



Grange View C.E. Primary School

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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

02.04.2026

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.

First week back after Easter, Friday 24.04.26 will be Early Years & Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) Thank you.

Easter Raffle/Easter Egg Competition Results

The Easter raffle was drawn on Tuesday and all of the lovely prizes have been claimed and taken home. The winners were posted on our Facebook page in case you missed it.

Winners of our Easter Egg decorating competition were:

Acorns – Maisie S (Hungry Caterpillar)

Oak – Ava (Frozen)

Elm – Cherrish (Solar system)

Beech – Anliya (Easter basket)

Willow – Ella (Wizard of Oz)

Maple – Harry (Full English breakfast)

Sycamore – Maisie J (The house from Up)

Thank you to everyone who took part, there were so many amazing entries this year it took Mr Guy over half an hour to choose the winners!

Parent View Questionnaire

We are inviting our parents and carers to give feedback about school via the parent questionnaire. Please click the link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Anyone who does complete it before Friday 1st May, please let Mrs Burt know in the office and you will be entered into a prize draw. Sadly, we still did not have enough people complete it last time for a draw, so please do! We really want to have a draw and give out prizes! Thank you and good luck!

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.

After School Clubs – Summer 1 Term 2026

After School clubs for next half term are:

- Monday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only
- Tuesday – Cartwheels and Chaos (mini gymnastics) - Open to Reception/Years 1 & 2 only
- Wednesday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only
- Thursday – KS2 Craft Club with Mrs Timmins – Open to Years 3/4/5/6 only
- Friday - Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only



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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 Summer 1 clubs are 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.**

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.

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.



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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

£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.

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>



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TOPIC REVIEWS

Early Years – Spring 2 – Our Heroes

This term in Early Years we have had an incredible time celebrating our heroes who help us every day! We welcomed the paramedics and fire service, who shared their valuable insights and experiences with our students. We particularly enjoyed the emergency vehicles they brought with them. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young learners to understand the importance of these vital services in our community. In addition to our special visitors, we also enjoyed a week full of exciting STEM challenges! Our students engaged in hands-on experiments and creative projects, showcasing their talents and enthusiasm for learning.

We celebrated Red Nose Day with a vibrant talent show, where our students shone brightly on stage, sharing their unique skills and raising funds for a great cause!

There has been lots of preparation and excitement for Easter, making Easter crafts, an Easter egg hunt and practising our song for the Easter service.

Key Stage 1 – Spring 2 – All Creatures Great and Small

This half term, our topic 'All Creatures Great and Small' has been full of exciting learning experiences across the curriculum. In Science, we have explored amphibians and learned about the life cycle of frogs, as well as the life cycles of humans and other creatures such as butterflies. A highlight was our pond-dipping session during Forest School, where we observed living creatures in their natural habitat. We also investigated a range of habitats both within our school grounds and around the world.

In Geography, we developed our understanding of human and physical features, learned how to use keys and symbols on maps, and even sketched our own settlements.

In Design and Technology, the children designed, made, and evaluated their own hand puppets based on a chosen animal—showing fantastic creativity and impressive sewing skills throughout. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and hard work this half term!

Lower Key Stage 2 – Spring 2 – Wonderful Waterworld

What a short but action packed half term we have had during our Wonderful Waterworld topic.

Despite the atrocious weather at times we managed to get out on our great trip, following the river Aln from its source in the Cheviot Hills of Alnham through Whittingham and Alnwick to its delta at Alnmouth. It was a busy, action packed day but provided lots of opportunities to consolidate all our learning about the features of rivers and how they have a crucial role in the water cycle. This was enhanced even further with a workshop in class from the Sill focussing on the Breamish Valley and welcoming Rachael from Natural England to talk about her job as an ecologist working with rivers.

Subsequently, throughout the term the children learnt lots about staying safe online during our internet safety day, raised impressive amounts of money following their sports relief activities and best of all had lots of great fun dressing up as part of World Book Day. In the final week, despite feeling exhausted from the river trip action the children performed an excellent Easter service and consolidated all their learning about skeletons and muscles ready for next terms science themed topic.

Upper Key Stage 2 – Spring 2 – God's Green Earth

This half term, we explored life cycles through our topic, 'God's Green Earth'. The children learned about a range of life cycles, including those of mammals, sharks and frogs, and also studied the life cycle of a flowering plant.

In Geography, we developed our map skills by learning how to use a compass and interpret maps. The children used map keys to identify features in our local area, building their confidence in navigation and observation.

One of the highlights of the term was our food technology project, where the children designed, made and—most importantly—tasted their own no-cook energy bars. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring a variety of ingredients, sampling them, and making thoughtful choices for their final creations.

In Computing, we worked with Excel, where the children learned how to enter data and apply simple formulas.

All of this learning was enriched by our exciting STEM week, as well as visits from organisations such as Network Rail and the Police, which helped bring our learning to life.



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

- 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
- 20th May – Year 6 residential to Rock UK

*******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

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: 27.03.2026



Well done to Beech class who won with 100%

- Acorns – 93.7%
- Oak – 97.4%
- Elm – 97.1%
- Beech – 100%
- Willow – 98.5%
- Maple – 96%
- Sycamore – 96.8%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **97.3%**

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