



Grange View C.E. Primary School

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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

13.02.2026

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.

The first week back after half term, Friday 27.02.26 will be Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Thank you.

Parents behaviour and attitude

Our school staff work hard every day to create a safe, caring, and supportive environment for all your children. They all deserve to be treated with the same respect and courtesy no matter what the discussion or situation is.

Disrespectful behaviour towards school staff — whether in person, over the phone, online, or through messages will not be tolerated and undermines positive relationships. We ask that all parents/carers communicate calmly and constructively with all staff to ensure issues are resolved in the best interests of the child. A strong school community depends on mutual respect between families and staff.

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

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.

Parking Outside School

Polite Notice - For all parents/carers 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. Thank you.

Breakfast Club - Fridays

Can parents/carers please use Chestnut classroom door to drop off for breakfast club on Fridays.

Vaping on School Site

Can we please remind all parents/carers that there vaping on school site is strictly forbidden, thank you.

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.

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.



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After School Clubs – Spring 2 Term 2025

After School clubs for next half term are:

- Monday – Gymnastics Club with Mrs Chapman – Open to Years 1-6 only
- Tuesday – Cartwheels and Chaos - 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 2 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.**

World Book Day – Friday 6th March

To enhance our love of reading, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Friday 6th March 2026. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character this day and bring in their favourite book. The children will be taking part in lots of fun activities throughout the day and will be able to share their favourite book with their peers.

We ask that children come dressed in clothes suitable for outdoor play, so please no high heeled shoes and they will still need a coat that day.

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.

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.

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.



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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
<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 draw for Spring 1 half term will take place the first Worship back after the February half term holidays. Good luck everyone!

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.

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.

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.



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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.

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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TOPIC REVIEWS

Early Years – Spring 1 – Stomp, Stomp, Stomp!

This half term began with great excitement when a mysterious dinosaur visited our school, leaving muddy footprints across the classroom and creating lots of mess. The children were instantly hooked, and this started our topic full of curiosity, imagination, and hands-on learning.

We explored fossils, discovering how they are formed and some children brought their own fossils in to explore as well. In PE, the children had a brilliant time moving like dinosaurs—stomping like a T-Rex, stretching like a Brachiosaurus, and gliding like a Pterodactyl. It has been lovely to see how much knowledge the children have gained and how confidently they talk about their favourite dinosaurs.

Alongside our dinosaur adventures, we also enjoyed a few special themes.

For Valentine's Day, we shared stories about kindness, thought about the people we love and made cards for them.

It was also wonderful welcoming parents in for Numbers Day — the children were so proud to show off their maths skills and work alongside you all.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we explored feelings through The Colour Monster, helping the children recognise and talk about their emotions in a gentle, age-appropriate way.

For Safer Internet Day, we read Chicken Clicking and discussed simple ways to stay safe online, thinking carefully about what to do if something doesn't feel right. What a wonderful half term, well done everyone!

Key Stage 1 – Spring 1 – Land Ahoy!

We have had another action-packed half term with our 'Land Ahoy' topic. In Science we firstly learnt what animals we would find in the ocean and enjoyed learning some facts about them. We then learnt about food chains and how sea animals are part of a food chain.

We also learnt about living, once alive and never alive and enjoyed finding things in these categories in our forest area.

In Geography, we have learnt the names of the 7 continents and identified them on a map and then learnt the names of locations of the 5 oceans. In Art, we have mixed colours to create some fabulous sea pictures and we have also made jellyfish in a bottle.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Spring 1 – Mysterious Mayans

What a short but fun filled half term! The children have been busy from start to end, exploring the mysterious Mayans and what life was like back then. They researched information on different Mayan cities to find out where they were and how they lived. A main city we looked at was Chichen Itza. Using Google maps and our ICT skills we got to see the site and explore it as if we were really there!

The children used their ordering skills to place the Mayan events in chronological order. This was especially difficult when we saw that they existed in BC and AD.

As part of their Art unit throughout the term we linked in the Mayans to create their own clay masks and figures. When looking at the Mayan foods, we found out that one of their staple foods was maize so we linked that to our healthy eating in Science and designed a healthy tortilla wrap.

And to top it off at the end of term, both classes got to enjoy a Mayan inspired hot chocolate relating it back to how the Mayans also drank a hot, bitter chocolate drink as well as trying out the tricky game of pot-a-tok!

Upper Key Stage 2 – Spring 1 – Along the Yellow Silk Road

This half term, Years 5 and 6 have been exploring trade through our 'Along the Yellow Silk Road' unit. We began our learning by investigating the ancient Silk Road and considering the lasting impact it has had on trade in the modern world. Moving forward along the trade timeline, we examined how the Industrial Revolution transformed trade, industry and transportation. In Geography, we explored global trade today, identifying major trade routes and understanding how goods travel across the world. We also reflected on the environmental impact of trade, particularly focusing on the food and clothing industries and the effect they have on our planet. We were fortunate to take part in an online talk with a visitor from the shipping industry, where we learned about different types of cargo ships and the important goods they transport across the globe. In Science, our focus has been classification. We investigated how animals, plants and



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microorganisms are grouped and identified, beginning with the work of Carl Linnaeus and his ground-breaking classification system. This learning linked with Computing, where pupils applied their understanding of classification by creating their own branching quizzes using algorithms in Scratch. We concluded our unit with a fantastic visit to the Port of Blyth. During a guided tour and history workshop, we discovered the port's significant role in our local area as well as its national and global importance. It was inspiring to see first-hand how trade continues to shape the world around us.

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

- 13th Feb – School closes for February half term holidays
- 23rd Feb – School reopens
- W/c 23rd Feb – Scholastic Book Fair after school Wed/Thur/Fri
- 25th Feb – Messy Wednesday
- 27th Feb – Year 4 parents Times Table chat in Willow Class to discuss multiplication check – 3:15pm
- 6th March – World Book Day – email to parents has gone out
- 13th Mar – Year 6 Parents SATS meeting at 2:30pm
- 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*******

- 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

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: 06.02.2026



Well done to Beech and Sycamore Classes who won with 98.9%

- Acorns – 95.8%
- Oak – 94.3%
- Elm – 97.5%
- Beech – 98.9%
- Willow – 91.4%
- Maple – 98%
- Sycamore – 98.9%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **96.1%**

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.

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