



### Grange View C.E. Primary School

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***We aim to SPARKLE!***



Dear Parents/Carers

22.05.2026

## 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.

**Friday Family Worship on 05.06.26 will be Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Thank you.**

### Parking Outside School

We have addressed the parking issues outside of school, and NCC have been out to monitor and take photographs. Any other parking issues which are not directly outside the front of school where there are zigzag lines are not a matter for us. Please report anything else to the police.

### 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](mailto:childrentriage@northumberland.gov.uk)

### School Uniform for September

Our uniform supplier Mapac is urging parents and carers to order their uniform for September as early as possible.

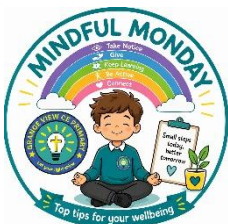
They strongly advise, to ensure uniform is received in time for back to school, that orders are placed online by **Friday 31st JULY**.

Please note, the last ordering date for free delivery to school is **Friday 26th JUNE**. This allows Mapac to send any outstanding orders in their system through to school before School closes for the summer. (Delivery to home/workplace are of course still available).

The Free delivery to school option will then be reinstated for parents to select from **SEPTEMBER**. First delivery into School on or around **MID / END OCTOBER**. So, please get your orders in sooner rather than later at <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/grangeviewfirstne615lz>

*Asda jade green uniform is also in stock at the moment, but sells out fast so please take a look. Please make sure you select jade green, as the other colours are not approved for our school colour.*

### Mindful Mondays



Parents and carers play an important role in helping children discover who they are, what they enjoy, and how to grow in confidence and independence. Spending quality time with trusted adults helps children feel safe, secure, and supported, providing strong foundations for learning and wellbeing.

Children thrive when they can be creative, curious, and adventurous alongside adults who encourage and support them. Through shared experiences, conversations, and new challenges, children develop resilience, emotional strength, and confidence.

Our Mindful Monday initiative aims to encourage families to slow down, connect, and enjoy meaningful moments together, supporting positive wellbeing for both children and adults.

**Idea for this week's mindful moment - Make your own bookmark to use in your favourite book.**



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## Assessment Info for Summer 2026

- Year 4 Multiplication Check – All children must be in school W/c 1<sup>st</sup> June & 8<sup>th</sup> June please, no holidays that week. Info for parents was emailed out last term.
- Year 1 Phonics Screening – All children must be in school W/c 8<sup>th</sup> June please, no holidays that week. Videos have been and will be sent home weekly on ClassDojo for parents to watch and practice with children thank you.

*Any questions about any of the above, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.*

## 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 2 Term 2026

After School clubs for this 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

**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 2 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.

## 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>



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## 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 Summer 1 will take place the first Worship back after the May half term holidays. Good luck everyone!

## 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.*

## 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.

## 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.

## 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>

## TOPIC REVIEWS

### ***Early Years – Summer 1 – Minibeasts***

This half term in Early Years, our topic has been minibeasts, which has captured the children's curiosity and supported rich language development, observation skills and early scientific understanding. The children have been on numerous bug hunts and have learned a wide range of facts about different insects and minibeasts, showing enthusiasm and growing confidence when talking about what they have found. They have also observed the life cycle of a caterpillar becoming a butterfly, deepening their understanding of change and growth, and enjoyed a special visit from the chicks, which provided an exciting real-life learning experience.

Alongside this, the children have observed the changing signs of spring and have made the most of increased outdoor play opportunities, using the environment to support physical development and exploratory learning.

We have also developed the outdoor shed into a welcoming "book nook" in the Early Years garden, promoting a love of reading in a calm and inviting space.

### ***Key Stage 1 – Summer 1 – Fantastic Farming***

This term our topic has been Fantastic Farming, and although it has only been a five-week term, we have fitted in so much learning. In History, we explored how farming has changed over the years, learning that farmers once did much of their work by hand, whereas today many jobs are completed using modern machines. We also learnt about engineers who helped inspire these changes.

The highlight of the term was having chick eggs in school, watching them hatch into seven adorable chicks and learning about the life cycle of a hen. We especially loved holding the chicks.

In Science we learnt about weather, and how it can affect farming, as well as seeds and bulbs, and enjoyed planting some in the forest. We have also discovered how hard farmers work to provide us with food and which animals provide different foods.

In Geography, we learnt about foods that come from other countries, located these places on maps and identified how many miles the food travelled to reach us.

Our upcoming Countryside Day will further enhance our learning from this term. We also thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the beach to reinforce our learning from last term about habitats, and the rock-pooling was amazing.



