



**Things to look forward to!**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> & Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
Year 1 trips to HMS Sultan

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
Y2 'hike' to Alver Valley

**Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
School closes at 3.15pm  
for the half term break  
(INSET on the Friday)

**Thur 28<sup>th</sup> March:**  
School closes at 3.15pm  
for the Easter holidays

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April:**  
The summer term begins!

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May:**  
School closes at 3.15pm  
for the half term break

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July:**  
Last day of Summer term,  
it's a Monday Fun Day!

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

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July:**  
Transition planning

**Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> July:**  
Behaviour and restorative practice



Dear Grange Families,

As we approach another weekend, it is hard to believe that this is end of the third 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.

We are so pleased we can offer our after -school clubs again this term and these have started this week, primarily for Year 1. 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 and to offer placed across Key Stage 1. It may not be possible to offer everyone a place or 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 it has been interesting to see it has made national news too, reflecting on the impact it has on the overall well-being of a child and on future aspirations and opportunity. I can't stress enough how essential good attendance is 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.

Please remember, there is always someone here to help, to advise and to listen. No worry, query or question is ever too big or too small! Find us on the playground in the morning and at the end of the day, or pop into the office to see one of the lovely office staff.

Have a lovely weekend, 😊

Miss Myers

## 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.

Year R parent meetings will take place during the week of the 11th March. Look out for sign up sheets nearer the time.





# Friday Flyer

19th January 2024

## PE Days for the Spring Term 2024



There have been no changes to PE days, but here is a reminder of them below!

### Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:  
Wednesdays

### Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins/  
Wagtails: Mondays

### Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds:  
Tuesdays

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 on top so please avoid hoodies or other sweatshirts.

We encourage the children to wear black plimsolls or plain black trainers.



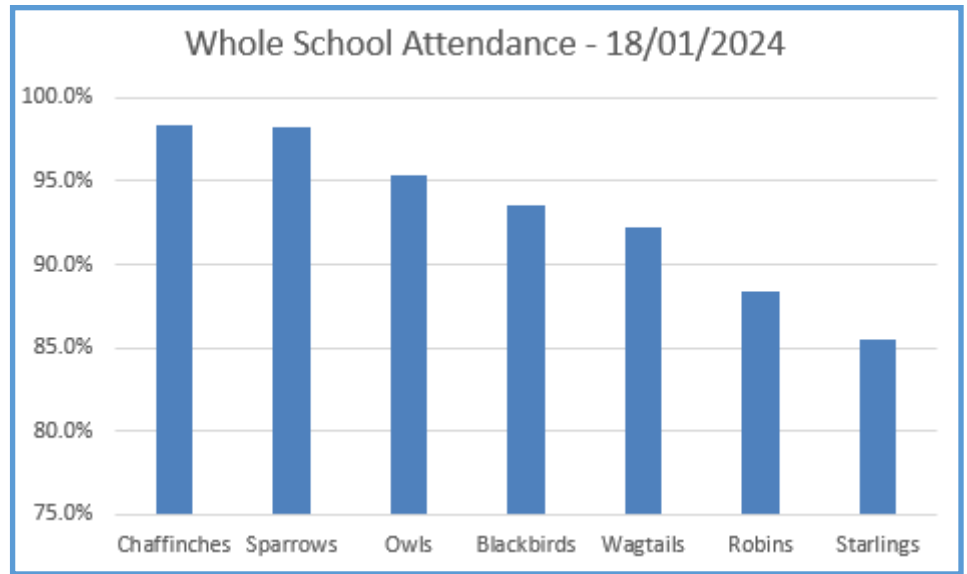
## Attendance

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 98.33%**

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.**

## 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!



## Meet Our New School Councillors

Congratulations to our brand new school councillors who were voted in this term. 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 Mr Price and 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!





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## A Big Macmillan Thank you!

We were recently contacted by Macmillan who wanted to extend their thanks for the money we raised through our coffee morning in September.

We raised **£350.25** which is an amazing amount for this fantastic charity.



## Join us as a reading, library or learning volunteer!

Do you have any spare time during the week? Would you like to help promote a love of reading and learning at our school? Then come and join us as a reading, library or learning volunteer!

We are looking for volunteers to support reading and other learning activities with individual children during the afternoons. We value the positive impact that volunteers have on the children and the progress they make. If you would like to become a volunteer or you are interested in supporting our library, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or Miss Myers.

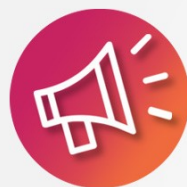


## Fundamental British Values

This week we have talked to the children in Key Stage 1 about personal values, what makes us all unique and the impact we can have on our community and the world around us. As part of the assembly this week, we talked about the Fundamental British Values.

Use this link to find out more: *(watch out for pop ups!)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9mcHpVH9w>



Democracy



Rule  
of Law



Individual  
Liberty



Respect &  
Tolerance



# Wow and Proud

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## Sparrows



Wow Writer is **Cohen** for his excellent cvc 'Big Hat'!

Proud Pot is **Vincent** for settling in so well to our school; welcome to Grange!

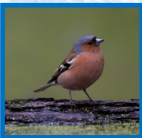
## Starlings



Wow Writer is **Courtney** for excellent cvc words 'Mat Cat'!

Proud Pot is **Henlee** for super effort with blending sounds in Read Write Inc!

## Chaffinches



Wow Writer is **Alisia** for brilliant writing about a helicopter!

Proud Pot is **Emelia** for her DT design for her Barbie & Ken vehicle!

## Robins



Wow Writer is **Zayn** for excellent instructions about riding transport!

Proud Pot is **Alvia** for super Science: she knew all about materials used for a car & why!

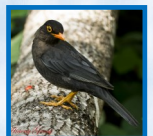
## Wagtails



Wow Writer is **Kamsi** for excellent description of a helicopter!

Proud Pot is **Isla** for using full stops independently in her instructions!

## Blackbirds



Wow Writer is **Natalia** for lovely handwriting about dragons!

Proud Pot is **Alex** for settling in so well to our school; welcome to Grange!

## Owls



Wow Writer is **Henlee** for amazing mixed-up fairytale suffixes!

Proud Pot is **Jaea** for always keeping the Grange Values and being a fantastic Owl!