



Grange View C.E. Primary School

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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

20.03.2026

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Parent Consultations – 23rd and 24th March

Parent consultations will take place on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March (Early Years may differ due to the number of children). Thank you to all parents who have already signed up for an appointment between 3:20pm and 5:30pm. We try to keep them to these times to help both parents and staff wellbeing.

Due to them taking place in the hall, Gymnastics will be cancelled on Monday 23rd and Cartwheels and Chaos will be cancelled on Tuesday 24th. Anyone who was already booked in, the money has been refunded to your School Money balance.

Mrs Laskey will be available on Tuesday 24th for SEND catch ups.

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 27.03.26 will be Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Thank you.

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.

Family Easter Egg Competition/Easter Service

We will be holding our annual Egg decorating competition this year on Monday 30th March. All entries should be brought in labelled with the pupils' name and class. The winners will be informed in school that day and will also need to be collected and taken home the same day due to NUFC in the hall on the Tuesday. There will be a prize for each winning entry and all children in school will receive an Easter treat that week to bring home. Our Easter service will take place on Tuesday 31st March but unfortunately due to our increasing numbers we are unable to invite parents in as we just don't have the space in the hall, sorry.

Easter Lunch

Easter lunch (turkey) will be served in school on Tuesday 31st March. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like an Easter lunch please let us know so that Mrs Palmer can order extra, thank you.

Red Nose Day

We have had a lovely day in school having fun and raising money for Comic Relief. We hope the children enjoyed the talent shows this afternoon and all of their fun activities across the day. We raised £125 so thank you so much to everyone who donated.



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



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Spellings

As part of our continued work to improve pupils' writing, we are making a small change to how spelling is taught in school. Following guidance from the Writing Framework, we will no longer be sending weekly spelling lists home. Instead, spelling will be taught through a more applied approach in class, where children practise using spellings in meaningful writing activities. This helps pupils understand how words work within real sentences and supports them in remembering and applying correct spellings more effectively in their everyday writing.

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.

Breakfast Club - Fridays

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

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.

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 a new option has been added – 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.**

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.

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.

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 2 will take place the first Worship back after the Easter 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.

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

£5.00 for 4:15pm – 5:30pm (*this is only available to add on after another club*)

£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.

Office Closure Times

A reminder that the office closes at 3:00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.



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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.

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*****

W/c 23.03.26 – Big Walk and Wheel continues until 27.03.26

23rd/24th Mar – Parent Consultations

27th Mar – Zoolab in school for Elm/Beech/Willow

31st Mar – Easter lunch in school

2nd Apr – School closes for Easter holidays

20th Apr – School Reopens

23rd Apr – Pre-school (PEEP) stay and play 9:00am

30th Apr – Pre-school (PEEP) stay and play 9:00am

30th Apr – Scootability for Years 1-2/Skateboarding for Years 3-6

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

30th Apr – Family quiz night in school - time TBC and more info to follow

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

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

Acorns

Merits – Willow & John
Sparkle – Cleo

Oak

Merits – Isabella & Letitia
Sparkle - Perrie

Elm

Merits – Lucas & Archie N
Sparkle – Isabella

Beech

Merits – Corey & Morena
Sparkle – Mia



SPARKLE TEA – Emme, Frankie, Orla & Paris



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: 13.03.2026



Well done to Beech class who won with 98.9%

Acorns – 94.4%
Oak – 90.4%
Elm – 98.3%
Beech – 98.9%
Willow – 95.9%
Maple – 96%
Sycamore – 90%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **94.9%**

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

Enter our
Super Draw

WIN A HOME ROBOT BUNDLE!

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.

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