

# Friday Flyer

20th December 2024



Things to look forward to!

**Friday 20th December:**

End of term at 3.15pm



**Monday 6th January:**

Spring term starts- doors open at 8.45am

**Tuesday 7th January:**

Year 2 Fairy Tale Hook Day

**Monday 13th January:**

Parent meetings for Year 1 and Year 2 this week

**Friday 14th February:**

Homework showcase for Year 1 and 2



**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,

We are finally here at the end of a busy, jam-packed and successful autumn term! The weeks have flown by and it seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming the children in, ready to join their new classes and year groups. It has been wonderful to watch them blossom and grow into confident, kind and caring individuals, making huge leaps in progress and embracing new learning with excitement and resilience. We really are so proud of them all.

The last couple of weeks have been so busy, full of Christmas fun, celebration and performances. On Wednesday all of our classes gave it their all for their performance of 'Born in a Barn', at St Mary's church. The church was packed out with family and friends and we were amazed at the support given for this event; it was standing room only! The children definitely rose to the occasion and proved what superstars they really are, singing their hearts out and giving everyone their best moves! This is the first time in many years that Year R have joined their Key Stage 1 friends and I was so proud of the performance they gave. I'm sure memories of their very first Nativity, will stay with you for many years to come! A huge thank you to all of the staff for the time and energy invested in practising the songs and perfecting the dance moves; to the wonderful office for making sure all families got the updates about timings and places and lastly, a special thank you to all of the children for being so patient, so polite and for putting their hearts into the performances. You are all AMAZING!

Our Festive passes were again a great success this year and well supported by our families. It was so lovely seeing the beaming, happy faces at the Christmas dinner, party and grotto this week. I'm sure the children slept very well after such an exciting day. Thank you to Mrs Fairs, Miss Allison and Mrs Bamfield for being the driving force behind the Festive passes and preparing everything for the Santa gifts, the activities and the Christmas biscuit and drink. The children had a ball! It is also down to their hard work and effort that we were again able to hold such a brilliant raffle. Well done to all of the winners!

I look forward to welcoming you all back to a brand new term on Monday 6th January.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. Whatever your holiday plans may be, may we wish you a safe and restful break, ready for the new year ahead.

Miss Myers 😊 

You know where to reach us and should you need to get in touch, please email me, no matter how small: [s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk)



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## PE Days for the Spring 1 Term 2025



**There are some changes so please take note!**

Here are the PE Days for this half term:

### Year R

**Sparrows/Starlings:  
MONDAYS**

### Year 1

**Chaffinches/Robins  
WEDNESDAYS**

### Year 2

**Owls/Blackbirds/  
Magpies:  
TUESDAYS - PE  
(school uniform)**

**AND**

**Owls & Magpies  
THURSDAYS**

**GYM—FULL PE KIT**

**Blackbirds**

**FRIDAYS**

**GYM— FULL PE KIT**

**Shorts to be worn under trackies for GYM**

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 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.



