

Friday Flyer

16th January 2026



Dear Grange Families,

It seems a little late to be wishing you all a Happy New Year, but I do hope you all had a wonderful break and that 2026 has started well for you.

As we approach another weekend, it is hard to believe that this is end of the second week of the spring term! Where does time go? It has been another fortnight of exciting new learning, friendships, laughter and of course every season of weather! It is always so heart-warming to see how much the children love being in school, building resilience and taking on challenges.

Last week got off to a great start with the Year 1 bikes and scooters day, hooking the children in to their topic on transport 'Are we there yet?' The children are already loving this topic and are looking forward to exploring transport, making wheeled models and making tallies of the cars that staff drive to school!

Year 2, had a great afternoon last week, listening to an array of fairy tales as a hook for their topic 'How Twisted is your Tale?' They are looking forward to making finger puppets and going on a hike too, so look out for dates!

We are so pleased we can offer our after-school clubs again this term and these will start next week. The spring term is always a harder one in which to offer anything outdoors due to the weather, but we are hoping to offer more for the summer term. It may not be possible to offer everyone a place on the club they really want, but we have tried hard to give all of those who have returned their form a place on one of the clubs available.

Attendance is on our agenda again this half term and in particular, late arrival. You only need to look on social media and the news to see the impact attendance has on the overall well-being of a child and on future aspirations and opportunity. I can't stress enough how essential good attendance and punctuality are for every single child in the school and we are working tirelessly with families to offer support to help make improvements.

Please don't worry if we get in touch about attendance-early intervention always has the biggest impact and if we get in touch as soon as things start to drop, we have a very good chance of turning things around quickly.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend. As always, my door is open so please let me or the amazing office team know if there is anything we can do to help. We are always here for you! Miss Myers 😊

Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Meetings

Thank you to those of you who attended parent meetings this week. These are such a vital part of your child's learning journey at Grange infants and they give you an insight into your child's experience with us and how you can support it.

If you were not able to attend a meeting but would still like to talk to your child's class teacher, please get in touch directly via Class Dojo.



Things to look forward to!

Week beginning 19th Jan:
After school clubs start

Monday 2nd Feb: Year 2 local area walk

Wednesday 11th Feb:
Year 2 visit to Queen Elizabeth Country Park

Thursday 12th Feb:
Homework showcase for Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 12th Feb: Dental workshops for all Year groups

Friday 13th Feb: School CLOSED- start of the half term break

Monday 23rd Feb: School reopens for Spring 2

Week beginning 16th March:
Year R parent meetings

Friday 27th March: School finishes for the Easter break



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

Friday 13th February:
Empowerment Approach: Policy to Practice

Friday 26th June: Transition and next steps



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PE Days for the Spring 1 Term 2026



Here are the PE Days for this first half term:

Year R

Sparrows: MONDAY

Starlings: TUESDAY

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins

WEDNESDAY

(full PE kit)

Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds

MONDAY - 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.

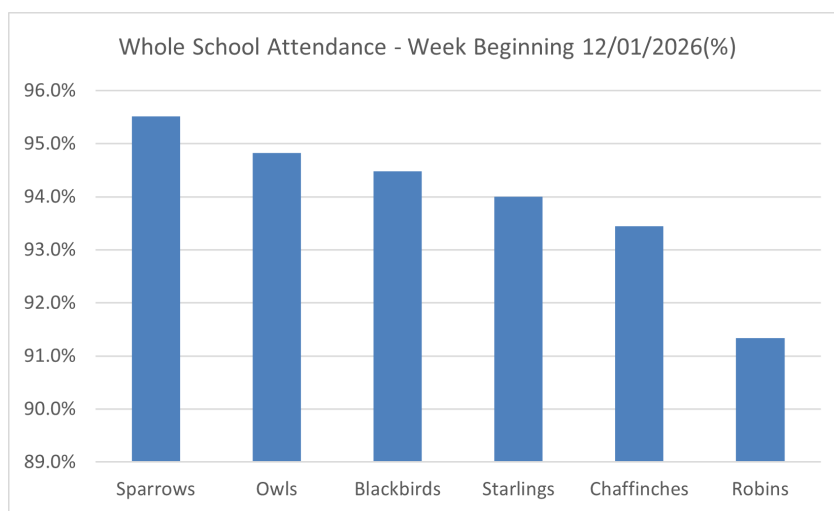
Attendance

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:
Sparrows with 95.5%

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 8.45-8.55am.

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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Any unwanted gifts or left overs?!

We are always looking to support local charities and have been able to offer support to many of our families this Christmas through local groups.

