



Friday Flyer

22nd November 2024



Things to look forward to!

Friday 29th November
Non Uniform in exchange for a raffle donation

Christmas Crafting workshop at 2pm - parents/carers

Wednesday 18th December
Whole school performance at St Marys Church at 2pm

Thursday 19th December:
Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

After School Parties including Santa's Grotto

Christmas Raffle Draw

Friday 20th December:
End of term at 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,

Autumn continues to fly by and I can't believe how quickly we are hurtling towards Christmas! Every week passes in a blur of exciting new learning, happy faces and positive relationships. Recent visitors have told us how welcoming the school is, how friendly the children are and how the learning just shines through. We really are so proud of our school and the community that supports us and even when times are tough, we know we can ride out the ups and downs together.

Last week saw both Year 1 and Year 2 venturing out on schools trips and the feedback from both the children and the staff was so positive. We know how learning through first hand experience in the outdoors or with real artefacts and objects, has such an impact on the children in embedding their understanding and in making learning memorable and relevant.

Year 1 had a fantastic session learning about Toys Old and New at SEARCH museum in Gosport. Year 2, had a trip up to the Royal Armouries to learn about the impact that Florence Nightingale had on life today. The children loved being out and about and we know that the memories made on these days will stay with them. As always, their behaviour was amazing and we are so proud of how they remembered to keep our Grange Values, as well as being Ready, Respectful and Safe.

The school is starting to buzz with a sense of Christmas; the children are busy practising their Christmas songs ready to entertain their families and staff are planning a host of festive fun and activities. Please make sure you have read our Festive Flyer this week as it has everything you need to know about how we are celebrating this exciting time of the year.

The children definitely thought Christmas had come early yesterday with the unexpected snowfall and as adults, we realised that for some children, this may have been the first snow they had seen! It's moments like these that really do make you appreciate the simple things in life and watching the children running around trying to catch the flakes brought a smile to all of our faces!

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 😊



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PE Days for the Autumn 2 Term 2024



Here are the PE Days for this half term:

Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:
WEDNESDAYS

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins
MONDAYS

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 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 plim-solls or plain black trainers.

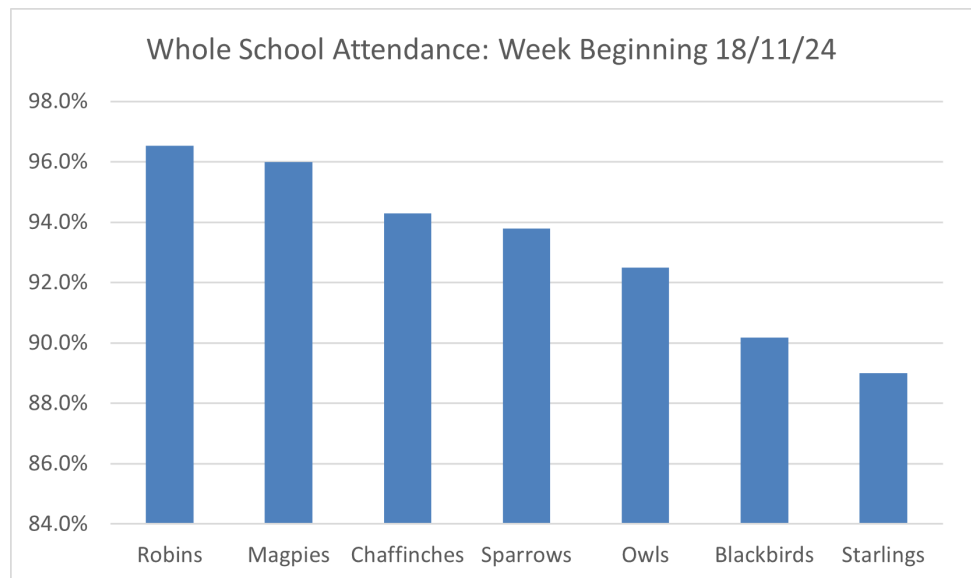
Attendance

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:
Robins with 96.5%**

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.

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.

Phonics Play

A big thank you to those of you who attended our Phonics Play session this week; we had an amazing turn out with many families having the opportunity to sit with their child and explore phonics. Not only did the children have fun, but families were also given an insight into the importance of phonics on children's reading and writing.

