



Friday Flyer

11th September 2026



Things to look forward to

Wednesday 16th Sept:
Year R begin full time

Monday 21st Sept: Clubs
start for Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 23rd Sept:
Wednesday Club starts for
Forces children

Monday 28th Sept:
MacMillan Coffee morning
from 8.45am in the school hall

Tuesday 29th September
RaptOxotics Visit to Year 2

Wk beginning 5th Oct:
Meet the Teacher meetings
for all classes

Monday 5th Oct:
Individual pupil photos

Monday 5th Oct: Whole
school Harvest assembly



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

Monday 2nd November

Friday 12th February

Friday 25th June

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To Our Lovely Grange Families,

Welcome to our first Friday Flyer of the new academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer, enjoying time with family and friends in the sunshine.

As we begin a brand-new school year, we are delighted to welcome you and your children back to Grange Infants. Whether your child is returning or joining us for the first time, we are excited to start this journey together. I really don't know where the time goes and I can't believe we are here at the start of another new school year, with a world of possibilities ahead of us all! September is a time of change and transition and I have been so proud of how well our children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled straight back into school with such strength, independence and resilience. In the same way, our new Year Rs have been attending part time and their arrival has brought such a buzz to the whole school and the smiles on the staff's faces says it all!

A huge thank you must go to all of the staff who have put so much effort into preparing the classrooms ready to welcome the children. Hopefully you all had a chance to visit your child's classroom last term but if not, our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will be taking place later this term.

This term, we have lots of exciting activities planned to spark imagination and build foundational skills. From storytelling and outdoor play to early maths and phonics, we aim to make learning joyful and meaningful. You'll receive regular updates through newsletters and our school website, Facebook and Class Dojo, so you can stay connected with what's happening in the classroom. We also value your partnership and welcome your involvement in school life. Whether it's attending parent workshops, joining us for special events, or simply chatting at drop-off and pick-up, your support makes a big difference.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or contact the school office. We're here to help and want every child to thrive.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's early education. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead! 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 😊



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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.

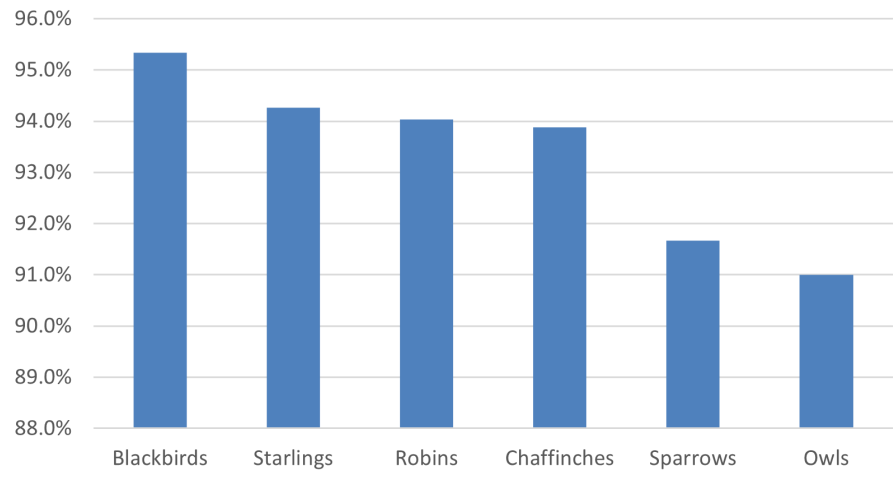
At the end of each term, we look at who has had the best attendance overall and that class gets to choose an item for their class such as a new game.

This week the winners are:
Blackbirds with 95.33%

Congratulations and well done for your great attendance this week.



Whole School Attendance(%) - Week beginning 07/09/2026



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!

Class Dojo



The Class Dojo app is a brilliant way of staying in touch. It's safe, secure and private but offers a platform for us to communicate with you and for you to be able to contact your child's class teacher directly.

Each child has their own portfolio into which photos and activities can be uploaded. The class page keeps you up to date with what's happening and often has photos of what the children have been up to that day.

If you haven't yet joined your child's class, please check 'clutter/junk' in your emails for the invite or speak to your child's class teacher for details. The lovely office staff are also available and happy to help.

Please respect our 'Quiet Hours' policy for Dojo messages and emails. Can we remind parents that messages and emails sent after 7pm, will not be responded to until after 7am the next morning. All absences must be reported to the office by phone call or voicemail on the absence line, NOT Class Dojo. 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>

A Summer of Firsts!

Our Vision for the school is 'A Flying Start' and this really underpins everything we do to give your child the very best start to their school years. We pride ourselves on the nurturing and welcoming approach we have to education as well as our strength in inclusivity and recognising every child for their uniqueness and individuality. I have been asking for children to share any 'firsts' that they experienced over the summer break and for families to send in photographs for our display in school. This could be anything from losing a first tooth, to paddling boarding, from learning to swim to making a cake!

If you have any 'firsts' that you would like to share, please email them to me at:

s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

Thank you - I can't wait to see what the children have been up to!

Parking in and around our school

Thank you to those of you who have approached us to ask for car park permits. These have now been capped at 12 and we are unable to issue any more due to space restrictions on site. These will need to be displayed on your dashboard so that they are visible to staff at the gates.

Can we remind all of our families that walking is really the best way to get to and from school and good for you too! Should you need to drive on the odd occasion, please remember to park safely and respectfully.

