



Grange View C.E. Primary School

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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

24.10.2025

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

(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.

Pumpkin Competition

We held our annual pumpkin competition on Thursday 23rd October. Thank you all for your amazing entries. The winners were: Alex (Acorns), Aiden (Oak), William (Elm), Isla (Beech), Daisy (Willow), Robyn (Maple) and Leo (Sycamore). There was also a star prize for Esmerelda in Elm for her huge home grown pumpkin. Please check out the photos on our Facebook page.



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.

First Friday back will be Early Years/Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2). 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

School Council

Our School Councillors now have all their photos on our website, you can see them here:

https://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/school_council

They are holding a stall after school on Wednesday 3rd December selling reflective items, please come along and support them.

Old Photos of Widdrington Needed!

We have been contacted by someone in need of some old photos for a book they're writing about the village. If you have any that she could use please pop them into the office, thank you.



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Easy Fundraising – for the Friends of Grange View



We have signed up to Easy Fundraising, which donates money to the Friends just through you shopping online.

You can sign up using this link, and for everyone that does sign up during October, the Friends will receive £2.

The link to our page is

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-grange-view>

Smart Phone Free Childhood

If you're looking for guidance on supporting your child in a smartphone world, the *Smartphone Free Childhood* website provides helpful tips, printable resources, and advice from experts.

Visit smartphonefreechildhood.org/resources-for-parents to find out more.

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 2 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.**

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.

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!

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

As you should be aware, The Department for Education issued new rules for Penalty Notices which came into force from September 2024.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 – Autumn 1 – All About Me

Early Years have settled in to school very well. We have spent lots of time building friendships and settling in to our routines. Our topic has been 'All About Me'. We have looked at a variety of stories, talked about our features, hobbies, interests and our families. We have used mirrors to draw self-portraits and created skeleton pictures.

We have learnt songs for the Harvest festival and talked about what Harvest means to us. We explored autumn pumpkins, talking about what we could see and how they feel. We have enjoyed having Little Movers as our PE lessons. We love learning new dances and playing games.

We have also spent lots of time in our outdoor areas and in the forest looking for signs of autumn and creating pictures with what we have found. We used a range of autumn leaves, looking for specific colours and collecting conkers. We have had a fabulous half term!

Key Stage 1 – Autumn 1 – Materials Detective

We have had an action-packed half term, learning all about Materials all around us and their properties. We have explored a variety of materials in school and in our outdoor forest area, grouping them based on their properties. We have thoroughly enjoyed carrying out investigations to learn more about materials such as exploring objects that can change shape and if they are waterproof.

We have learnt that some materials are natural and others are man-made. We then enjoyed making a home for the 4 little pig in the forest area, thinking about what material would be best.

In Geography, we have been looking at aerial view images and drawing our own aerial view pictures. We then looked at our school from aerial view and discussed what we can see.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Autumn 1 – Savage Stone Age

What a brilliant start to the year we have had in Willow Class, from day one it has been action packed getting emerged in our visit to the prehistoric Stone Age. We thoroughly loved the English hook texts Stone Age Boy and Ug, creating great dialogue writing and forming a foundation of knowledge for our topic learning. The children learnt lots of fascinating and interesting facts, building upon their knowledge of fossils from KS1 as well as how Neolithic people survived.

In addition to learning lots of historical facts, the children had lots of creative opportunities: acting out how they moved large boulder stones using logs, developing observational drawing skills for fossils and using charcoal as a art resource - best of all, transforming the classroom into a stone age cave to use their fingers and paints to recreate iconic cave animal art. We are looking forward to our visit to the Hancock Museum on the first day back to consolidate all our learning next term.

Upper Key Stage 2 – Autumn 1 – In The Beginning

This half term we have learnt about evolution and inheritance. We looked at how traits are passed down from parents to their offspring and looked at examples of these. We spoke about natural selection, which involved a fun lesson tools which were meant to be bird 'beaks', looking at how birds' beaks are shaped for the foods they eat.

We also learned about how fossils gave scientists the evidence they needed for these theories. The scientist we focused on was Charles Darwin and in our history lessons, we looked at the voyage he took and the discoveries he made on this. We found out about his theories and why is still considered to be an important scientist today.

In computing, we looked at how computers communicate with each other and even found out how to work on documents with other people in the class when on different computers.

In our PSHE unit, we were learning about personal identity, what makes each person unique and also looked at what prejudice is.

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

3rd Nov – Teacher Training Day
4th Nov – School Reopens
4th Nov – Hancock Museum & Quayside Visit – Years 3 & 4
5th Nov – Vision Screening Reception Class
3rd Dec – School Council stall after school – selling reflective items
5th Dec – Christingle Service 2:30pm
8th Dec – EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Performance 10:00am
9th Dec – LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) Christmas Performance - Parents arrive from 3:30pm – Show starts 4:00pm
10th Dec – KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Performance - Parents arrive from 3:30pm – Show starts 4:00pm
11th Dec – UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) Christmas Performance - Parents arrive from 3:30pm – Show starts 4:00pm
12th Dec – Whitley Bay Pantomime – Years 1 – 6
12th Dec – Early Years Christmas Party AM
15th Dec – Early Years Panto in school
16th Dec – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
17th Dec – Key Stage 1 Christmas Party PM
18th Dec - Key Stage 2 Christmas Party PM
19th Dec – School Closes for Christmas holidays
5th Jan – Teacher Training Day
6th Jan – School Reopens
8th Jan – Bikeability – Years 3 and 4

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

7th Nov – Friends after school stall – hot chocolate and biscuits/cookies
14th Nov – Film Club - Key Stage 1/Key Stage 2 depending on numbers
21st Nov – Non-uniform day for bottle donations for Christmas Fair
28th Nov – Christmas Fair

******* Mr Guy's Bingo Dates*******

19th Nov - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
DATE CHANGE 3rd 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

Willow

Merits – Brooklyn & Millie D
Sparkle – Lucas

Maple

Merits – Freddie, Lara-Lee & Ollie
Sparkle – Gracie

Sycamore

Merits – Leo & Olivia
Sparkle - Joseph



SPARKLE TEA – Luke, Daisy, Jacob & Taylor



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: 17.10.2025



Well done to Beech Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 91.3%
Oak – 95.2%
Elm – 94.8%
Beech – 100%
Willow – 95.9%
Maple – 91.6%
Sycamore – 95.5%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **95.1%**

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