



23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Happy Friday Grange Families

Another two weeks have flown by and here we are at the beginning of what looks to be another sunny and pleasant weekend, perfect for getting out and about and exploring the local area.

Did you know, June celebrates the Wildlife Trust's '30 Days Wild', the UK's biggest nature challenge? See below for more details about what you can do to help keep our isles wild.



We have welcomed many of our new entrants who will be starting school in September over the last 2 weeks for Songs, Stories and Smiles. The children have loved seeing 'big school', meeting the team and exploring the Early Years unit. Transition is such an important part of starting school, ensuring that the children feel safe and secure in new surroundings and are prepared for what's ahead. These sessions are vital in the children making key relationships both with the adults and with their peers, ready for this next big step. Thank you to the Year R team for hosting these brilliant sessions and for putting so much effort in to making the activities so much fun!



Next month, the children in Year R, 1 and 2 will all take part in their transition sessions, giving them the opportunity to meet their new class adults and to start to get to know their new classrooms for September. After their first visit on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, our current Year R and Year 1 children will bring home a letter to let you know which class they will be in. Check the date list for the rest of our transition dates.

Next week, the national Schools' Diversity Week takes place, celebrating diverse families, our own uniqueness and embracing difference. We love how unique our children are at Grange and embrace their individual personalities, giving them the tools to believe in themselves and cherish who they are, ready for a bright and exciting future. One of the Fundamental British Values is tolerance and this is something we instil in all of the children through our carefully planned and diverse curriculum. We are always happy to get feedback from our families about what else we could be doing to celebrate diversity, so please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas for the future.

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 😊 🌈

### PE days for the Summer 2

Please check which day your child will need to come to school in their PE kit as these have changed for the new term. Please can we ask that PE kits consist of dark coloured shorts in warmer weather, a white t-shirt and either the school jumper or a dark coloured sweatshirt. **Earrings and jewellery must be removed before the start of the day. Don't forget sun cream and water!**



Owls, Wagtails and Blackbirds: **Tuesday**

Robins and Chaffinches: **Thursday**

Starlings, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: **Monday**

### 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: Chaffinches with 98%**

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 the week ending 23.6.23
Chaffinches	98
Robins	96.07
Blackbirds	95.45
Wagtails	94.35
Woodpeckers	92.66
Starlings	92.17
Owls	90.42
Sparrows	88

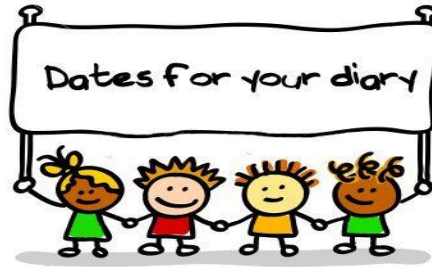
**Love of Learning**

## Mathletics

CONGRATULATIONS to:

<b>Wagtails—</b>	<b>Sparrows—Kady</b>
Lola Violet	
Serayah Leo	<b>Chaffinches— Michael</b>
Hudson Spencer	
Alfie Liam	<b>Owls—Sophia</b>
Kawsar	

For **aiming high!** And achieving a Mathletics certificate this week, well done for all your hard work.



**Things to look forward to!**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition morning for Year 2 children who are going to Grange Juniors

**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

**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! *Let us know if you'd like a table-top stall (£15 for pitch!)*

**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 4 dates and will need to confirm the 5<sup>th</sup> one at a later date once training has been agreed and booked.

**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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** Behaviour, Relationships and Restorative Practice

**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-and-learning/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 Poate!**

We would like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Poate who has been promoted to the role of Deputy Headteacher of Grange Infants!

Many of you will know Mrs Poate who has been at the school for nearly 20 years and is currently our Assistant Headteacher and the Owls' class teacher.

Mrs Poate has great passion for the development of the 'whole' child and in delivering a rich and varied curriculum. She has been the driving force behind introducing the concept of 'metacognition' across the school and is a well-respected maths lead and member of the senior leadership team.