Our school site has a 10mph speed limit. Any vehicle observed exceeding this will risk being banned from accessing our carpark.



Medicine

A quick note on medicines in school!

If your child is likely to need Calpol during the school day, we do ask parents to please provide this, as our emergency supply is exactly that - for emergencies!

We are unable to administer medicine containing Ibuprofen to any child under the age of 16, which is, of course, all of our children.

Antihistamines should be administered at home before school, where possible this should be a 1 a day medication.

Antibiotics - should your child need during the school day, we ask this is just 1 dose. Parents must complete a medical form and drop off & collect the medicine from the office each day.

No medicine, including over the counter creams, should be sent into school in the child's bag, they must be brought to the office.

Thank you!



Sorry to share unwelcome news Grange families, it's that dreaded bug-bear!

Can ALL parents and carers please be vigilant in checking your children's hair, removing lice, and re-checking regularly.

Remember, headlice are not fussy, they will settle on any head of hair, long or short hair, girl or boy - anyone can catch them! So it really does need to be a mass effort of all families checking and if needed, treating.

Often the combing method is effective but further advice can be found at local pharmacies for severe or persistent cases.

We advise that long hair is tied up or plaited to reduce risk of infestation, and remind parents that long hair should always be tied back on PE days.

Thank you.

Threadworms

[Threadworms - NHS](#)

We have been made aware of threadworms (sometimes known as pinworms) in school.

This is one of those unfortunate but common things that spread in school. Early signs are itchy bottom and difficulties sleeping at night due to discomfort.

Can parents please support us with vigilant hygiene, keeping children's fingernails short and ensuring early treatment for the whole family is carried out ASAP.

You do not have to keep your child home from school if they have threadworms.

Click the link for more information/guidance or ask for advice at your local pharmacy.



MEDICAL PAPERWORK

Allergy Plans, Asthma Plans and Health Care Plans were sent home this week for children we are aware have existing medical conditions. Can you please ensure these are completed and returned ASAP to ensure continuity of care for your child in school. If your child no longer has the condition, please confirm this on the paperwork and still return it.

If your child has developed a condition and we are not aware of it, please pop up to the office to collect the relevant form/s.

Please also note that preventer inhalers (brown) contain steroid ingredients and should not be brought into school, we can only administer the blue inhalers.

Thank you.

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

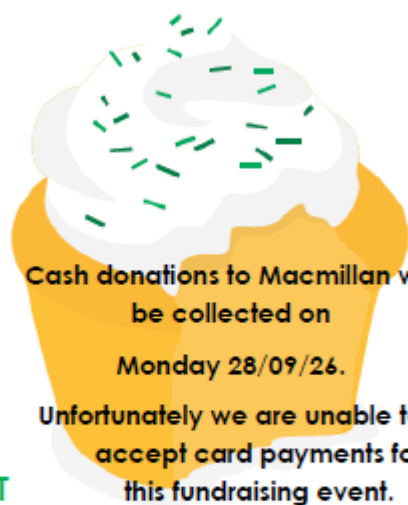
Place: Grange Infant School - Hall

Date: Monday 28th September

Time: 9am - after morning drop off :)

The school office are happy to accept
donations of shop-bought items with
good BBE dates from 22/09/26.

Homemade goodies are welcome on
the day! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



Cash donations to Macmillan will
be collected on
Monday 28/09/26.

Unfortunately we are unable to
accept card payments for
this fundraising event.

PE Safety

As part of our drive towards healthy lifestyles and celebrating sport, please can we remind families that all jewellery must be removed before school on 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 - your class teacher will make you aware when this is needed. These can be brought in and kept at school. Thank you!



Grange Infant's Office Hours

Our lovely office team is always here to help and support with any question, query or need. Miss Allison and Mrs Bamfield are our front of house duo with Mrs Fairs, our School Business Manager, available too. The team would like to remind our families of their opening times and to also let you know that in the event of an absence, to leave a voicemail which is picked up first thing.

The office is open from **8.30am to 4.30pm every day**
Once the office is closed, the answer machine will pick up any messages.



School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform!

The office is just re-stocking their supplies with everything you need. We also have some good quality, second-hand uniform available, so let the office know if you need anything or pop in to have a look at the selection in our reception/entrance area.

Gosport Community Hub based at Brune Park School also have a good selection of second hand items available to support local families.

Alternatively you can shop online at **School Trends**, simply follow the link on the uniform tab on our school website.



PLEASE NAME ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM AND PERSONAL ITEMS!

Home School Link Worker (HSLW) Mrs Kennell



My role as the HSLW is to help you and your child get the best out of school and family life.

I can support you and your children with advice and signpost you to other professionals for additional help. I am able to advise you with any worries you may have about attendance, your child's emotional well-being, behaviour or mental health.

Every child and every parent matters and I am happy to support you any way I can.

You can contact me via the school office or pop into the Aviary, which is on the main playground, for a chat.

Keep an eye out for up-coming events that will be posted on Class Dojo and the school website.

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) Mrs Cave



My role as the SENDCO is to support your child with their learning and development ensuring the best outcomes regardless of their personal starting point. I am here to offer advice to both staff and families for every child who has an additional need including learning, physical need or mental health.

I can support you and your children with advice and signpost you to other professionals for additional help. I can make referrals to external professionals such as the School Nursing team, Educational Psychology and Primary Behaviour Support.

You can contact me via the school office or catch me on the main playground, for a chat.

I work Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.