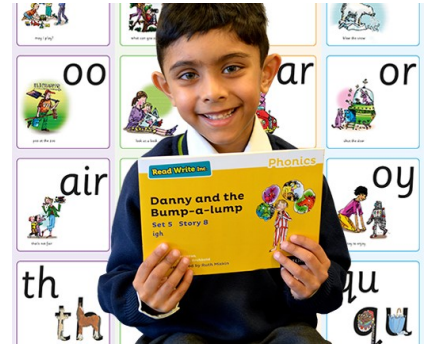
Congratulations to the winners in our raffle too!

1st Prize: Lilah in the Sparrows

2nd prize: Darcie from the Owls

3rd prize: Arya-Rose from the Sparrows

If you were not able to attend or would like further phonic resources, please speak to your child's class teacher



Cold Weather- be ready!

This week has brought the first taste of winter with snow showers and frosty mornings this week. Watching the awe and wonder of the children during yesterday's snowfall was such a special moment, as this is rare nowadays!

Please can we ask that you ensure your child has suitable clothing for the changeable weather. We try and get them outside as much as possible so a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves are essential. Suitable footwear is important too; shoes or boots with good grip are great for this weather as the children's feet stay warm and dry.

We have also noticed that some children are arriving at school without their book bags or water bottles. Again, these are essential resources that they need in school. Please ensure all personal items are labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your understanding!

Access to the Junior School

We have noticed that some families are using the field at the back of the school as a short cut to the Juniors at the end of the day.

Please can I remind all families that this is not an agreed path and should not be used at any time to access the Juniors. Both schools have different timings for when gates are opened to ensure the safety of the children and by using the field as a pathway, this is creating a safeguarding risk.

Thank you.



Nurture and Care Safe and Secure

We know how important physical activity and being outside is for the children's well-being and learning engagement. We are so lucky to have extensive grounds here at Grange Infants and try as much as possible to get the children out and running around with their friends.

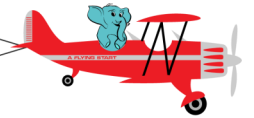
We have noticed recently, that a lot of rough play is creeping in and I am aware that this is being raised by many parents. We are talking to the children about our Grange Values and are reiterating the need to be safe and kind at playtimes. The playground is being monitored more and any rough play is being resolved swiftly.

Please could we ask families to talk to their children about 'kind hands' and being respectful of their friends' personal space. In this way, key messages will be given by both school and home and will help the children to have happier playtimes.

