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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

23.01.2026

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

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 Friday 30.01.26 will be Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) Thank you.

Messy Wednesday – 28th January

The lovely ladies from Messy will be holding their next session on Wednesday 28th January in the hall straight after school. There will be lots of lovely crafts, and free refreshments available. Please come along and join us if you can.

RSPB Annual Big Garden Birdwatch



The RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch **is back** this weekend, and they are asking for your help.

Over the past 45 years RSPB have invited bird lovers to unite and help in the world's largest garden wildlife survey. The survey asks volunteers to track the birds living in their gardens and green spaces and it helps the RSPB to keep across any changes in garden bird numbers.

The only requirement is **you spend one hour watching and recording the birds that land in one location**, that can be in the garden, outside your window, or in the local park or green space while you're out and about.

When you have finished recording, you then need to send the results to the RSPB using this link <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

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

NSPCC Numbers day - Friday 6th February 2pm

We are hosting our annual Maths Open Afternoon linked to NSPCC Number Day, where you will have the opportunity to come into school and see how maths is taught across the curriculum. During the session, children will share a range of maths activities they have been working on, including number, problem solving, reasoning and practical maths games, many of which are inspired by the NSPCC Number Day resources. Pupils will lead the activities and work alongside parents, explaining their thinking and showing how maths is taught in an engaging and hands-on way. This will be a great celebration of all things math and have the opportunity to look at what careers a love of maths could pursue.



Nursery Places – September 2026

If you, or someone you know of need a nursery place for a child in September 2026 please come to the office for a form.



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Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10th February



We will be taking part in Safer Internet Day, a national event that promotes the safe and responsible use of technology. This year's theme is "Smart tech, safe choices", helping children to understand how technology, including artificial intelligence (AI), can be useful and creative, while also learning the importance of making safe choices online. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in age-appropriate computing activities linked to their learning in class, and as part of their Favourite Five whole-class reading,

each class will share a different digital literacy text to support discussion about online safety. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, and parents can find helpful guidance and resources at the UK Safer Internet Centre for parents and carers: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>.

Computing open afternoon - Friday 13th February 2pm

We would like to invite parents and carers to a Computing Open Afternoon, where you will have the opportunity to come into school and see the computing curriculum in action. During the session, children will share the skills they have been learning this year, including programming Bee-Bots in Early Years, creating digital artwork in Key Stage 1, coding through Hour of Code activities in Years 3 and 4, working with Micro:bits in Year 5, and building and programming circuits using Crumble controllers in Year 6. Pupils will act as the experts, guiding adults through hands-on activities and explaining how these link to making smart and safe choices when using technology. There will also be an opportunity for parents to pick up practical tips and advice on how to help keep children safe online at home.



Headlice

Can we please remind you to check your children's hair regularly for headlice and treat if necessary.

Pre-loved Uniform

We have quite a bit of pre-loved uniform in school at the moment, if you need anything please get in touch and we will check if we have it in the correct size.

Contacting your child's teacher

If you need to speak with your child's teacher please either catch them on the yard at the beginning or end of the day, or pop them a message on Dojo and they will respond as soon as they are able to (when not teaching) Thank you.

Temperatures

Can you please ensure that if your child has a temperature before school that you give them some Calpol. They are more than welcome to still come into school, as long as their temperature comes down after they've been given it.

Antibiotics

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics that are to be given 4 times per day, we can give them a dose at lunchtime if you complete a form from the office. If they are to be given 3 times per day, we kindly ask that you give them their middle dose as soon as you pick them up from school. 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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Incidents Outside of School

We are hearing of an increasing number of incidents occurring after school. 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.

After School Clubs – Spring 1 Term 2025

After School clubs for this half term are:

- Monday – Gymnastics Club with Mrs Chapman – Open to Years 1-6 only
- Tuesday – Rec/KS1 NUFC Multi-Sports Club - Open to Reception/Years 1 & 2 only
- Wednesday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only
- Thursday – Craft Club with Miss Darlow – Open to Years 1/2/3 & 4 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. **The new Spring 1 clubs 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.**

Lateness

We are seeing an increasing number of parents and children coming in to school late in the morning. Nursery starts at 8:30am and the bell goes at 8:45am for all other children. Please be on time as this helps the children to be settled in and ready to begin the school day with the rest of their class.

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

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 winner of the Autumn 2 draw was Scarlett in Year 3, well done! The draw for Spring 1 half term will take place the first Worship back after the February 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.

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.

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

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

28th Jan – Messy Wednesday
2nd Feb – Skip 4 All day in school
6th Feb – NSPCC Numbers Day
10th Feb – Safer Internet Day
13th Feb – School closes for February half term holidays
23rd Feb – School reopens
W/c 23rd Feb – Scholastic Book Fair after school
25th Feb – Messy Wednesday
13th Mar – Non-uniform day for Easter egg donations for Easter raffle
20th Mar – Red Nose Day – wear something red

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

12th Feb – Valentines Stall after school – hot chocolate, heart biscuits, Valentines sweets/chocs
13th Mar – Non-uniform day for Easter egg donations for Easter raffle
30th Apr – Family quiz night in school - time TBC and more info to follow

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

25th Feb - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
18th Mar - 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 – Rose & Alice
Sparkle – Olivia

Maple
Merits – Jayden & Mark
Sparkle – Paisley

Sycamore
Merits – Olivia & Niamh
Sparkle – Leo



SPARKLE TEA – Luke, Louis, Flynn & Leo



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: 16.01.2026



Well done to Beech Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 95.7%
Oak – 92.2%
Elm – 97.1%
Beech – 100%
Willow – 97.1%
Maple – 99%
Sycamore – 94.5%

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

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

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Super Draw

Win a £1,000 Aldi Gift Card

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.

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