

To Our Lovely Grange Families,



16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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 Monday and Tuesday our Year 1 and Year 2 classes gave it their all for their Nativity at St Mary's church. For the first time since 2019, we were able to be at the church and even better, have a live audience. The children definitely rose to the occasion and proved what superstars they really are, singing their hearts out and giving everyone their best moves! On Wednesday, our Year Rs got their wriggle on for their performance of A Wiggly Nativity, not just once but twice! The smiles on everyone's face in the audience, as well as the many rounds of applause, told us just how proud you were of our youngest members of the school community. We are so glad we could share with you these precious moments which will become memories that you will be talking about for 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 Christmas 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 last 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 Christmas 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 chocolate raffle. Well done to all of the winners!

The last couple of weeks have been a worrying time for us all with increasing cases of scarlet fever, strep A infections and sickness, so I would like to thank all of our families for your patience and support at this time. Hopefully, this two week break ahead of us will bring a welcome rest, time to refresh ready for the new year and the new term ahead.

I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. As a school, we are so lucky to have such supportive and caring families.

I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023!

Miss Myers ☺



## The Grange Infant School Christmas Raffle

Wow! What can I say? The photo below says it all! What an amazing amount of chocolate was donated on our Christmas Jumper day! Thank you everybody for making this raffle such a brilliant one with so many prizes. Congratulations to all of our winners!

A big thank you to our wonderful School Council for drawing the winning tickets.

**The raffle raised a grand total of £1,260!**

This will of course, go towards curriculum opportunities and experiences for the children.



### 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

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.

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.



### 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 if there is no one to answer the phone.

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!



### Staying in touch during the Christmas Break

We like to see the school as being at the heart of our community and always try our best to support our families.

Although school will be closed to families for the next two weeks, you will still be able to get in touch should you need to.

We are always here.

Please use my email which I check daily:

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



### Any unwanted gifts or left overs?!

We are always looking to support local charities and have been able to offer support to many of our families this Christmas through local groups.

If you have any unwanted items or non-perishable food, we will be delivering donations in the new year to support worthwhile causes.

Thank you!



### PE Days for the Spring Term 2023

There have been a couple of changes to PE days, so please check below to see which day your child/ren will need to come to school in their 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 on top so please avoid hoodies or other sweatshirts. We encourage the children to wear black plimsolls or plain black trainers.

**Starlings, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: Monday**

**Robins and Chaffinches: Wednesday**

**Owls and: Wagtails: Thursday**

**Blackbirds: Tuesday**



### Applying for School Places

If you have a child who is due to start in either Year R or Year 3 in September 2023, please make sure you have completed the application within the window.

This window closes **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** 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>

## Things to look forward to!

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January:** School re-opens for the Spring term

**INSET dates for this year-** we like to give you plenty of warning so you can prepare! These dates are the same as the Junior school and include the additional Bank Holiday for Coronation of King Charles III

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** The Coronation of King Charles III

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition planning



## A Book Before Bedtime

For those of you taking part in this reading event, the Christmas break is the perfect opportunity to read and enjoy books together.

You have until January to read as many books as you can and we will meet together again to celebrate on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm.**







# Wow and Proud

## Congratulations

Merry Christmas  
from all of us at  
Grange Infant School

### The List

All of our Grange Infants School Children  
(and grown ups!) deserve to be on the Nice List!

#### Blackbirds

Proud Pot goes to Isabel  
for beautiful singing in the  
Christmas Performance and to  
all the Blackbirds for their  
performances!

#### Owls

Proud Pot goes to Wilba  
for his fantastic Christmas Card  
with accurate measuring!

#### Wagtails

Proud Pot goes to Liam and  
all the Wagtails for their super  
Christmas Performance!

#### Chaffinches

Proud Pot goes to Ava and Austin  
for being great school councillors  
and to all the Chaffinches for a  
good first term of Year 1!

#### Robins

Proud Pot goes to Jack D  
for his lovely Art calendar!

#### Sparrows

Proud Pot goes to Roman  
and all the Sparrows for their  
brilliant Wiggly Nativity!

#### Starlings

Proud Pot goes to Ruby  
and all the Starlings for their  
brilliant Wiggly Nativity!

