



Grange View C.E. Primary School

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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

27.02.2026

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.

Next week, Friday 06.03.26 will be Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2)

Thank you.

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.

Reading Cabin Opening

At 3pm on Fri it will be the grand opening of the new Reading Cabin. Parents are invited to join all the classes on the yard and wait beside the cycle canopy. Staff will then bring the classes out on the other side and the Morpeth Lions will cut the ribbon to formally open and launch our new Reading Cabin.

Families will then be able after the opening to collect their child from their classrooms as normal to take them home. Parents will be able after school all the next week to have a sneaky peek inside.

Easter Raffle

Easter raffle tickets will be coming home early next week. As always, we will have some amazing prizes including Easter egg hampers, family attraction tickets, and we also have an NUFC adults home shirt, adults away shirt and a home junior strip kindly donated by Newcastle United Foundation.

Big Walk and Wheel

This year's big walk and wheel launches on Monday 16th March and runs until Friday 27th. It is all about inspiring pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in the village and discover how these changes benefit the world around them. On each day of the challenge we compete against other schools to see who can get the highest percentage of pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school.

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

childretriage@northumberland.gov.uk



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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.

After School Clubs – Spring 2 Term 2025

After School clubs for this 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.**

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.



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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.

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.



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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.

Unfortunately, we have also had to introduce a late fee of £5.00 for anyone collecting their child 15mins late.

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*******

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
W/c 16.03.26 – Big Walk and Wheel starts
19th Mar – Willow Class River Trip
20th Mar – Red Nose Day – wear something red
W/c 23.03.26 – Parent Consultations
27th Mar – Zoolab in school for Elm/Beech/Willow
2nd Apr – School closes for Easter holidays
20th Apr – School Reopens

*******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*******

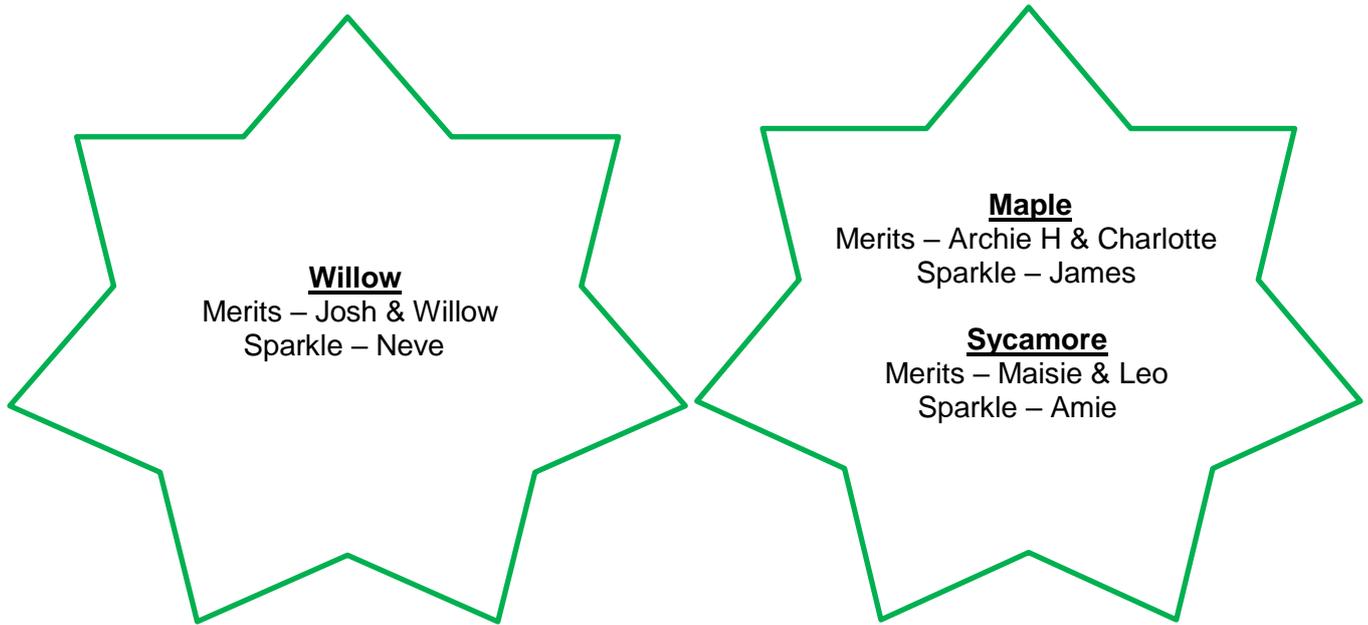
18th Mar - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
22nd Apr - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
20th May - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
17th Jun - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
15th Jul - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5



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Stars of the week



SPARKLE TEA – Charlotte F, Caitlin, Luke & Milly B



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: 12.02.2026



Well done to Beech class who won with 98.6%

Acorns – 93.3%
Oak – 92.9%
Elm – 96.4%
Beech – 98.6%
Willow – 96%
Maple – 97.5%
Sycamore – 96.1%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **95.9%**

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

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Super Draw
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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