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***We aim to SPARKLE!***



Dear Parents/Carers

19.09.2025

## **Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16**

### **Year 7 Secondary School Admissions**

The Online Admissions Portal for middle, high and secondary schools opened on the 12th of September 2025. If your child is currently in Year 6 you need to apply for their Year 7 place please.

[https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

(You need to register as a new user if you haven't used the Portal before. If you've forgotten your password, click on forgotten password link) - (for late applications see below)

[leaflet on how to apply](#) and [portal user guidance](#) to help you with your application.

Applications must be submitted by 31st October as the portal will then close. National Offers Day is 2nd March 2026.

If you have any problems accessing the portal please contact the council directly as this is not something school can help with.

### **Macmillan Cake Sale Afternoon**

We are holding a Macmillan cake sale afternoon in school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 2:30pm – 3:15pm. We would love lots of lovely cakes to sell to raise as much money as possible for a very worthwhile cause, so whether you fancy yourself as the next Mary Berry, or pop to the shops and pretend you made them – we don't mind. All donations welcomed, thank you!

### **Walk to School Month**

October is International Walk to School Month, when pupils around the globe celebrate the joys of walking and wheeling to school. It helps to promote health and well-being, and is better for the environment too.

### **Family Worship Fridays**

As we are fully functioning with Year 6 now, we are unfortunately unable to fit all of the children and their parents/guardians in the hall at once. We have decided the best option is to have a rota for Worship.

**Next week will be Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6).** Thank you.

### **Playing Safely Outside of School**

Some of our Year 5 children were identified playing 'chicken' with the traffic on the main road last night. Can we please ask all parents and carers to remind their children of the dangers of playing on the road, and that they should stay well away from it. Thank you.

### **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](mailto:childrentriage@northumberland.gov.uk)

### **Lining up on the yard**

It has been brought to our attention that when lining up in the morning on the yard, some children are unable to see their lines moving as the parents are also in the same line as the children and are blocking their view. Can we please ask that you stand to the side of your child so that only the children are in the line. This will also help the class teacher as they will be able to see them all clearly.



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### Dress Up Costumes

If you have any children's dress up costumes at home that still have plenty of life in them we would love them for our Year 1 classroom please.

### Tesco Stronger Starts

We have been selected for Tesco Stronger Starts. You receive a token with your shopping and can vote for us in the Amble and Hexham stores from the beginning of October. So if you shop at Tesco please vote for Grange View, thank you.

### After School Clubs – Autumn 1 Term 2025

After School clubs for this 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.**

### 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.

### 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.



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### **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.

### **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 Worship back after the October half term 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](https://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.

### **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.



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### **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.

Costs for Wraparound will be:

£5.00 for 3:15pm – 4:15pm

£10.00 for 3:15pm – 5:30pm.

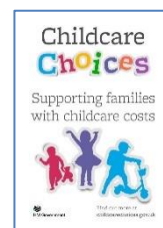
5:30pm – 6:00pm on request would be an additional £2.50.

### **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>

### **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/>



### **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.



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### 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](http://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>

### \*\*\*\*\*NEW Diary Dates\*\*\*\*\*

24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Messy Wednesday in the hall straight after school  
25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Macmillan Cake Sale Afternoon in the hall 2:30pm – 3:15pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Sept – European Languages Day – Turkey – see email sent  
October – Walk to School Month  
W/c 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parent Consultations – more info to follow  
15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Flu Immunisations in school  
23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – School Photograph Day  
24<sup>th</sup> Oct – School closes for October half term  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Teacher Training Day  
4<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Reopens  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Performance 10:00am  
9<sup>th</sup> Dec – LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) Christmas Performance 3:30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Performance 3:30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec – UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) Christmas Performance 3:30pm

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Friends after school stall – crisps and drinks  
23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Monster Disco – Key Stage 1/Key Stage 2 depending on numbers  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Film Club - Key Stage 1/Key Stage 2 depending on numbers  
28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Fair

