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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

18.07.2025

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Thank you!

Mrs Laskey and all the staff would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and families for all of the kind words, lovely cards and gifts we have received today. They are never expected but always very much appreciated. We hope you all have a fantastic summer and we'll see you in September.

OneCall

OneCall is one number you can call for all children's services, safeguarding or adult social care concerns in Northumberland, helping to keep the most vulnerable people safe and well 24-7.

If you are concerned about a child or young person please call 01670 536400 or email childrentriage@northumberland.gov.uk

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Northumberland Libraries are very excited to announce the theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.... **'Story Garden'**. This year's challenge is focused on nature, aiming to keep children engaged over the summer break and empowering them to forge new connections with others and unleash their love of the outdoors through reading.

The summer reading challenge is an annual event aimed at 4 – 11 year olds. Children are encouraged to read six (or more) books of their choice over the summer holidays with collectible rewards, plus a medal and certificate for every child who completes the challenge. So please pop in and see Cathy in the library over the summer holidays.

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. Delivery to home / workplace are still available.

The Free delivery to school option will 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>

After School Clubs – Autumn 1 Term 2025

After School clubs for next half term are:

- Monday – KS2 Archery Club with Miss Davies – Open to Years 3/4/5/6 only
- Tuesday – KS2 NUFC Multi-Sports Club - Open to Years 3/4/5/6 only
- Wednesday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only
- Thursday – KS1 Craft Club with Mrs Waters – Open to Years 1 & 2 only
- 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 all available to book now.** **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.**



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Helping Little Minds Grow – Family Hub app

Northumberland's Family Hubs team has launched a free Home Learning App, designed to support parents and carers of children aged 0–5 with simple, effective ways to boost early learning at home. You can download it here: <https://www.familyhubsnorthumberland.co.uk/post/helping-little-minds-grow-family-hub-s-home-learning-app-for-families>

Language at Home

Please can we ask that parents/carers be mindful of the language you're using at home as it is often repeated at school by accident. Thank you for your cooperation.

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. However, if they are seen wearing their school uniform and are identified by members of the public as attending this school, then we will take action in school.

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 we will now only be offering from 3.15pm-4.15pm because of this.

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

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.

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.

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 11:30am (new nursery finish time from September)

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.



100% Attendance Incentive

We continue with our 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 Summer holidays. Good luck everyone!

Year 5 & 6 Phones

Can you please remind your children in Year 5 and 6 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 and Miss Davies to be locked away for safe keeping until the end of the day. *Can we also remind parents/carers of Year 5 & 6 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.*

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 4:15pm – 5:30pm. 5:30pm – 6:00pm on request would be an additional £2.50.

Due to very low demand, Wraparound will now close at 4:15pm on Fridays.

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>

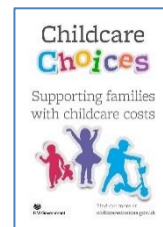


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Help with Childcare Costs

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.

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.

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 2 – Traditional Tales

Our topic this half term has been Traditional Tales. We have enjoyed listening to our favourite stories and role playing, using story puppets. Our role play area has been the three bears cottage and we have pretended we are making porridge for the bears.

In our Art sessions we used a mix of paints to create a character from our favourite tale.

During forest school, we have begun looking for signs of Summer and have been hunting for minibeasts and making dens.

Key Stage 1 – Summer 2 – This is Me

We have really enjoyed our final topic this term learning all about ourselves. We firstly learnt all the names of our body parts and their functions. We then learnt about the importance of looking after bodies and keeping healthy by eating a balanced diet, regular exercise, good sleep and keeping ourselves clean. In addition to this, we learnt that we are all different and enjoyed comparing hand and feet lengths in the class and making self-portraits.

In Geography, we learnt about Great Britain and where Widdrington is on a map of England. We had great fun finding our streets on maps and then went onto google maps to find our homes, giving our friends directions to get there.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Summer 2 – Rotten Romans

What a wonderful way to end the year, we thoroughly enjoyed our Romans topic, finding out about what they wore, how they invaded and where they conquered. It was particularly fantastic launching the topic with a visiting centurion! The children were great at recreating all things Roman; their Roman Mosaics were fabulous at the start of the term using collage techniques. Their understanding of Roman numerals has been revisited and consolidated and their Romulus and Remus storytelling was entertaining.

As we expected, the highlight of the term was designing and making their Roman shields, which they used to march like Romans, getting into tortoise formation and protecting themselves from attack. It was also excellent to see how well they engaged with the Battle Cry Literacy unit, they used fantastic language and expression when performing.

In the penultimate week, we embraced Heritage week. The children used a range of sources to learn about life during world war 2, why we celebrate VE day and even learnt a jitterbug dance. They were fascinated with the commonwealth war memorials and created some fantastic poppy art and VE day party diaries. A fabulous end to a fabulous year!

UKS2 – Summer 2 - Vicious Vikings

This half term we have learnt about the Vikings and their impact on Britain. We started off by learning about their early invasions, focusing on Lindisfarne. We spoke about why they raided and how these raids changed over time and turned into invasion and settling. We looked at where the Vikings settled and how it impacted the Anglo-Saxons who were living in Britain at the time.

This led to learning about Danelaw and the Kingdoms that Britain was split into at these times. We also explored how the Vikings travelled (and successfully raided) using longboats, considering how their designs were ideal for attacking.

To support our Viking unit, we also learnt about the Vikings in French, learning how to talk about families, hair colour and height.

We also had a very exciting computing unit this half term, learning how to use Crumbles. We learnt how to set them up with different outputs (lights, switches and motors) and how to create different algorithms so they could complete multiple programmes.

We finished the unit by building working funfair swing rides (out of cardboard), that had lights and switches! In our PSHE unit, we have been considering how to look after our physical and mental health. Finally, we also really enjoyed our History week, which focused on VE Day. The class took particular interest in key facts and events that happened during WW2 and led to VE Day.



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

18th Jul – **School closes for Summer holidays at 2:00pm**

3rd Sept – School Reopens

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

10th Sept - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

15th Oct - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

19th Nov - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

10th Dec - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

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: 11.07.2025



Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

Well done to Willow Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 92.2%

Oak – 96.7%

Beech – 96.8%

Willow – 100%

Maple – 94.7%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **96.5%**

Enter our **Super Draw**

Win a £1,000 Sainsbury's Voucher

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



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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.

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Telephone - 01670 536400