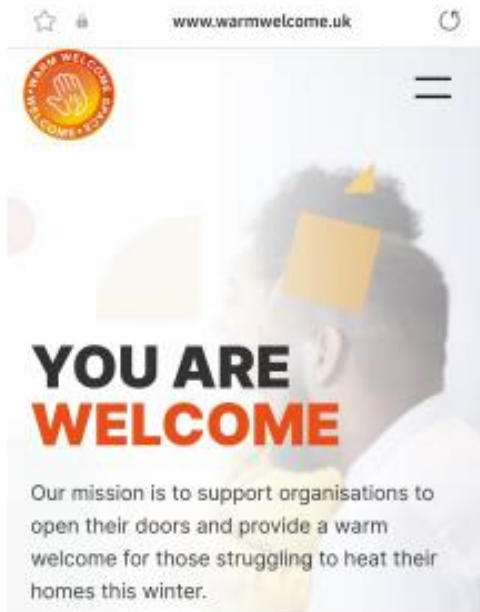
#### Woodpeckers

Proud Pot goes to Luna  
and all the Woodpeckers for their  
brilliant Wiggly Nativity!



We know that this time of year is not always easy. Help is always available and comes in so many forms. We hope that the information here is of some help to any of our families who need it.

# Local Warm Spaces



## Gosport Libraries

- Gosport Discovery Centre
- Bridgemary
- Elson community library and hub

## Churches

[St Matthew's Church](#), Bridgemary, Gosport, PO13 ONL - Monday -Saturday, 08:45-13:30, has a community cafe with a "varied and reasonably priced menu".

## Fareham Libraries

- Fareham
- Lockwood, Park Gate
- Portchester
- Stubbington

Search by name or ingredient

Recipe categories

- British Food Fortnight
- Budget
- Healthy treats

More Recipe categories ▾

Mealtimes

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Diets

- Fish
- Meat and poultry
- Vegetarian



Did you know our school caterers have a website with lots of free recipes for cooking healthy, balanced meals on a budget!

Visit:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/ourfood/recipes>

St Matthews Church: <https://www.northgosportparish.org/>

HC3S: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/ourfood/recipes>



The Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank aim to provide practical help to anyone facing a short run crisis by providing food and toiletries.

These services can be accessed **only** through our referral agencies. There are over 100 of these and they include Citizens Advice in both Fareham and Gosport, Fareham Borough Council Housing Office and Social Services, Gosport Borough Council Housing Office and Social Services, Health Visitors, Schools Outreach Workers, Doctors' Surgeries, Probation Service, Women's Refuges, Two Saints, Avalon/Inclusion and many others.

#### Gosport

Unit 1, The Old Railway, Spring Garden Lane, Gosport, Hants PO12 1FQ

You can call us 07826 305900 (please leave a message if there is no reply and we will get back to you as soon as we can), or email us at [enquiries@friendsofthehomeless.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@friendsofthehomeless.org.uk)



## If you need help

### If you need help

If you require a food parcel please call 02939 812 868

If you require any household goods, furniture or clothes then please speak to your agency worker who will be able to refer you to our services.

If you have experienced an out of the ordinary crisis then call 02393 812 868 and we will endeavour to offer help or advice and point you in the right direction.

## THE TRASH CAFE NETWORK

<https://trashcafe.com/>

We are about saving good food from going to waste.

You can come along and shop or eat and you decide the value of the food by paying in time, cash, skills or item donations.

49a Stoke Road, Gosport, PO121LS

Mon, Tue, Thur & Friday – 10-12am

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 10:30am-1pm

Sunday 10:30-12:30



[enquiries@friendsofthehomeless.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@friendsofthehomeless.org.uk) <[enquiries@friendsofthehomeless.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@friendsofthehomeless.org.uk)>;

[www.trashcafe.com](http://www.trashcafe.com)



## Community Pantry

### OPENING TIMES

9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-4.30pm

**Every Friday**



**an average of  
£15 worth of food!**

Choose from a selection of groceries,  
fresh and frozen food

**What is a  
community pantry?**  
A pantry is 'get more for less' it is  
to help families budgets go further

[gbfcfeedafamily@gmail.com](mailto:gbfcfeedafamily@gmail.com)

**07868089757**



Gosport Borough Football Club, Privett Road,  
Gosport PO12 3SX



## GBFC - Feed a Family in Need & Gosport Community Pantry

Gosport Borough Football Club is delivering 100+ food hampers per week to families in Gosport.

We are members of the Gosport Food Partnership aiming to work collaboratively for the good of all members of our community. **To request help from the food partnership, residents can call the Community Response helpline: 023 9254 5558.**

They are also operating the Gosport Community Pantry where families in need can get £15 worth of food for just £5. The community pantry is open between 9:30am-12:30pm and 1.30-4.30pm every Friday.