### \*\*\*\*\* Mr Guy's Bingo Dates\*\*\*\*\*

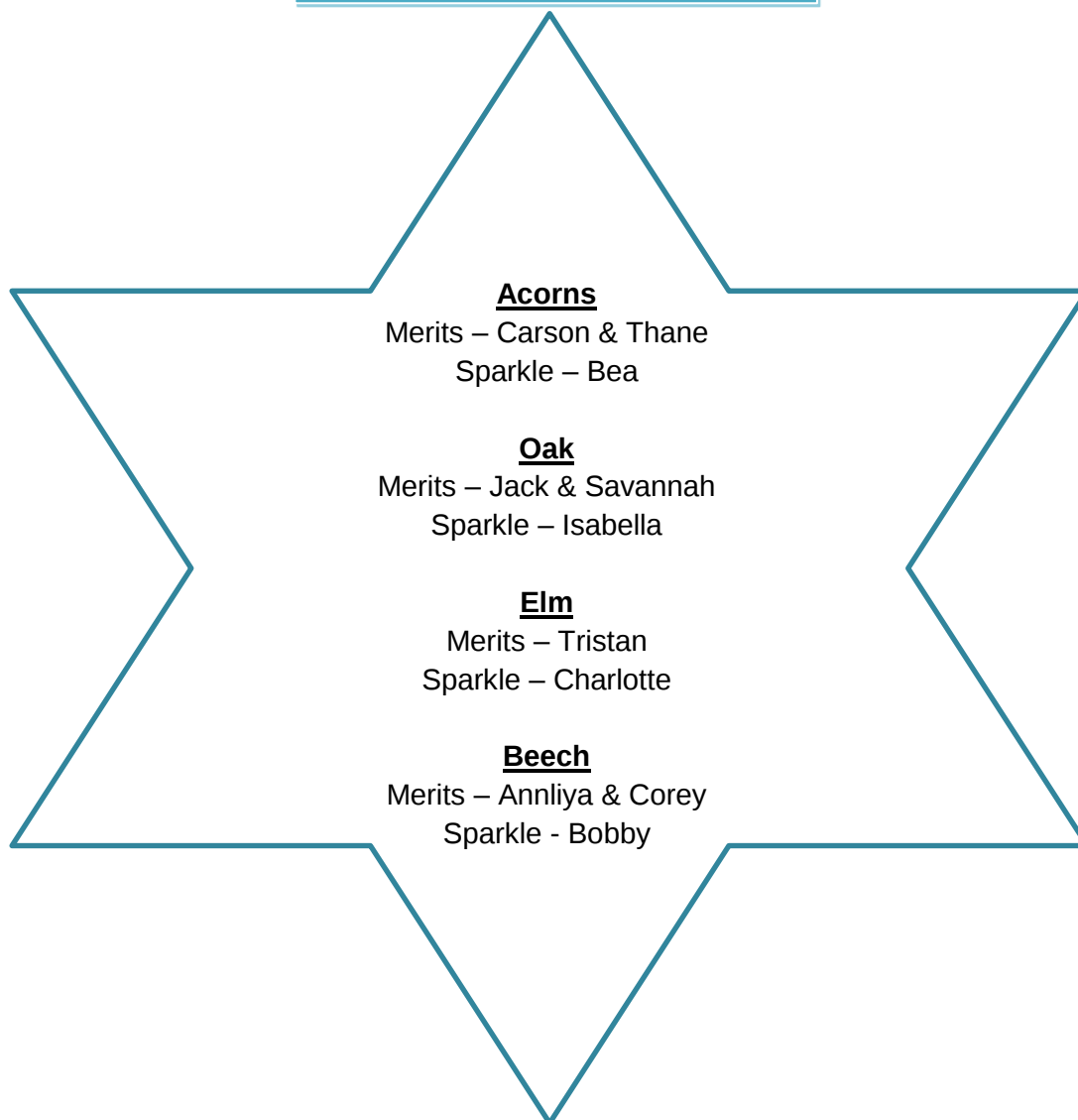
15<sup>th</sup> Oct - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5



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# Stars of the week



**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: 12.09.2025



Well done to Maple Class who won with 99.5%

Acorns – 96.8%  
Oak – 94.2%  
Elm – 92%  
Beech – 96.5%  
Willow – 96%  
Maple – 99.5%  
Sycamore – 98%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **95.8%**

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

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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**