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## **Lower Key Stage 2 – Summer 1 – Inside and Out**

What another busy and exciting half term we have had during our Inside and Out topic. This science-based topic gave the children lots of opportunities to revisit and build upon their previous learning about healthy lifestyles, skeletons and muscles before exploring how our bodies work on the inside. The children were fascinated to learn about teeth, their different functions and the importance of maintaining good dental hygiene. They also enjoyed learning about the digestive system, identifying the different organs involved and understanding the important roles they play in digesting food and storing nutrients for the body. Alongside our science learning, the children developed their creativity and observational skills during art lessons. Using the 'sausage and egg' technique, they practised drawing body shapes before progressing onto detailed portrait sketches.

It was wonderful to see the children grow in confidence and take pride in improving their drawing techniques.

During outdoor learning sessions, the children revisited their work on plants by exploring what plants need to grow and how seeds germinate. They also consolidated their understanding of habitats, food chains and scientific investigations through pond dipping activities, which provided lots of excitement and opportunities for hands-on learning.

Throughout the half term, the children have continued to demonstrate excellent enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork in all areas of learning. We are incredibly proud of the progress they have made and look forward to another exciting term ahead.

## **Upper Key Stage 2 – Summer 1 – Power of Nature**

This half term, UKS2 have been exploring the fascinating world of natural disasters. We have learned about earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis, investigating how and where they occur, as well as studying famous examples from around the world.

In History, we studied the eruption of Pompeii in AD 79, learning about the lives of the Romans and why this archaeological site remains so significant today.

Alongside this, in Art, we explored the work of J. M. W. Turner and Hokusai, investigating and recreating their artistic styles when depicting volcanoes and tsunamis.

In Science, we investigated different materials and their properties, considering which materials are best suited for different purposes. In Computing, we explored 3D modelling using Tinkercad.

### **\*\*\*\*\*NEW Diary Dates\*\*\*\*\***

22<sup>nd</sup> May – School closes for May half term holidays

1<sup>st</sup> Jun – School Reopens

3<sup>rd</sup> Jun – Watersports for Year 5 at Druridge Lake

4<sup>th</sup> Jun – Countryside Show Day visit for Years 1 & 2

9<sup>th</sup> Jun – WWII day at Woodhorn Museum – Years 5 & 6

10<sup>th</sup> Jun – Aquarium Visit for Nursery & Reception

12<sup>th</sup> Jun – Years 5 & 6 Northern Stage visit

15<sup>th</sup> Jun – Bikeability for Years 5 & 6 - please send your forms back ASAP

15<sup>th</sup> Jun – QuadKids for Year 4 & Year 6

W/c 15<sup>th</sup> Jun – Book and Biscuit sessions – see letter emailed home.

W/c 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun – Book and Biscuit sessions – see letter emailed home.

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Beamish Visit for Year 1 and Year 2 – letter coming out after half term

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

Coming soon...

### **\*\*\*\*\* Mr Guy's Bingo Dates\*\*\*\*\***

17<sup>th</sup> Jun - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

15<sup>th</sup> 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 – Amelia & John  
Sparkle – Carson

## Oak

Merits – Harriet & Jonah  
Sparkle – Harvey

## Elm

Merits – Albie & Esmerelda  
Sparkle – Freddie

## Beech

Merits – Izzy & Arlo  
Sparkle – Ella-Rae



SPARKLE TEA – Anniya, Devon, Freya L & Morena



**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: 15.05.2026



Well done to Sycamore class who won with 99.5%

Acorns – 95.6%  
Oak – 96.8%  
Elm – 95.2%  
Beech – 97.8%  
Willow – 90%  
Maple – 97.5%  
Sycamore – 99.5%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **90.9%**

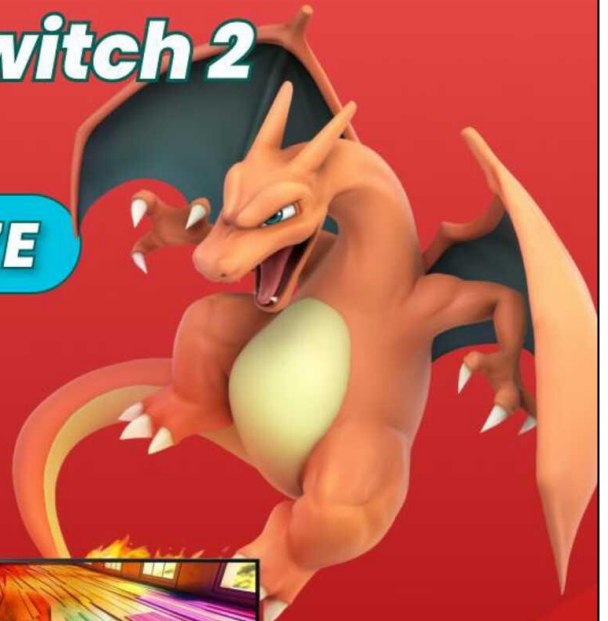
Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

# Enter our **Super Draw**

## Win a Nintendo Switch 2 Mega 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.

### **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**