



7<sup>th</sup> July 2023


Hello Grange Families and happy July!

It has been another busy couple of weeks with beautiful sunshine, followed by summer showers. The children are loving being outside on the field and exploring the great outdoors. Don't forget to put sun cream on your child before the start of the day as the UV rays are much stronger at this time of year and the children are outside as much as they can be. It is essential they have their water bottles too to keep hydrated. These can be topped up throughout the day at one of our water stations and the children are regularly reminded to have a drink.

All the children in Year R and Year 1 have had their first transition visit to see their new teaching team this week and loved re-connecting with old friends as well as making new ones. We value the importance of effective transition and know it's an invaluable part of getting children ready for change. Meeting their new adults gives them plenty of time to adjust and to prepare for the next step in their school journey. Seeing the friends they will be with will also help to reduce any anxieties or worries they may have. The teaching teams have worked hard to plan the new classes, looking carefully at friendships, as well as learning traits and behaviours. Decisions around class planning follow lengthy discussions and much thought is put into ensuring the classes are balanced and well-matched.

The Year 2 children also visited their new Year 3 teachers this week and enjoyed seeing the shiny and new Junior building. They came back full of excitement about their transition and are looking forward to becoming Junior children! Good luck to all of our children who are transitioning to new schools; we know you will be amazing after your 'flying start' with us here at Grange!

Please read on to see more details for meeting your child's new teaching team and classroom this term.

This week, we said 'Happy 75<sup>th</sup> birthday' to the NHS and gave our thanks to the vital service it offers. The children talked with compassion and understanding about the many important roles within the NHS and shared with fondness memories of rainbows in windows and clapping on doorsteps. 

As always, my 'door' is always open, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything I can help you with. The wonderful admin team are always here for you too. Miss Myers 😊

### **Sports Afternoon: You're Invited!**

Our annual event takes place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm on our field at the back of the school.

The children have been busy practising the different team games ready to show off their skills and sporting prowess!

It is always such a fun afternoon and a bit of healthy competition is good for everyone!

We will be selling ice-poles at the end so don't forget to bring along some coins. Water stations will be set up and the groups will all get a chance to hydrate whilst completing their circuit.



### Weekly attendance: Cool to be In School

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: Wagtails with 98.91**

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!

**Should your child be unwell and unable to attend that day, please contact the office to let us know and this will be recorded on our registers.**

**During out of office hours, you will be able to leave a message.**



Attendance is a key priority for school improvement at Grange Infants. To keep attendance at the forefront of our minds (and our families!), we will be sharing with you the attendance of each class for that week in every newsletter. This is with the intention of our community understanding how important attendance is and the value we place on it in ensuring the children have the best possible start to their education. This week's results:

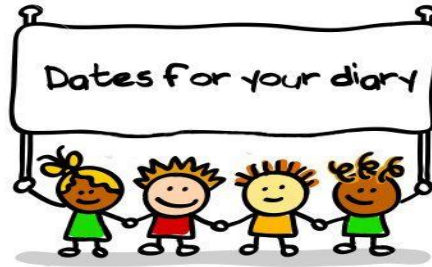
Class	Percentage attendance for week ending 7.7.23
Wagtails	98.91
Chaffinches	95
Blackbirds	94.91
Starlings	94.68
Robins	90.18
Sparrows	90
Owls	86.98
Woodpeckers	85.1

**Mathletics**

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Kashika—Starlings	Amelia B—Wagtails
Violet B—Wagtails	Alisia—Starlings
Charlie—Wagtails	Hudson—Wagtails
Maddison—Owls	Alfie—Wagtails
Sophia-Rose—Owls	Violet K—Wagtails
Kyrie—Starlings	Ronni—Blackbirds
Spencer—Wagtails	Ella—Wagtails
Isabel—Chaffinches	

for aiming high and achieving a Mathletics Certificate! Well done for all your hard work.



**Things to look forward to!**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** School closed for INSET- Transition planning

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition meeting for Year 2 families whose children are going to **Grange Juniors**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: FOR THOSE CHILDREN MOVING TO CHAFFINCHES, WAGTAILS, BLACKBIRDS AND OWLS:** Meet your child's new teaching team and visit the classroom at **3.15pm**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: FOR THOSE CHILDREN MOVING TO ROBINS:** Meet your child's new teaching team and visit the classroom at **3.15pm**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports afternoon from 1.30pm - 3pm on the school field

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 2 Leavers' Performance- 2pm at St Mary's Church, Rowner Lane

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Non-uniform day in return for a treat jar for our summer fayre

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** School closes for the Summer holidays at 1.30pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** The Grange Schools' Summer Fayre from 1.30pm!

**INSET days for 23/24**

We want to give our families as much notice as we can for our INSET day closures next year. Every school takes 5 INSETs a year for training and development.

We have agreed the following:

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Phonics whole school training

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** Safeguarding and behaviour

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Common Day Closure for Gosport and Fareham schools

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

**Autumn Term 2023** starts on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and ends on Friday 15 December 2023  
(Half term from Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023)

**Spring Term 2024** starts on Tuesday 2 January 2024 and ends on Thursday 28 March 2024  
(Half term from Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024)

**Summer Term 2024** starts on Monday 15 April 2024 and ends on Tuesday 23 July 2024  
(Half term from Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024)

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2023	1 September 2023	15 December 2023
	Half term 23 October - 27 October 2023	
Spring 2024	2 January 2024	28 March 2024
	Half term 12 February - 16 February 2024	
Summer 2024	15 April 2024	23 July 2024
	Half term 27 May - 31 May 2024	

**Hampshire School Term Dates**

These are the term dates for next year. This image is a bit blurry so please use this link for the full document:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/education/ndlearning/schoolholidays>

**Please note that due to INSET days, the first day for Year 1 and Year 2 will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**



### Congratulations Mrs Kennell!

We would like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Kennell who has been promoted to the role of Home School Link Worker at Grange Infants!

