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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

23.05.2025

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

A Fond Farewell

Mrs Connolly in Early Years is leaving us today as she has secured a position in a private nursery starting after half term. We wish her all the luck in the world. Best wishes for the future from all of us at Grange View.

Future After School Clubs

We would love to offer a better variety of clubs for our older and younger pupils in 2025-26. Please can we ask families to make some suggestions by sending your thoughts in via email to the school office. Thank you

Wraparound

Due to a severe lack of numbers using Wraparound on a Friday after school and to reduce running/staffing costs we will be changing the hours currently offered. On Fridays only from 6th June Wraparound will now only be offered from 3.15pm- 4.15pm.

These hours are subject to change based on the number of pupils requesting to access Wraparound going forward.

Incidents Outside of School

We are hearing of an increasing number of incidents occurring after school, primarily around the park area. Can we please ask that you monitor your child's whereabouts and behaviour on evenings and weekends to hopefully reduce the number of these things being reported to school.

We cannot be responsible for your children's behaviour outside of school hours.

Anti-Climb Paint

We have had some instances recently where teenagers have been caught trespassing on school site after hours and damaging items in the forest school area. Anti-climb paint has been reapplied to all relevant fences, so if your teen comes home covered in black anti-climb paint you'll know what they've been up to.

School Uniform for September

An email was sent home earlier this term from our supplier, Mapac, urging parents and carers to order their uniform for September as early as possible.

We strongly advise, to ensure uniform is received in time for back to school, that orders are placed online by **Thursday 31st JULY**.

Please note, the last ordering date for free delivery to school is **Friday 4th JULY**. This allows Mapac to send any outstanding orders in our system through to school before School closes for the summer. (Last delivery into School on or around **18th JULY**. Delivery to home / workplace are of course still available).

The Free delivery to school option will then be reinstated for parents to select from **SEPTEMBER**. First delivery into School on or around **MID / END OCTOBER**. So, please get your orders in sooner rather than later at <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/grangeviewfirstne615lz>



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After School Clubs – Summer 2 Term

After School clubs for next half term are:

- Monday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only
- Tuesday – NUFC Multi-Sports Club
- Wednesday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only
- Thursday – Mindfulness Colours & Crafts Club with Mrs Waters
- Friday - Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only

Wraparound club is still available every day *and I have added a new option – so that parents/carers can book children in to Wraparound for an hour after teacher-led after school clubs, hopefully this will make things easier for people who need to use this option.* All clubs need to be booked **in advance** and paid for at time of booking on School Money please. They are available now to book for next half term. **You need to book your child into the relevant club on the relevant day (please make sure you choose the correct club/day from the dropdown), just adding money to account does NOT book your child in.**

Phonics Screening Year 1

We would urge families of children in Year 1 not to take any holidays week commencing 2nd or 9th June as this is when the Phonics Screening checks will be administered.

School Gates

Can we please remind all Nursery parents that for safeguarding reasons, the school gates should be closed behind you after you collect your children at 11:45am.

Dogs on school site

As you are all aware, Mrs Laskey is obsessed with dogs! Whilst we love to see a puppy in arms and kept under control, unfortunately no dogs are allowed on the school grounds (yard) and must be carried if you absolutely need to bring them to school. Mrs Laskey will still be on puppy alert on a daily basis.

Uniform

A reminder that shoes/trainers should be all black for school through the week, and any trainers on a PE day. No converse though please as we have had several pupils go over on their ankles while wearing them. Also, please make sure that every single item of your child's uniform has their name inside it. Staff are not responsible for chasing up lost uniform, especially if it does not even have a name in it. Named items can be returned more easily if someone takes the wrong jumper/cardigan home by mistake.

Early Years New Collection Times

Due to our growing numbers in Early Years we are changing pick up arrangements at the end of every day for safety and safeguarding reasons.

Nursery 30 hours children will now need to be collected at 3.05pm from the same doors for dismissal.

Reception children will still be dismissed at 3.15pm.

We need this 10 minute gap to allow staff to hand over the children to a known adult safely and smoothly as we have 40 pupils to dismiss.

We are over the moon that numbers are continuing to grow and just need to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your support with this.

Year 5 Phones

Can you please remind your children in Year 5 that their phone should be turned off and put away in their bags as soon as they enter school site please. No photos/sharing TikToks etc. on school premises. Once they enter the classroom they are handed in to Mrs Timmins to be locked away for safe keeping until the end of the day. ***Can we also remind parents/carers of Year 5 pupils with phones that they should be responsible for checking their child's phone at the end of the day and making sure there is no inappropriate content/WhatsApp messages/Snapchats etc.***

100% Attendance Incentive

We have introduced an incentive for any child achieving 100% attendance. Each half term, anyone with 100% will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 supermarket voucher. The draw for this half term will take place the first week back after the May holidays. Good luck everyone.