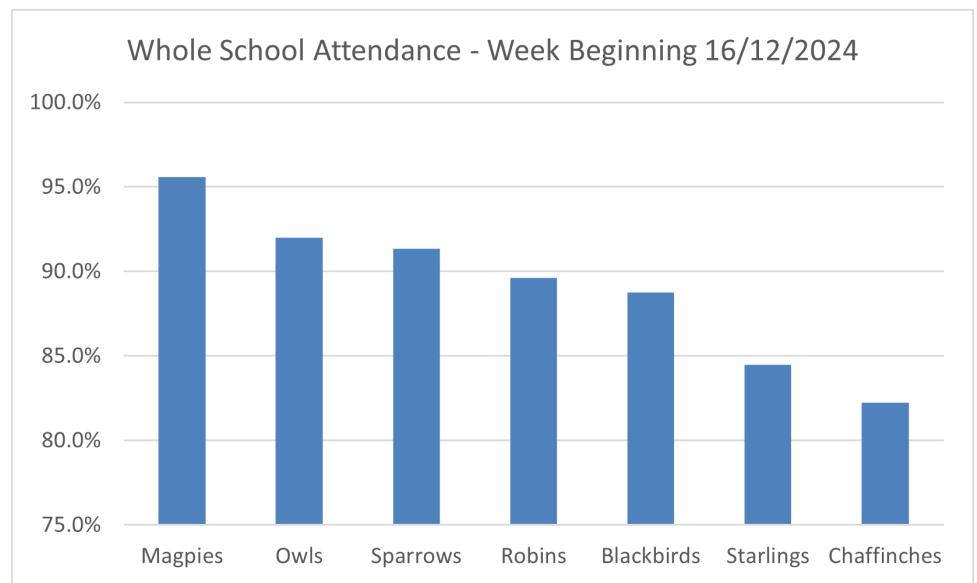
## Attendance

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 95.6%**

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!

## Office Hours

Please note that the school office is not open before 8.30am. Families are welcome to use the voicemail facility which is open 24/7 and any messages left will be picked up at the beginning of each working day. The office closes at 3.30pm Monday-Friday.



## Christmas Raffle

A huge thank you to our community for supporting our annual Christmas Raffle. Our brilliant school councillors drew the lucky winners yesterday and hopefully these amazing prizes have now been collected from the office. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference and we are so appreciative of everything our community gives back.



## An Amazing Performance

It was so lovely to see so many of our families attend the Christmas performance of 'Born in a Barn' this week! The church was bursting at the seams and it was standing room only for this wonderful production. The children did us proud, filling the church with their enthusiastic singing and bring a smile to everyone's faces.

A huge thank you must go to Jude, Hil and the team at St Mary's church for supporting this event and being there to help things run smoothly.

Don't forget to look out for future family events which they will be hosting over Christmas.

## Applying for School Places

If you have a child who is due to start in either Year R or Year 3 in September 2025, please make sure you have completed the application within the window.

This window closes **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025** and any applications made after this will be classes as 'late' and may affect the allocation of the school.

Please use this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearrandyear3>

Notification of places for 'on time' applications is **16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

Starting school in September  
**2025**

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2025, they can start school in September 2025.

For more information go to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)  
Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1 November 2024

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS  
IS WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025

**DON'T MISS IT!**



## Thank you Mrs Lee and Friends

You will no doubt have seen how many leaves are scattered all over our playground and as you can imagine, these then get brought into school on shoes and by the wind! It was so wonderful to hear that Mrs Lee set up a wonderfully helpful group of children to resolve this problem by collecting leaves and bagging them up. Thank you so much; you are amazing!



## Clubs

When we return after Christmas, Year 1s will be invited to sign up for after school clubs.

Can we please ask that if your child accepts a place at a club, parents commit to their child attending every session. We really try and instil a sense of commitment in the children that apply for a place on these clubs and so ask for your support in ensuring they attend every week.

We are so fortunate to have such a variety of activities offered by volunteers at school! The grown-ups are so generous to give up their own time for this enrichment for the children, thank you as always to them for all they do.

## A Special Visitor to Grange Infants

On Wednesday, we were treated to a surprise visit from the Big Man himself, Father Christmas who brought along his trusty elf. The children were so excited to see him and his sleigh and were happy to hear they are all on the 'good list'!

Thank you to the Gosportarians for this amazing visit.





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The connect4communities programme, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund, aims to support those most in need with significantly rising living costs. Grange Infant School, as with all schools in Hampshire, has been allocated funding to support our families who are in need and who may be struggling with the rising costs of food, energy and clothing.

We are here to support all of our families at this difficult time and with Christmas and winter ahead, want to reach out to see how we can help. We are asking for any families who are worried about food and rising costs to get in touch. We will then arrange a chat with you to agree how we can support you, whether that be through vouchers for food, winter coats, clothing or blankets. You will be invited in for a chat and a cuppa with me, Miss Myers, and I can talk through with you what we can do to help. You can also talk to me on the playground.