### Who to contact

Telephone 07868089757


E-mail [gbfcfeedafamily@gmail.com](mailto:gbfcfeedafamily@gmail.com)

Website [www.gosportboroughfc.co.uk](http://www.gosportboroughfc.co.uk)

### Where to go

Gosport Borough Football Club  
Privett Park  
Privett Road  
Gosport  
Hampshire  
PO12 3SX

[www.gosportboroughfc.co.uk](http://www.gosportboroughfc.co.uk)



**ASDA Fareham Cafe**

☎ **01329 822272**

📍 Speedfields Park, Newgate Lane, Fareham, PO14 1TT

🕒 **Open Now** - Closes at 6:00 PM

[Get Directions](#)

### Opening Hours

MONDAY	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Kids Eat For £1 - All Day, Every Day! Children under 16 only.



FREE WiFi - Free WiFi available throughout all our stores.



FREE baby food making facilities - Use of microwaves and baby bibs.



Breastfeeding friendly cafe - Offering a relaxed atmosphere for mother and baby.



10% off for over 60's - For customers aged 60 and over on Wednesdays.



Serving Seattle's Best Coffee - Top-quality 100% arabica bean coffee.



FREE Ella's baby food pouches - For children under 18 months old with any purchase.



FREE water refills

### Morrisons Café kids eat 'free'\*



When an adult buys a main meal. Valid every day

If you're visiting a Morrisons Café ([find your nearest\\*](#)), you can get a free kids' meal (normally costing between £2.99 and £3.49) when purchasing an adult main meal for £4.99 or more. The offer is valid every day, all times of the day until cafés close. Morrisons has confirmed this is an ongoing offer, but we'll update you here if that changes. This offer isn't valid on café specials.

The free kids' meal comes with a piece of fruit and Tropicana kids' orange or apple drink or bottle of water to drink. Kids can choose between a hot meal on the café kids menu or a chilled kids' snack pack. The following items are some main meals available on the café kids' menu:

- Macaroni cheese
- Bangers and mash
- Fish fingers and chips
- Chicken nuggets, chips and peas



### £1.50 for 5kg of Lidl fruit & veg



Slightly past its best, but still edible. In stores nationwide, excluding NI

If you head into a Lidl store ([find your nearest](#)) you can pick up a 5kg 'Too Good To Waste' box of fruit and veg for £1.50. The boxes contain 'edible but not perfect' fruit and veg, which are slightly past its best, but still safe to eat. This is currently an ongoing offer with no end date, but we'll update you here if that changes.

These are available in stores in England, Scotland and Wales only, and found by the checkout area. However, they are subject to availability, so if you want one be quick as there are only a limited number of boxes available every day, from the time stores open until midday. Any unsold boxes will be donated to local good causes.

What you'll actually get is completely random as the boxes are made up on the day with whatever fruit and veg is looking past its best in each store. Some could be damaged or discoloured, but you'll be able to see what you're getting before you buy.



# SAMARITANS

[www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/](http://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/)

If you need someone to talk to, we listen. We won't judge or tell you what to do.

## Call us any time, day or night

Whatever you're going through, you can call us any time, from any phone for FREE.

Call 116 123

## Write us an email

Sometimes writing down your thoughts and feelings can help you understand them better.

[jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

Response time: It may take several days to get a response by email



Gosport  
Salvation Army

# 2022

## Christmas Carol Services

Sunday 11th December 2022 - 5pm  
Corps Carol Service, featuring the  
Children's nativity

Sunday 18th December 2022 - 5pm  
Carols on the Green  
Community Carol Service

Sunday 25th December 2022 - 10am  
Christmas Day Service

Come & Celebrate  
Christmas with us



Registered charity number in England and Wales 214779,  
in Scotland SC009309, and in the Republic of Ireland 019399.

## Church

The Church for the community at the Crossways

## Where we are

The Crossways  
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[gosport@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:gosport@salvationarmy.org.uk)

# FREE CHRISTMAS FUN!

Check out our Class Dojo post of "The Night Before Christmas".

Snuggle up with your children at bedtime on Christmas Eve and enjoy this classic story together - a memory to cherish in years to come, and maybe a new tradition for your family Christmas.



## 47 Xmas MoneySaving tips

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/christmas-savings/>

Money Saving Expert has some fantastic ideas for saving money and making Christmas magic!

Some lovely ideas for cheap and/or free. Well worth a visit!

[www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org)

[www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/christmas-savings/](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/christmas-savings/)