I know you will join me alongside our local authority representative, Sian Smith and our Chair of Governors, Rod Feilder, in wishing Mrs Poate 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/>

### **30 Days Wild: The UK's Biggest Nature Challenge!**



We may be nearing the end of June but there is still time to join in! Will you and your family rise to the challenge? All you have to do is one wild thing a day throughout the month of June. If you and the family sign up through the Wildlife Trusts website, you will receive a pack to help you plan your wild month and lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild throughout June. Give it a go and reconnect with nature and our planet.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>

### **Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Webber!**

We would like to wish the very best to Mrs Webber who has moved on to a brand new and exciting job at a local pre-school. Although Mrs Webber was not with us for long, she had such a positive impact upon the Year R team and will be greatly missed.





# Wow & Proud



# Congratulations



## Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to **Jax** for challenging his brain in Busy Bee time and writing a super sentence independently!

Proud Pot goes to **Kharim** for writing a sentence independently!



## Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to **Divine** for writing lovely sentences and using capital letters and full stops!

Proud Pot goes to **Nathan** for moving into ditties phonics group!



## Robins

Wow Writer goes to **Henlee** for using bullet points in a list!

Proud Pot goes to **Peter** for his brilliant 'Be Safe at the Beach' poster which he made using Word in the ICT suite!



## Owls

Wow Writer goes to **Eddie** for lovely neat work and productivity!

Proud Pot goes to **Matthew** for his excellent art picture made in the style of a famous artist!



## Starlings

Wow Writer goes to **Noah** for writing a sentence independently!

Proud Pot goes to **Scarlett** for working really hard to write full sentences during her morning jobs!



## Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to **Marcus** for lovely neat handwriting!

Proud Pot goes to **Jaea** for fantastic Maths, counting in 2s, 10s and 5s!



## Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to **Lily** for super presentation and productivity!

Proud Pot goes to **Oscar** for his beautiful artwork of his detailed picture of the beach!



## Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to **Spencer** for his amazing recount with detail!

Proud Pot goes to **Charlotte** for her excellent artwork; a lovely picture of the beach with texture!

## Sun safety

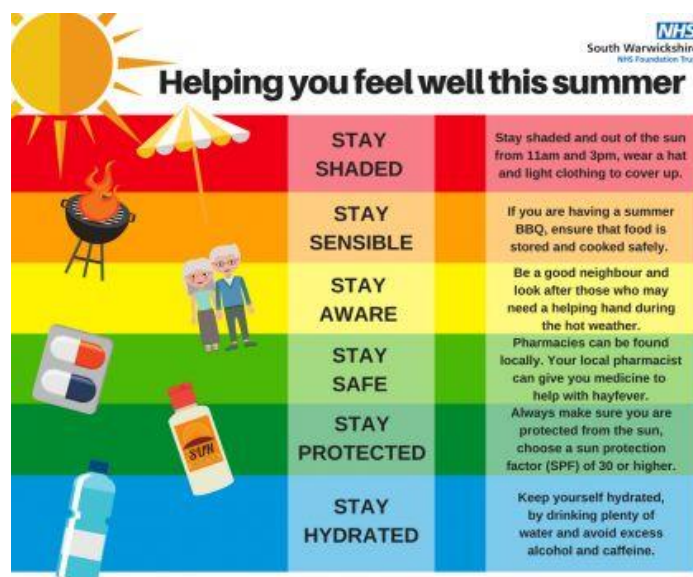
We have all enjoyed some welcome sunshine this week and the rise in temperature was a surprise for many! We have noticed that many of the children do not have water bottles or hats in school. It is vital that all children bring a bottle to school every week so that they can hydrate as and when needed and more so, in hot weather. Hats are vital in keeping the children's heads and faces protected from the sun too.

We are working hard to be a more sustainable school, reducing the amount of single-use plastic and it has been heart-breaking to see how many children have needed to use plastic cups this week as they do not have their bottle. Please help us to look after the planet and do our bit towards a more sustainable world, by ensuring your child has their bottle in school every day. Bottles can be brought in daily or weekly and can be topped up from our many water stations as needed.

Click on these links for some more advice about water and its health benefits:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-much-water-should-my-children-drink>

<https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/general-health-advice-children/eat-smart/food-science/drinking/>



Please can we remind all families that juice or squash is just for lunchtime. The children are encouraged to drink water during lessons and squash can then be drunk at lunch time.

Water forms an essential part of a healthy and balanced diet as well as a healthy lifestyle. Squash, whilst it has its benefits, can be difficult to manage in a classroom and can be higher in sugar and very sticky too!