Nurture and Care



Safe and Secure



A Big Thank you for your Kindness

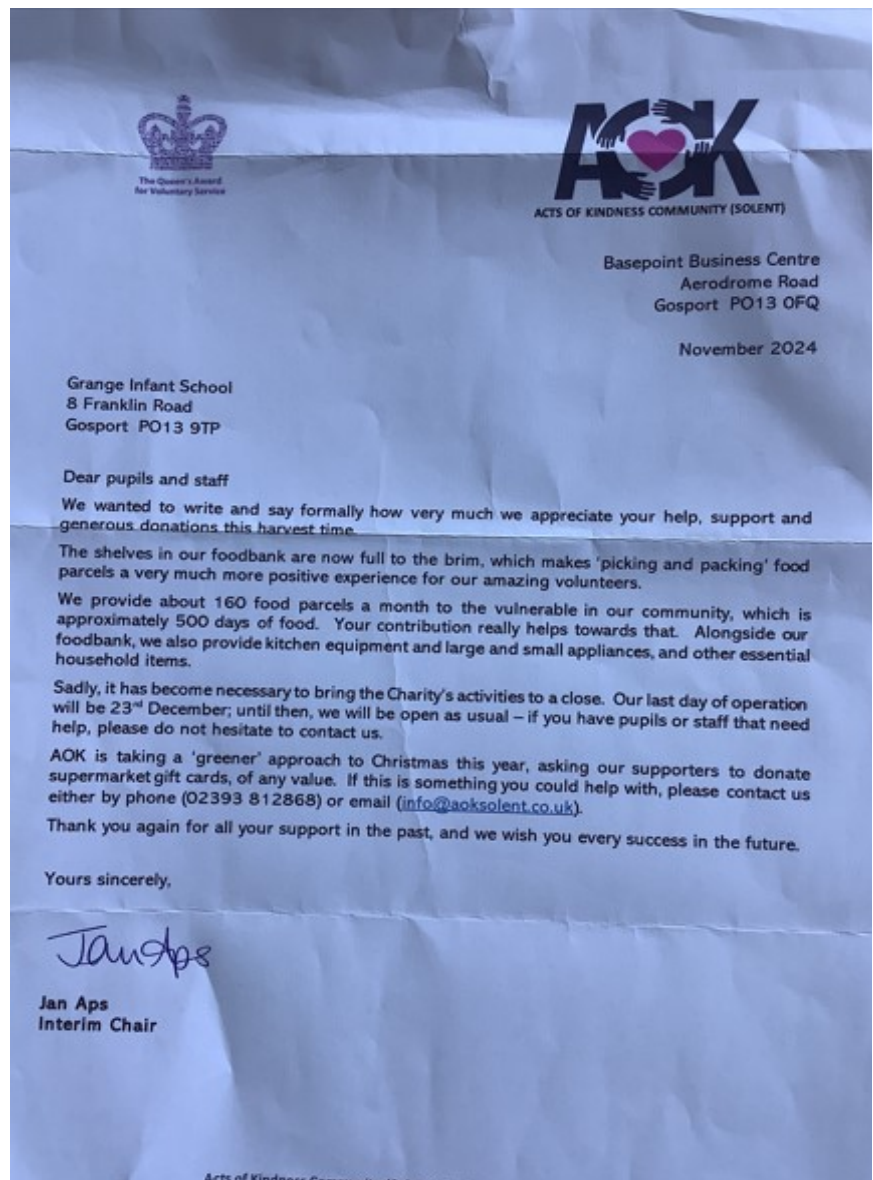
Following our successful Harvest Celebration last month, much of the food brought in by families was donated to the local charity Acts of Kindness. We received a lovely letter of thanks and I wanted to share this with you. Again, this highlights our important role in the community and the power we have to support each other through tougher times.



Little Critters are Here Again!

We have seen a rise in the number of cases of headlice. This can happen in cooler weather where the children are closer together in heated classrooms so can we ask that you check your child's hair regularly.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Year 1 Trip to Search Museum

The Year 1s headed off to Gosport town and Search Museum this week to learn about the history of toys. They had a brilliant session with the team, learning through first hand experience of toys and artefacts and we were so proud of their behaviour!



Year 2 Trip to Fort Nelson

The Year 2s had a great day out at the Royal Armouries at Fort Nelson, learning about the life of Florence Nightingale. It is always amazing how much children get from their trips out of school and this day certainly inspired and motivated them!



Remembrance

Last week, we joined together for a minute's silence to remember those who have fought for our freedoms and our country.

We were asked by Coop Funeral Care on Rowner Road to take part in their annual window display and I was so proud to see the children's poppies displayed for the whole community to see.

The year 2 children have also written beautiful poems about poppies in remembrance and I have shared Evie T's wonderful poem below.



Poppy, Poppy

Poppy Poppy what do you see? I can see blood as scarlet as poppies.

Poppy Poppy what do you hear? I hear bangs as loud as a lion.

Poppy Poppy what do you smell? I smell farts, as smelly and stinky as poo.

Poppy Poppy what do you feel? I feel tears flowing like a river.

Poppy Poppy what do you say? I say respect the people who took part in the war to protect our country.

By Evie.T



Wow and Proud Congratulations



Sparrows

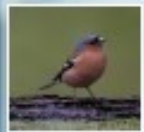
Wow Writer is Marliya-Rose for trying hard with her letter formation!

Proud Pot is Mia for her fantastic number formation!

Starlings

Wow Writer is Hayden for writing his name beautifully!

Proud Pot is Hope C for her lovely gingerbread man!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Amyiah for her excellent writing about the Search Trip!

Proud Pot is Harper B for super resilience and lovely work this week!

Robins

Wow Writer is Tiana for fantastic independent writing!

Proud Pot is Harper H for her super painting of a unicorn toy!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Kady for super reader awareness in her writing!

Proud Pot is Lachlan for his excellent reasoning in Maths!

Magpies

Wow Writer is Jennifer for her great history questions!

Proud Pot is Jack for doing the blue and yellow Maths challenges!



Owls

Wow Writer is Evie-T for her beautiful and respectful poppy poem!

Proud Pot is Chase for working so hard and challenging himself in Maths!