Friday Flyer

16th October 2026



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 last 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. They visited St Mary's Church this morning and it is wonderful that we once again, secured our links with the church and it's new Rector, Vickie Morgan. Year 1 and 2 are looking forward to performing the Nativity there in December.

Last 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 Cardwell and Simons, 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 🙂



Harvest 2026

Our Harvest Festival took place last 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.

All donations will go to the Salvation Army and local food banks.



Things to look forward to

Monday 19th Oct: Phonics workshop for Year R 2pm

Monday 19th Oct: Homework showcase for Year 1 and Year 2 at 3.05pm

Friday 23rd Oct: School finishes at 3.15pm for the half term break

TUESDAY 3rd Nov: School opens 8.45am for Autumn 2 half term

Wednesday 4th Nov: Open sessions for new applicants

Friday 13th Nov: Children in Need

Wednesday 25th Nov: Nasal flu spray

Monday 14th Dec: Christmas performances



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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PE Days for the Autumn Term 2026



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.



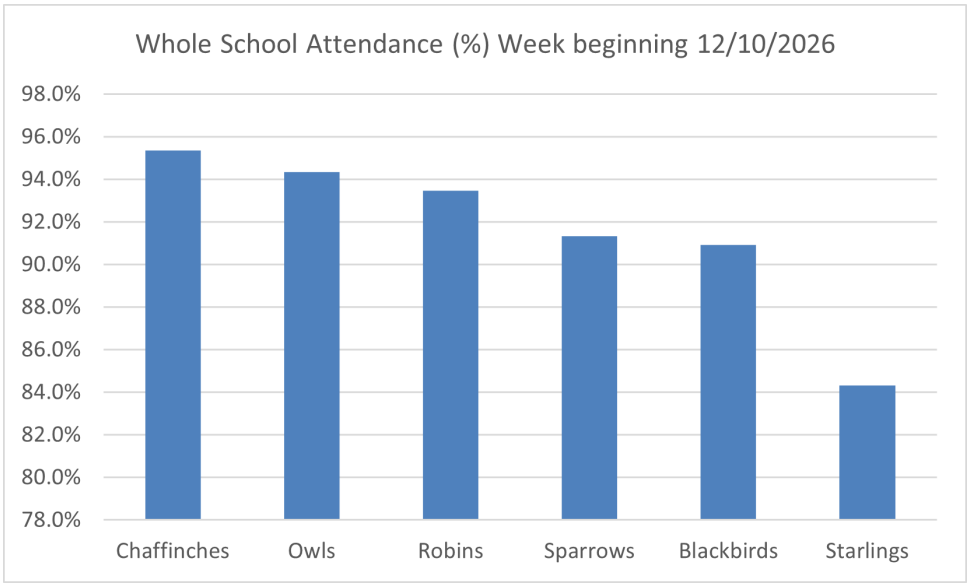
Attendance

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:
Chaffinches with 95.4%

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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Year R families: join us for Phonics Play!

Thank you to all of you who attended the phonics workshop for Year 1 and 2 this week- what a great turn out we had! The children loved spending time with their parents, showing off their amazing reading and writing skills and getting the chance to grab once of our pre-loved books! Well done to our lucky raffle winners.

For those parents in Year R, your workshop is on **Monday 19th October at 2pm** where once again you will have the chance to find out about our brilliant phonics scheme and how children learn to read and write at Grange.

Refreshments will be available and everyone who attends will be entered into a free raffle!

Parking in and around our school

In the last newsletter, I reminded families about safe access and use of our carpark. All passes have now been allocated and only cars with this clearly displayed will be given access.

SADLY, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE ARE STILL DRIVERS WHO ARE NOT KEEPING TO THE SPEED LIMIT! THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BAN DRIVERS FROM THE SITE!

Our school site has a 10mph speed limit.

Any vehicle observed exceeding this will risk being banned from accessing our carpark.

All cars must reverse into the parking space.

WE ARE WATCHING!





Flu Nasal Spray

You will be offered the opportunity for your child to have the nasal flu spray this term. This will take place on 25th November and will need your consent.

You can complete the form here: https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

The school code is **SH116171**



Spooky Fun for the end of half term - Friday 23rd October !

In place of our usual 'Friday Fun', we will be having Halloween parties in the classrooms for the last part of the day. The children are welcome to wear costumes or non uniform to school on this day; this is just for fun, no charge, and is not compulsory!

Christmas is Coming!

As always, the time is flying past and Christmas will be here before we know it!

To give you plenty of time to plan, I wanted to share the date of our Christmas performances this year!

We have made a slight tweak to the arrangements and Year R will now be performing their own 'Wriggly Nativity' in school on the morning of **14th December** in our school hall.

Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their own Nativity at St Mary's Church, just across from the school at **2pm**.

