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Things to look forward to!

Wk beginning 29th Sept: Meet the Teacher for Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 7th Oct: Individual pupil photos

Tuesday 7th Oct: Phonics workshops - all parents are welcome!

Friday 24th October: School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break

Tuesday 4th November: School re-opens after the half term break

Wk beginning 10th Nov: Meet the teacher for Year R

Wednesday 19th Nov: Nasal Flu Sprays Please complete the consent form!

Wednesday 17th December at 2pm: Whole School Nativity performance at St Mary's Church



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

Friday 3rd October: Special Educational Needs

Monday 3rd November: Special Educational Needs

Friday 13th February: Gosport and Fareham Common Day Closure

Friday 26th June: Transition



To Our Lovely Grange Families,

What a busy couple of weeks it has been! A huge welcome to our lovely Year Rs who are now attending full time. They have settled in quickly and are doing so well. It has been lovely to see how excited they all are to be part of our Grange Infant family and watching them come to school each day with big smiles has been a real pleasure.

Year 1 and Year 2 have impressed us all with their resilience and their 'can do' attitude. embracing new learning and accepting challenges. new It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled in their new classes, securing old friendships and making new ones too.

The school looks amazing and the buzz in every classroom is so positive! This is such a busy term but one full of exciting events and fun learning. Year 1 are soon to be exploring the local area so hopefully we will see some more lovely autumn sunshine! It will be so exciting to get the children out, enhancing their learning and nurturing their curiosity through first-hand experience.

Year 2s loved their visit from RaptoXotics and the exciting collection of unusual and interesting creatures.

It was lovely to see lots of 'green' and of course, lots of cakes for our annual Macmillan Coffee morning - thank you to those of you who joined us for a cuppa.

Harvest is only round the corner and the children will be coming together for our school assembly. It's time for you to have a clear out of the cupboards to see if you have any tins that you can donate to the Salvation Army - look out for more info soon.

As always, we want to make sure we are at the heart of our community, always here to listen and advise. Whether it's a quick chat and catch up or you're looking for advice or signposting, please come and find us. You know where we are.

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 🙂



Join us for Phonics Play!

On Tuesday 7th October at 2pm, we are inviting parents to come and join their child to explore some fun phonics games and to see the

fantastic impact our scheme Read Write Inc has on reading and writing. There will be refreshments available, as well as entry into a book raffle for all parents who attend the session.

We have sent out text messages with an electronic form for you to complete, to confirm if you are able to join us. Please do click the link and complete the form as this will help us to know numbers for drinks and snacks, as well as how many children will be coming along. Read Write Inc.



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PE Days for the Autumn Term 2025



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.



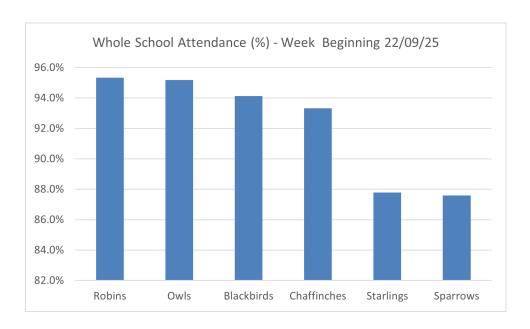
Attendance

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: Robins with 95.33%

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. 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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Join our Friendly Team of Governors and Make a Difference to Our School!



Here at Grange Infants, we have a small but passionate Governing Board that oversees, advises and guides the team on the day-to day life of the school. Whilst this is a voluntary role, it gives so much back and past governors have always shared how much they value the feeling that they have made a difference.

This is where you come in!

We are currently looking to recruit two parent governors to join us. You would be a voice for the children and families but also play an integral role in maintaining our commitment to every child's 'Flying Start'. If you would like to find out more, please speak to me, Miss Myers and I can take you through the role. It really is so rewarding!

Find out more here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnEdsMdzFJc&t=16s



Harvest 2025

Week beginning 6th October

Our Harvest Festival takes place on Monday 6th October and 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 from 6th October until the end of this half term.

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



Parking in and around our school

We have had a number of complaints this week about the parking of some of our families at drop-off and pick up time. Thoughtless parking is not only causing much distress to local residents, it is also presenting a huge risk to the safety of our children. Residents are being left with no choice but to report cars to Gosport Borough Council and to the police due to the serious concerns they have.

Please can we all try to work together as part of our Grange Community to reduce this risk; should you need to drive on the odd occasion, please remember to park safely and respectfully and consider roads away from the main entrance that are quieter. Parking on the grassed area along Franklin Road just outside the gates may also be monitored and cars that continue to park here risk being reported to the police.







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Introducing Our New School Councillors

Congratulations to our brand new school councillors who were voted in last week.

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 Mrs Poate, 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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Grange Infant School

Are you fit, able to clean to a high standard and work as part of a team? If so we are seeking to appoint a flexible and enthusiastic hardworking cleaner to join our friendly supportive team. If you are a dedicated and resilient person who wants to make an impact on the school, then this job is for you.

Maintaining a high level of cleanliness is of the utmost importance to us and we need an individual who is motivated to achieve this for our pupils and staff.

Main duties will include:

Maintain a high standard of cleaning throughout the school

Provide a safe working environment whilst dealing with chemicals, ensuring that they are handled in accordance with Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

Ensure all cleaning schedules and routines are followed to a high standard

Consistently and actively apply good housekeeping principles, such as turning off lights and equipment when not in use Undertake any other duties as directed by the Site Manager

Essential:

Effective communicator

Polite and well mannered

Demonstrate punctuality and reliability

Able to use own initiative

Flexibility of working during school closure periods i.e. able to block hours

Desirable:

Experience of cleaning

Show understanding of safety issues in relation to cleaning in school

Vacancy details:

Salary – Support Staff Grade A
Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Salary - £24,225
Actual Salary - £5,601 (£12.56 per hour)
Contract type – Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours – 10 per week

Working details - 5 days per week, Monday to Friday 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Application Procedure

Applications should be made using the standard HCC support staff application from which can be obtained from the following Hampshire Education Jobs website: https://www.hants.gov.uk/jobs/education-jobs/application

Alternatively, you can contact the school on 02392 582984 to arrange collection of an application pack.

Please note closing date and time for completed applications is $\underline{6^{th}}$ October 2025 Interviews will take place week commencing $\underline{13^{th}}$ October 2025

Safer Recruitment

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.



Even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination, you must complete the online form to confirm this!





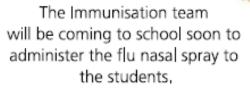


School Age Immunisation Service



Get protected against flu





Date - 19/11/25

FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

- Protect your child The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Protect you, your family and friends Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
- No injection needed The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
- It's better than having flu The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
- 5. Avoid costs If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare



Scan the QR code

School Code SH 116171





Sparrows

Wow Writer is Luca for putting in lots of effort with his handwriting! Proud Pot is Harry for trying so hard with all of his learning!



Starlings

Wow Writer is Jordan for writing his 'd' sound! Proud Pot is Jono for his lovely painting of a cat!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is Ada-Mae for her lovely sentences about her home! Proud Pot is Nathan for trying lots of different food in DT!



Robins

Wow Writer is Lilah for showing great resilience with her writing and challenging herself! Proud Pot is Jaelee for being so kind to her friends and looking after her friends in the Robins!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer is Parsa for lovely sentences about a dragon! Proud Pot is Olivia for her fantastic Maths!



Owls

Wow Writer is Ayla for her amazing description of a dragon!

Proud Pot is Tobi for always working so hard and always following our Grange Values!