



Things to look forward to!

- Wed 28th Feb:**
Year 1 pet day!
- Fri 8th March:**
World Book Day Celebration
- Mon 25th March:**
Easter Bonnet Parades
- Thur 28th March:**
School closes at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays
- Mon 15th April:**
The summer term begins!
- Thur 2nd May:**
Polling Day Closure
- Fri 24th May:**
School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break
- Mon 22nd 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 5th July:**
Transition planning
- Tue 23rd July:**
Behaviour and restorative practice

Happy Friday Grange Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term- how are we half way through the year already?! The time really does fly by but we really do value every single minute we have with the children. All year groups have launched straight into new themes and topics and we have so much to look forward to including Pet Day, World Book Day and Easter.

The last week before the break was jam-packed with trips and both Year 1 and Year 2 ventured out and about in our local area, exploring, learning through first hand experience and strengthening the links we have with our local community. There were so many wonderful moments and the photos taken only capture a few of those. A huge thank you to HMS Sultan for hosting us and giving the children in Year 1 an insight into the valuable role the armed forces play.

Our Bag2School fundraiser was once again a huge success with our reception area overflowing! It looks like many of you have started your spring clean early. Thank you as always for your support and for helping us to secure vital fundraising for the school. Every penny goes to the children through resourcing, experiencing and enhancing the curriculum and all of your donations go to families in need.

Thank you also for your understanding of the restrictions we have put in place on access to our carpark. 😊 We are reassured once again that our children and families are safe when they are on site.

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



PE Mentoring with ActiveMe360

 From next Monday, Year 1s will have the exciting opportunity to work with talented sports coaches from ActiveMe360. The children will be taking part in sports mentoring and we know they are going to get so much from this experience!





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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.



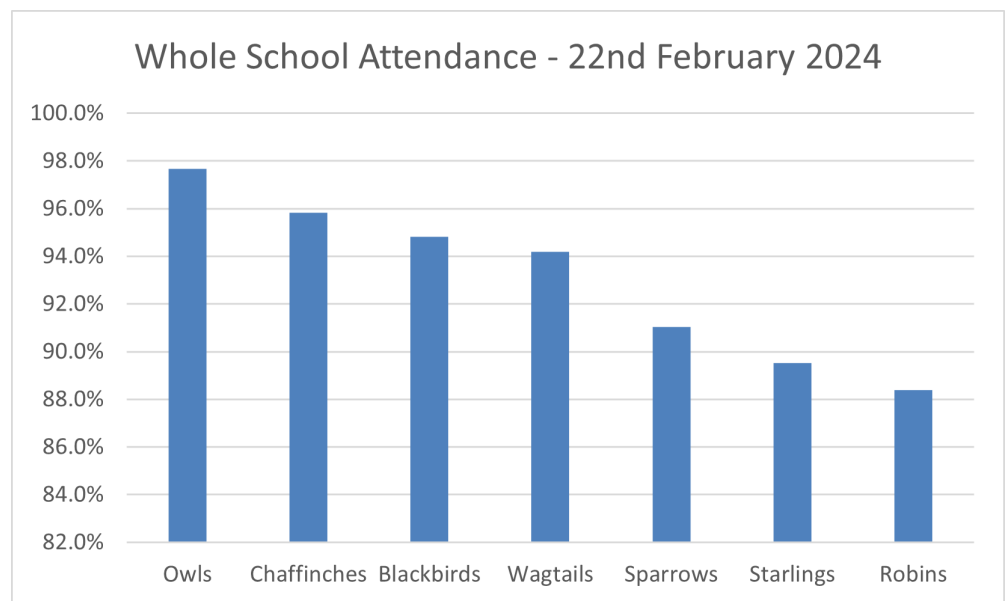
Attendance

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:
Owls with 97.7%**

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!



World Book Day 2024

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March**. The children **do not** need to dress up as we are having our very own author focus and will be exploring the books of Julia Donaldson through an exciting day of different book activities.

More details will follow.



Easter Bonnet Parades

It's nearly that time of year again when the mini eggs and fluffy, yellow chicks make their annual appearance!

We will be holding our Easter bonnet parades on Monday 25th March at the following times:

Year R: 9am

Year 1: 9.30

Year 2: 10am

The parades will either be held outside or in our hall dependent on the weather but we will let you know nearer the time.

Please remember you don't need to spend out on decorations; we would rather see those creative, home-made hats!



Year 1 trip to HMS Sultan

The Year 1s had an amazing trip to HMS Sultan and spent the time exploring and finding out about the essential role of our armed forces.

A huge thank you to the team at Sultan for supporting the experience and inspiring young minds!



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Wow and Proud

Happy
100th
Day
of School!

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Sparrows

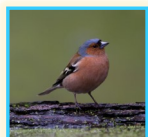
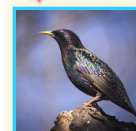
Wow Writer is **Oliver E** for writing a sentence with finger spaces and a full stop!

Proud Pot is **George S** for using his window schedule for the whole week!

Starlings

Wow Writer is **Aurora** for writing her initial sounds in her words independently!

Proud Pot is **Courtney** for going to phonics in her new group so beautifully!



Chaffinches

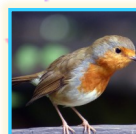
Wow Writer is **Keegan** for writing great questions!

Proud Pot is **Livvy** for great question writing!

Robins

Wow Writer is **Lachlan** for writing super questions!

Proud Pot is **Mila-Rose** for using money in Maths!



Wagtails

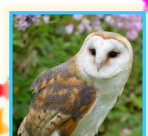
Wow Writer is **Finley** for writing some great questions!

Proud Pot is **Florence** for being a super scientist!

Blackbirds

Wow Writer is **Avaya** for fantastic work with possessive apostrophes!

Proud Pot is **Florence** for her fabulous fairy-tale themed homework project!



Owls

Wow Writer is **Aaliyah** for great use of apostrophes for possession!

Proud Pot is **Hazal** for working independently all week!