a voluntary role, it gives so much back and past governors have always shared how much they value the feeling that they have made a difference.

This is where you come in! We are currently looking to recruit two parent governors to join us. You would be a voice for the children and families but also play an integral role in maintaining our commitment to every child's 'Flying Start'. If you would like to find out more, please speak to me, Miss Myers and I can take you through the role. It really is so rewarding!

Find out more here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnEdsMdzFJc&t=16s>

Read Write Inc. Phonics

Phonics Play!

Thank you so much for the amazing support for our phonics workshop this week. The turn out was AMAZING and the hall was a buzz of activity. We hope this has given you a flavour of how synthetic phonics is taught at Grange and the impact it has on teaching young children to read and write.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with the only comment being the lack of space and large numbers. We had asked parents to complete our electronic form indicating attendance at the event so that we could plan for numbers and catering. It was noted that in addition to the expected turnout, we had more than 20 additional parents who turned up on the day. Had we known, we would have offered 2 dates and bought more biscuits!

Congratulations to Mrs Higgins, who won our mini hamper of Halloween treats, books and stationary.

Safeguarding warning - alert regarding books by Andrew Cope

Within the books, there is a link which encourages children to find out about additional information told during the story. The link is intended to take children to Mr Cope's web page, however the domain is no longer owned by him and instead the link will direct children to a web page now owned by a third party. This third party is publishing pornographic content and if any children access the link they will be exposed to highly inappropriate material. Puffin has paused sales, and libraries and retailers have removed these books from their shelves until further notice.

Schools are being asked to share information with parents so you can check your children's books at home and remove them until this issue can be resolved and the website is no longer compromised.



We do not have any books by the author in our school library.

Give your child 'a Flying Start'



Is your child starting Year R in 2026?

Come and visit our friendly school in the heart of Rowner, where every child gets a flying start!

Open Events

We are delighted to open our doors to prospective new families on:

Wed 22 October	5pm
Thur 23 October	10am
Wed 5 November	5pm

The whole family are welcome; please do bring your children so they can see for themselves!



Contact us with any questions!

02392582984

adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

www.grangeinfantschool.co.uk

**Apply from 1st November 25
at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions**



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Grange Infant School

Cleaning job opportunity– dates extended

Are you fit, able to clean to a high standard and work as part of a team? If so we are seeking to appoint a flexible and enthusiastic hardworking cleaner to join our friendly supportive team. If you are a dedicated and resilient person who wants to make an impact on the school, then this job is for you.

Maintaining a high level of cleanliness is of the utmost importance to us and we need an individual who is motivated to achieve this for our pupils and staff.

Main duties will include:

- Maintain a high standard of cleaning throughout the school
- Provide a safe working environment whilst dealing with chemicals, ensuring that they are handled in accordance with Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)
- Ensure all cleaning schedules and routines are followed to a high standard
- Consistently and actively apply good housekeeping principles, such as turning off lights and equipment when not in use
- Undertake any other duties as directed by the Site Manager

Essential:

- Effective communicator
- Polite and well mannered
- Demonstrate punctuality and reliability
- Able to use own initiative
- Flexibility of working during school closure periods i.e. able to block hours

Desirable:

- Experience of cleaning
- Show understanding of safety issues in relation to cleaning in school

Vacancy details:

- Salary – Support Staff Grade A**
- Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Salary - £24,225**
- Actual Salary - £5,601 (£12.56 per hour)**
- Contract type – Permanent, Term Time Only**
- Hours – 10 per week**
- Working details – 5 days per week, Monday to Friday 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

Application Procedure

Applications should be made using the standard HCC support staff application from which can be obtained from the following Hampshire Education Jobs website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/jobs/education-jobs/application>

Alternatively, you can contact the school on 02392 582984 to arrange collection of an application pack.

Please note closing date and time for completed applications is 17th October 2025

Interviews will take place week commencing 20th October 2025

Safer Recruitment

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.





Wow and Proud Congratulations

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Sparrows

Wow Writer is Daisy for her super 'u' sound this week!

Proud Pot is Evie for her fantastic Maths!



Starlings

Wow Writer is Arlo-Jax for writing his 'u' sound independently!

Proud Pot is Charlie for coming into school so beautifully this week!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Liam for working extremely hard in his writing this week!

Proud Pot is Ben for trying so hard during Rainbow Time to complete all his learning jobs!



Robins

Wow Writer is George for persevering in his writing, not giving up & accepting every challenge!

Proud Pot is Rylie for showing great resilience when coming into school! Well done, Rylie!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Scarlett for a big improvement in her handwriting size!

Proud Pot is Dylan for super sounds this week!



Owls

Wow Writer is Harper H for writing the start of her 'egg' story!

Proud Pot is Frankie for challenging his brain in Maths this week!