



Monday Flyer



11th November 2024



Things to look forward to!

Wednesday 13th November:
Year 1 trip to SEARCH museum

Thursday 14th November:
Year 2 trip to Fort Nelson

Friday 15th November:
Pudsey Day - Non Uniform for £1 for Children in Need

Wednesday 18th December:
Whole school Christmas performance at St Mary's Church @ 2pm

Thursday 19th December:
Christmas Day of Fun! Lunch, jumpers and parties!

Friday 20th December:
End of term @3.15pm

Monday 6th January:
Spring term starts



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

24th February:
The Empowerment Approach

27th June: Transition and next steps



To Our Lovely Grange Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a restful and fun half term break and were able to enjoy some quality time with friends and family. It has been so lovely to hear all your news and to have the children back with us again, embracing new learning and ready for the many exciting challenges that lie ahead. It's amazing how much they change from the start of the year and such a privilege for us to see them blossom and grow into the brilliant and successful individuals they are. We can't wait to be part of the next step of their journey.

Today we remembered those who have fought for our country and freedom, as well as those who continue to serve in our Armed Forces in hope of peace. The children respected a minute's silence and I was so proud of how sensible and polite they were. They understood the significance of the poppy and the importance of supporting forces families many of whom spent much time apart. We are here to support all of our families so please don't forget our lovely ELSAs Mrs Kennell and Mrs Russell who are here to listen and to help.

We have loved welcoming new families in to see us in action as part of our open sessions. As always, the children were friendly, polite and gave a warm welcome. The feedback we have had, has been so positive and it's been lovely to hear how our reputation has got out into the community! Some of our visitors felt so at home exploring the Early Years and making new friends, that they didn't want to leave!

This is set to be another busy and productive half term, with the children already excited about a certain 'C' word... There is much to do, see and learn before we approach the festive season but we have started practising our songs and I am already so impressed with the enthusiasm and enjoyment I have seen in their singing. Look out for more details about their performances later on this term. We are very excited that we can once again invite families in to see these very special performances and I'm sure the children will be coming home (if they haven't done so already) giving you a sneaky peak of

Our Beautiful Remembrance Day Display

A huge thank you to Mrs Sayer and Mrs Cripps for our wonderful Remembrance Display in our porch area. Nearly a third of our children have parents in the Armed Forces and we value the contribution they make to the welfare of our country and beyond. Remembrance Day is a time to remember the service and sacrifice of those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Thank you to those of you who have purchased poppies and other Remembrance Day items at the office, all proceeds have now been collected by the Royal British Legion.





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PE Days for the Autumn 2 Term 2024



Here are the PE Days for this first half term:

Year R

**Starlings/Sparrows:
WEDNESDAYS**

Year 1

**Chaffinches/Robins
MONDAYS**

**Year 2 Owls and Magpies:
TUESDAYS - Gym
Blackbirds: FRIDAYS
(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.



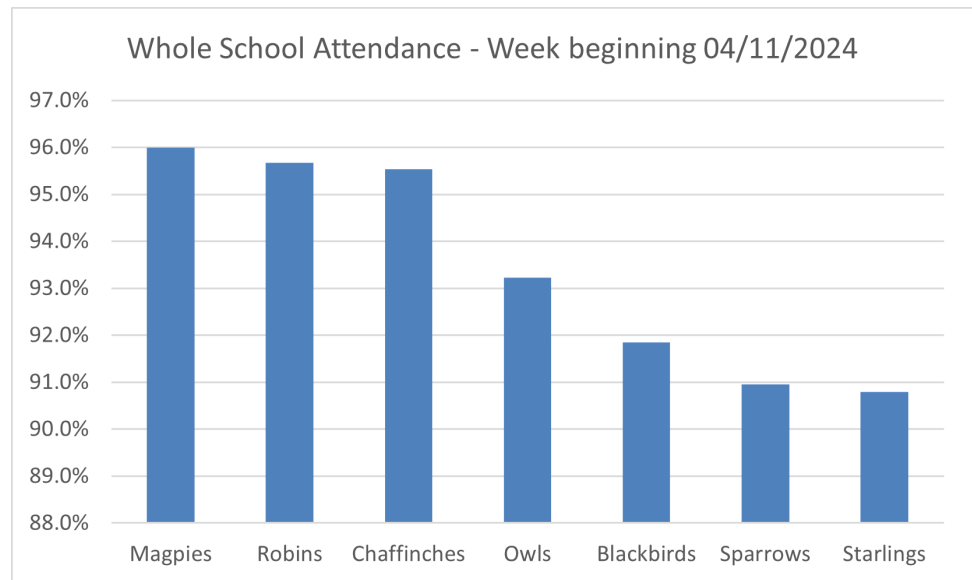
Attendance

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:
Magpies with 96%**

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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Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, we will be raising money for this wonderful charity. We are inviting the children to wear spots or anything that makes them happy in exchange for £1.

Your donations are much appreciated as we know times are hard. All of the donations do go straight to this charity, so if your child would like to join in with this non-uniform day, please make sure to send in their £1.

Thank you!



Holidays during Term Time

Attendance is so important in your child's educational development and so we always ask our families not to take holidays during term time.

Holidays taken will go down as an 'unauthorised absence' and will affect your child's overall attendance percentage.

You are also at risk of being issued a fine/ fixed penalty notice.

Use this link for more information:

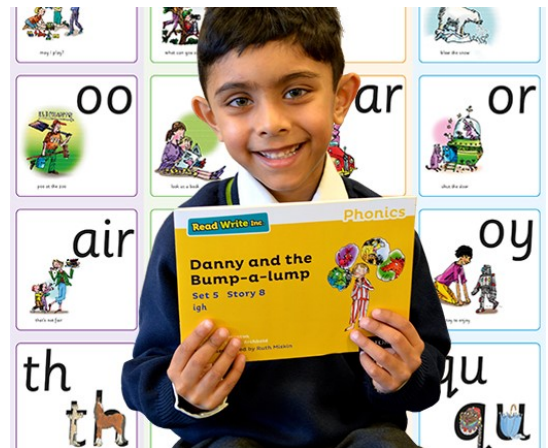
<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Join us for Phonics Play!

On Monday 18th November at 2.30pm, we are inviting parents to come and join their child to explore some fun phonics games and to see the fantastic impact our scheme Read Write Inc has on reading and writing.

There will be refreshments available, as well as entry into a book raffle for all parents who attend the session.

We will be sending out text messages today with an electronic form for you to complete if you want to join us. This will help us to know numbers for drinks and snacks, as well as how many children will be coming along.





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Remembrance Day

We will remember them

Remembrance Day was a key event for the whole school this morning and we couldn't have been prouder of the children who showed their respect and appreciation in our one minute silence. A huge thank you to the many children who showed such care and creativity in their poppy art as part of a community project with Coop Funeral Care. Many of you will have seen the beautiful Remembrance display in our reception porch which was created by Mrs Cripps and Mrs Sayer; thank you to them both for their creativity, thought and care.





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Introducing Our New School Councillors

Congratulations to our brand new school councillors who were voted in before the half term break. The quality of applications was amazing and we wish we could give a role to everyone who applied, as so much effort was made.

Our school councillors have a pivotal role to play in school improvement and ensuring that Grange Infants remains the exciting and motivating learning hub that it is. Our councillors will work closely with me, Miss Myers, to discuss a range of topics including looking after the school grounds, developing play provision and highlighting the value of pupil voice.

We can't wait to work with them!

Our Year 1 School Councillors



Our Year 2 School Councillors





Healthy Eating at Grange Infant School

Under the Government's Universal Free School Meal programme, all children from Year R to Year 2 are entitled to a free hot meal every day. Meals at Grange Infants are provided by HC3S and we are proud of the service that they provide, ensuring all meals are healthy, nutritious and tasty. The menu works on a three week cycle, to make sure there is variety and choice. Special menus can also be provided for individual children with dietary requirements, proving again the inclusive practice at the school.

Whilst we would encourage all families to access this daily provision, we do understand that some children will prefer a home packed lunch on some days. In line with the hot meals that we are offering, we would ask that home packed lunches also provide a balanced diet. We have noticed that more and more chocolate and high sugar items are creeping in and so wanted to give you some helpful hints and tips using this NHS link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

We would ask that children do not have more than one chocolate item in their lunch and that sweets are not added. Please be mindful of added sugar in items such as yoghurts and carton drinks too.