If you would like to arrange a chat, please email in to the following address:

[s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk)

All emails are private and will be handled sensitively.

The connect4communities website also has links for local area and regional support such as food pantries and holiday clubs. Use this link to find out more:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

## Food banks in the Gosport area: Please make contact to see what they have available first:

Gosport Basics Bank: The Old Railway, Gosport. 07826 305900

Family Church, Gosport: Empower Centre, 2A Layton Road, Gosport 0300 3020090

Jacob's Well Centre, The store cupboard, Toronto Place, Gosport (£2 to fill up a shopping bag.)

Salvation Army, The Crossways, Gosport 02392 524349

Trash Café, 14 South Street, Gosport- Pay 'as you feel'

Gosport Borough Football Club: Feed a Family hampers: 07868 089757

Revitalise Charity shop: Good quality second hand clothing: 82 Gregson Avenue, Gosport



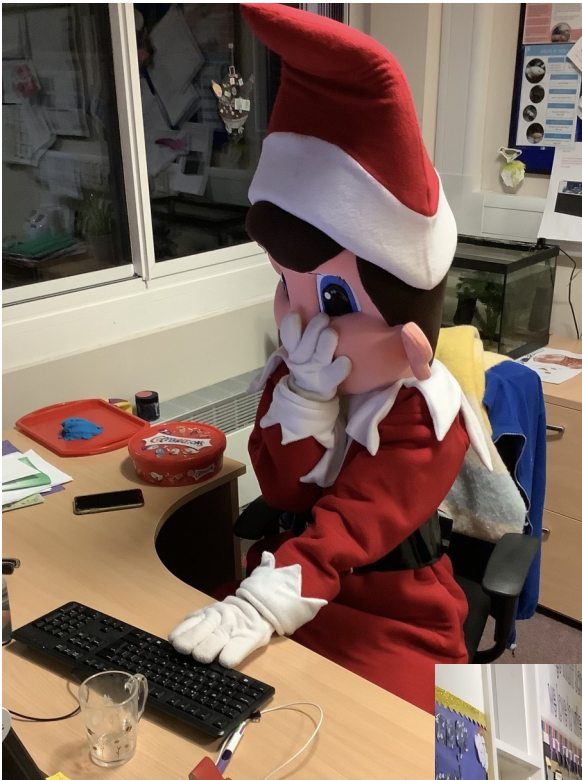
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Has anyone seen this cheeky elf?

It appears we have had a mischievous to our school! All the children know that those elves are up to no good at this time of year and many of them have been sharing with us the mayhem that they have been creating at home.

Imagine our surprise when we realised that we have our very own cheeky elf! You can see they thought they try and impersonate Miss Myers and Mrs Bamfield and took over their desks.

Thankfully with Christmas around the corner, this elf may not be seen until next year but make sure you keep a look out just in case!



# Wow and Proud Congratulations



## Sparrows

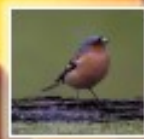
Wow Writer is Tobias for writing his list to Santa!

Proud Pot is ALL the Sparrows for an amazing first term in school!

## Starlings

Wow Writer is Liam for hearing and writing some sounds in CVC words!

Proud Pot is ALL the Starlings for the lovely drawings and letters to the elves!



## Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Poppy for her independent CVC words!

Proud Pot is Ted for his lovely drawing!

## Robins

Wow Writer is Tilly for improved productivity and independence in her writing!

Proud Pot is ALL the Robins for being so super in their show at the church!



## Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Emily for her super writing for her Florence Nightingale diary!

Proud Pot is Reggie-Blu for following our Grange values!

## Magpies

Wow Writer is Heidi for her excellent Florence Nightingale diary!

Proud Pot is Jayden for how hard he is trying at the moment!



## Owls

Wow Writer is Ruben for his independent letter to Father Christmas!

Proud Pot is Evelyn for her independent Maths and careful working out!



*From our Grange Family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy & happy New Year!*