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Family Hub Emails – PARENTING

We are aware that a number of families are struggling with their child's behaviour/emotions at home. We have access to lots of support, advice and courses for everyone through the family hub at Hadston. We regularly share emails from them offering courses. Please contact them on 01670 624500 or have a look on their Facebook page which is www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs

New Penalty Notice Rules from September 2024 – Attendance/Holidays - Update

As you are all aware, The Department for Education issued new rules for Penalty Notices which came into force from September 2024. This was emailed out to all families before the summer, and earlier this year for new families and as a reminder to all.

One of the points families should take note of, is that a Penalty Notice can also be considered when a pupil has been recorded as absent for 10 sessions (5 school days) within a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

Parking Outside School

Polite Notice - For all parents who use a car to get their children to and from school please DO NOT PARK on the zigzag lines outside the school entrances/exits for the safety of all our families.

Parental Responsibility on the Yard/No swearing please!

Can we please remind all parents and carers to be responsible for their children on the yard before the bell goes on a morning. We would also like to remind everyone that there should be no swearing. Little ears hear everything and children love to repeat what they've heard. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

It's simple and easy to see if your child is entitled to free school meals. This is not the same as universal Free School Meals, which every child is entitled to from Reception to Year 2. You will be able to access subsidised educational visits, free milk, subsidised clubs including Breakfast Club, as well as the school receiving £1500 per pupil which supports resources and staff for your child. The number to apply is 0345 600 6400 and they can check using your national insurance number to see if you are eligible. Please help yourself and the school by giving them a ring, thank you!

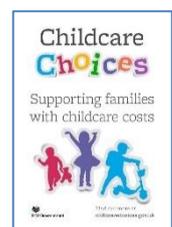
Breakfast Club/Wraparound Costs

Following guidance from the Department for Education our Breakfast Club will run from 7:45am from September at a cost of £2.00 for the session.

Wraparound Club will run from 3:15pm until 5:30pm as this was the most requested finishing time from our parent survey, although 6pm will be available if requested, as long as there is more than one pupil to make it viable. Costs for Wraparound will be £5.00 for 3:15pm – 4:15pm or £10.00 for 3:15pm – 5:30pm. 5:30pm – 6:00pm on request would be an additional £2.50.

Help with Childcare Costs

The government has introduced lots of ways to claim back a percentage of your childcare costs while using school breakfast and wraparound clubs. Please have a look at the childcare choices website on the following link to see what you might be entitled to - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>



Emergency Contacts/Up to Date Information

For safeguarding purposes, we should have 2 emergency contact telephone numbers for all pupils in school. We also need current contact emails/addresses for all parents in school. Please make sure your information is up to date with the office if anything has changed recently, thank you.

Is my child well enough for school?

We want every child to have 100% attendance and anything below 97% will result in our new attendance procedures starting with the support of the Education Welfare officer. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> This link from the NHS may help you decide but we always recommend Calpol and sending them to school. If your child becomes unwell we will ring you and let you know immediately.



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Nut Allergy reminder/Packed lunches/Grapes

We have a pupil in school with a nut allergy. For safety purposes we cannot allow any nut-based products on school site including chocolate spread or nut-based products. We also do not allow sweets in packed lunches. Any items that arrive and are identified in school will be removed and sent back home for health and safety reasons. Nut allergies are very serious and even so much as someone in the same room opening a product containing nuts can be enough to trigger a serious reaction. Can we please also remind parents and carers to please cut any grapes (lengthways) that are sent in, as these are a choke hazard when whole. Sweets and chocolate bars are also unsuitable to be included in packed lunches. Thank you for your support.

Phones on School Site/In Worship etc.

Please could we ask parents and carers to pop their phones in their pockets when children come out of school. They are excited to see you and this is an ideal time to ask them about their day. Please make sure the first thing your child sees is your face, and not your phone. This also applies to in school activities when we ask parents to join us, and family worship on Fridays as we cannot allow parents/carers to be on their phones in the presence of the children for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

Widdy Welcomes

Widdy Welcomes holds a coffee morning every Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm. A warm, friendly and welcoming place to go for a cuppa and some home-made cakes and biscuits, which Mrs Palmer in school continues to donate towards.

School Website

Please remember all topic letters/newsletters/long term curriculum plans/school lunch menu and lots of other information is available on the school website <http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk>

Office Closure Times

A reminder that the office closes at 3:00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mental Health and Wellbeing



If you are seeking support or advice for your mental health and wellbeing you can access Qwell. It is a free, online service that is completely anonymous. It offers support such as: live based messaging with a qualified counsellor, self-directed help with articles or active message boards with advice. This is a great resource for a variety of concerns such as but not limited to stress, life changes and anxiety. You can access it 24 /7. Please catch Mrs Timmins our Senior Mental Health Lead if you want more information about this free service.

www.qwell.io

E-safety

Remember all you need is on our school website and Facebook page to support you at home with the internet and its use.

<http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589>



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TOPIC REVIEWS

Early Years – Summer 1 – Journey to Space

Our topic this half term has been Space. We have enjoyed learning all about the planets; in particular learning a fact about each one. We have learnt about space, stars and astronauts. Our role play area has been a space station where we have pretended we are blasting off to space!