Many of you will know Mrs Kennell who has been at the school for over 25 years and is currently our Lead ELSA.

Mrs Kennell works closely with many of our children to give social and emotional support through individual and group nurture sessions. She has a wealth of knowledge around supporting feelings and emotional health and has seen the value in working with the whole family. As part of this new and exciting role, Mrs Kennell will be looking at extending programmes and support for parents through meetings and more bespoke sessions. She will continue to look at ways to improve attendance and will remain one of the safeguarding leads in the school.

I know you will join me and the rest of the school, in wishing Mrs Kennell every success in her new role.



### Headlice Alert!

We have noticed an increase in the number of children with headlice and in particular are seeing large adult lice crawling on children's hair.

It is advisable to check your child's hair every day and to comb through to ensure all lice and eggs are removed.

Use this link for more advice:

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

### Morning Routines and Drop-off

Please can we remind our families that our car park is **not to be used** unless in agreement with the school or for exceptional reasons.

We have noticed that more and more cars are using the car park at key points of the day which raises risk for those children walking, cycling or scooting through the school grounds. We must put the safety of the children from both schools first so please don't be offended if we ask you to move on.



Can we also remind all of our families that until the classroom doors open at **8.45am**, the children must be supervised to ensure that they are not accessing any equipment unsafely or playing with school resources. There has been a rise in bumps before the school day has started which are often as a result of rougher play and games in limited space on the playground.



## Respect Presentation 2023

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Gosport Town Hall hosted the Schools' Respect Presentation which recognises those children who have proven to be model citizens, excellent role models and above all, respectful and polite individuals.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to the following children who received their trophy from The Mayor of Gosport, Martin Pepper. It was such a lovely event and we are so proud of the children!



Respect





## Summer Fayre

Please help us with our jar stall!

This is one of our most popular stalls at the fayre so we wanted to put a reminder out that jars can come in any time from now.

We are having a non-uniform day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July in exchange for a jar but if you have one ready, please pop it in to the office.

It is entirely up to you to choose the theme of your jar. It could be sweets, stationary, smellies, marbles or balls... in fact anything.

The more unusual the better!



## Year 1 and Year 2 Homework Showcase

Don't forget the Year 1 and Year 2 'Homework Showcase' next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 8.45am in your child's class.

## Thank you Charlotte and Thomas!

A huge thank you must go Charlotte from the Chaffinches and her big brother Thomas from Grange Juniors, for their act of kindness in collecting food for the local foodbank.

They were both so keen to support the community and were aware how many families are struggling in the current climate and wanted to give something back.

Well done both of you- you're an inspiration to us all!

## Would you like to go to the seaside?



This is a topic all about the beach and comparison.

For this project we would love it if you could bring in anything creative about the beach or water

Here are some ideas....

- Write a poem or a story about the seaside.
- Make a collage/model of the beach.
- Make some stone art using pebbles from the beach.
  - Make a sea creature.
- A comparison between beaches in different areas/different periods of time.



Choose one of the things above or an idea of your own. Choose anything you like which helps you explore or be creative about the beach.





## Exciting developments for Year R!

This week the children in Year R watched with fascination and excitement as a new installation was put in. As you will remember, we did have the much-loved HMS Grange in the Busy Bee area but after many years of igniting children's imagination, it 'sunk'!

It has now been replaced with a labyrinth climber which the children can't wait to use!

This will be ready for them to access on Monday but as stated above, we must ask that the children **do not** access this before the start of the day.

We are also very excited about the new markings on the Year R playground with a new track and parking spaces as well as an alphabet and number games.

I think you'll agree, the areas look amazing and we know the children will love using the new resources!



# Wow & Proud

Congratulations



## Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to **Cody** for writing his name on his STEM project!

Proud Pot goes to **Adi** for her super fish tank model!



## Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to **Mila-Rose** for writing a whole sentence independently!

Proud Pot goes to **Finley** for his beautiful fish tank model!



## Robins

Wow Writer goes to **Hannah** for excellent planning of her story!

Proud Pot goes to **Julia** for super Maths with money!



## Owls

Wow Writer goes to **Wilba** for using lots of facts in his writing!

Proud Pot goes to **Millie-Mae** for super division in Maths!



## Starlings

Wow Writer goes to **Emily** for neatly writing a whole sentence !

Proud Pot goes to **Evie T** for settling in so beautifully and making lots of new friends!



## Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to **Arthur** for using finger spaces and brave monkey 'tall' letters in his writing!

Proud Pot goes to **Jade** for her lovely clay tile of a starfish!



## Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to **Skyla** for excellent revising and neat handwriting!

Proud Pot goes to **Evie** for her very detailed 'flying bird' clay tile!



## Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to **Serayah** for her fantastic animal research!

Proud Pot goes to **Lyla** and **ALL the Wagtails** for being so resilient and grown up when visiting the juniors!



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# Summer Fayre 2023

## Friday 21st July - 1.30-3.30pm

Join us on the field for lots of end of term fun!



Jungle Run

Trampolines

Go-Karting

Bouncy Castle



Ice Cream

Carousel

Refreshments

Coconut Shy

Arts & Crafts  
(Quiet Zone)

Teddy  
Tombola

Hook-a-Duck

Please bring cash as we are unable to accept card payments. Thank you!

Variety of Stalls

AND MORE!

**Bounce-Band**  
Buy a pass for unlimited use of the inflatables for £5!

If you would like to host a table-top stall, please contact your child's school office directly to book.

Stalls are available for £15 for school fundraising but all profits made are yours to keep!

Any parent volunteers available to help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community ♥.