If you have any unwanted items or non-perishable food, we will be delivering donations in the new year to support worthwhile causes. Thank you!



Class Dojo

Quiet Hours

Class Dojo has proved to be an invaluable resource for the school and a brilliant way of staying in touch with our families.

The messaging facility allows parents to privately message a member of staff. This is particularly helpful when drop offs and pick up times are so busy and class staff are with children.

Please could we ask families to remember that these messages can only be seen and responded to when staff members are not teaching or with children. You may need to wait for a response, so if it is important, please contact the office.

We also ask our families to respect 'quiet hours' during which staff will not get Class Dojo notifications. This is usually between the hours of 6pm and 8am.

Mobiles at Pick up time

Phones are such a big part of our daily lives and give us constant access to the world. There is no denying the value of a mobile phone but I am reaching out to our families with a simple request... When your child leaves their classroom at the end of the day, please consider putting your phone away, engage in conversation and be 'present'. Young children are always so pleased to see that familiar face and will without doubt, have so much to share and talk about. It's not much to ask but could bring back that 'joy' of conversation!

Thank you !



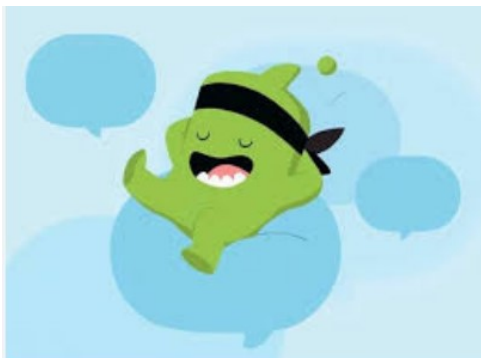
Grange Infants Community Board

We often have parents and local community groups asking us to support them through advertising or sharing of flyers and social media pages. It is important we are at the heart of the community, but feel strongly that Class Dojo and our school website should be for the promotion of the well-being and learning of the children.

In this way, we will be introducing our Grange Infants Community Board, a place to share adverts, local events and small businesses.

This board will be on the side of the Chaffinch classroom where families will be able to view it easily.

Should you wish to place a flyer, advert or link on the board, please let Miss Myers know.



New for the New Year!

Change in Caterers - Chartwells

Our new caterers are Chartwells.

The kitchen ladies are still with us, so the children are seeing the same familiar friendly faces every day at lunchtime.

Change can be tricky and we are still working through the first rotation of the menus, so please bear with us as we navigate these early weeks and initial teething problems! For the most part the children are coping well and being amazing. Next week will be Week 3.

If your child is unsure about the new lunch options, they are welcome to bring a packed lunch as a 'back-up', and still order a school lunch to try. You never know, they might find a new favourite!

If your child follows a special diet menu, we are being especially vigilant. We will always ensure your child does not consume any item from the menu that is not suitable for their individual needs.

Thank you for your understanding.



Arbor Parent Portal

Emails were sent home before Christmas break with instructions on how to set up your Arbor account.

We already use Arbor as our secure MIS system and for sending emails. Inviting parents to use the parent portal will really help with streamlining the amount of platforms we use.

We know that the juniors already use this method of communication and we have made the decision that we will also be moving to Arbor's In-App messaging platform as our main means of communication.

This will be to REPLACE text messages. Class Dojo will continue to be used.

We will notify all families when we are 'switching off' text messages.

We strongly advise ALL parents to create their Arbor account to avoid missing out on important information. You will be able to access your account via the Arbor App or sign in online via web browser (App is recommended so you receive push notifications).

Any questions, please ask at the office.



Wow and Proud Congratulations

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Sparrows

Wow Writer is **Harry** for working hard to hear all the sounds in a 3 word phrase!

Proud Pot is **Gala** for working really hard in her new phonics group!



Starlings

Wow Writer is **Reggie** for writing his name and for his effort in hearing initial sounds in words!

Proud Pot is **Bertie** for recognising a repeating pattern and knowing what comes next!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is **Edie-Mae** for innovating our text map and making her own set of instructions for how to drive a motorbike!!

Proud Pot is **Sebastian** for learning all of his speed set one sounds!



Robins

Wow Writer is **Isaac S** for fantastic innovation of our class story map! Well done Isaac!

Proud Pot is **Marliya** for challenging herself with her Maths learning this week!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is **Amyiah** for her lovely fairy story re-tell!

Proud Pot is **Bryan** for super number line work in Maths!



Owls

Wow Writer is **Miray** for her super retelling of the Billy the Brave Knight story!

Proud Pot is **Oliver** for creating his own 3 Billy Goats Gruff book!