We have learnt about the life of an astronaut, what they like to eat and what their roles are in space. We even looked at images of the first man on the moon. We imagined what it would be like to live on the moon. In our Art sessions we used a mix of paints to create a marbled effect on a planet. We named our new planets and talked about who would live there. During forest school, we have begun looking for signs of Summer and have been hunting for minibeasts.

Key Stage 1 – Summer 1 – Castles

What an action-packed 4 weeks we have had! We began by finding castles on maps and learnt that many were built next to the sea. We learnt about the history of castles and the purpose they served. We then learnt all of the features of a castle and how they helped to defend against enemies.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Warkworth Castle where we learnt all about the Percy family and the history of the castle. We also enjoyed having our own battle, pretending to be enemies or people protecting the castle, planning what weapons we would use and how we would attack or defend.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Summer 1 – Out of this World

Despite being a short term, it has been busy and action packed. The children have learnt during our space topic – studying the formation of shadows as well as how they change position and length depending on the time of the day.

The topic certainly came to life when we went on our visit to the Centre for Life. It was brilliant for illustrating clearly the different solar constellations and planets' appearance in the planetarium as well as finding out about being an astronaut, including the capacity of their space nappy!

In English they considered how to write a newspaper report based upon the first landing on the moon as well as consistently include openers, expanded nouns and similes in their writing. Their transmission home from space writing was brilliant – we were all very impressed!

Upper Key Stage 2 – Summer 1 - Clocks, Chocs and Cheese

This half term in Maple class we have been looking at the country Switzerland. We've learnt about its human and physical geography, finding out about their popular exports, looking at contrasting images from their cities and villages as well as considering the impact of tourism.

Alongside this, we have recapped previous learning on space in our science lessons, including using food to show the order, size and distance between the planets.

Within History, we have looked into who the Ancient Greeks were, linking it to our space learning with their stories about the constellations and their use of sundials.

In computing, we have been comparing paper and computer-based databases, considering the benefits of both.

Our PSHE this half term and into Summer 2 has focused on how we can look after ourselves, including dental health, healthy eating and how to stay safe in the sun.



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*******NEW Diary Dates*******

- 23rd May – School Closes for May Half Term holidays
- 2nd June – School Reopens
- 3rd June – On School Site Activity Day for Years 3/4/5
- 13th Jun – Non-uniform day for bottle donations for summer fair
- 17th Jun – Year 3 Enterprise Day in school
- 18th Jun – Year 5 Enterprise Day in school
- 20th Jun – Non-uniform for sweets donations for summer fair
- 23rd Jun – Year 5 Water sports morning at Druridge
- 27th Jun – Sports Day
- 2nd Jul – Bikeability for Reception and Year 4
- 11th Jul – Summer Fair 2:30pm start
- 17th Jul – Colour Run on school site (afternoon)
- 18th Jul – School closes for Summer holidays
- 3rd Sept – School Reopens

*******NEW Friends of Grange View Diary Dates*******

- 18th Jun - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
- 16th Jul - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

Stars of the Week:



Acorns

Merit – Alvie & Casey
Sparkle – Thane

Oak

Merit – Harry & Archie N
Sparkle – Albie

Beech

Merit – Annliya & Morena
Sparkle – Lucille

Willow

Merit – Freddie & Lara-Lee
Sparkle – Taylor

Maple

Merit – Caitlin & Owen
Sparkle - Maisie



SPARKLE TEA – Jayden, Esmerelda, Ivy & Lilia



ATTENDANCE - The most important message is children should be in school as much as possible as every day that a child misses' school, for whatever reason, they miss out on vital learning.

Week ending: 16.05.2025



Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

Well done to Maple Class who won with 98.9%

- Acorns – 93.2%
- Oak – 96.3%
- Beech – 88.7%
- Willow – 96.9%
- Maple – 98.9%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **94.5%**

Enter our
Super Draw
Win a £1,000 B&Q
Voucher
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

A collage of images showing various prizes: paint cans, a power drill, a shed, a bicycle, a bathroom, a deck, a grill, and potted plants.

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Grange View CE Primary logo: A circular logo with a lightbulb in the center, surrounded by the text "GRANGE VIEW CE PRIMARY" and "Let your light shine".

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Safe to Learn section

This is a section on our newsletter where we will share and update any safeguarding information for all parents/carers to be aware of. Mrs Rebecca Griffin is our Chair of governors and safeguarding governor, Mrs Laskey and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding Lead staff.



Mrs Laskey - Head



Mrs Chapman - Deputy Head

OPERATION ENCOMPASS INFORMATION

The original initiative was aimed at supporting children who are affected by domestic abuse. The next part of the project will help all children to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely.

Operation Endeavour - This is an innovative project in which schools and colleges in Northumberland are participating, and which is run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police.

Operation Endeavour commenced in November 2018, aims to support children and young people who go missing from home. Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse.

As a result, following any report of a child going missing to the Police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with the Police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following their return.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

Onecall

Onecall is the number for all adult social care, children's services and community health enquires in Northumberland. Helping the most vulnerable to keep safe and well 24-7.

Telephone - 01670 536400