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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents/Carers

17.07.2026

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Thank you!

Mrs Laskey and all the staff would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and families for all of the kind words, lovely cards and gifts we have received. They are never expected but always very much appreciated. Also, a big Goodbye and good luck to our first Year 6 class off to secondary school and a fond farewell to Miss Abbey who is starting her new role in a private nursery. We will miss you all lots. We hope everyone has a fantastic summer and we'll see you in September.

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.

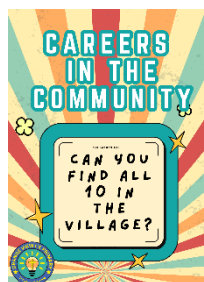
The first Friday Family Worship in September will be 11.09.26 and will be for Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) Thank you.

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

Village QR Code Hunt



Willow Class have been busy creating their own podcasts all about different careers! Over the summer holidays, we invite children and families to explore our local community and hunt for the **10 QR codes** displayed around the village. Simply scan each code to listen to the children's career podcasts.

We'd love to see your adventures, so please share any photos on ClassDojo. If you manage to find all 10 careers, you can also complete the Google Form, listing each one you've discovered, for the chance to win a prize at the start of the new school year. Have fun exploring, and happy listening!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHBKaUTL8YayyFGidVGn2gc_7JgWfuS-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHBKaUTL8YayyFGidVGn2gc_7JgWfuS-y9UXVrn_h65TQvFw/viewform?usp=header)

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Togetherness – Family help/advice/tips

Please see the attached link for lots of advice and support for families in Northumberland. There's everything from sleep advice, to helping children when they move up schools from Primary to Secondary, and even technology tips for Grandparents. Plus lots more. <https://togetherness.co.uk/mul/northumberland/>

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



This summer, Northumberland Libraries invite children to discover the joy of reading through Read to the Beat! - the music-themed Summer Reading Challenge 2026.

As part of the National Year of Reading, we are encouraging families to make reading part of their summer adventures. Children can sign up at the library and enjoy rewards along the way. 'Read to the Beat' launches on Saturday 4th of July and runs for the whole of the summer holidays. It is totally free, and children can join in the fun at any of our libraries.



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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**.

The Free delivery to school option will 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.

Changes to Free School Meals from September 2026

As some of you may be aware, the eligibility for Free School Meals entitlement is changing from September 2026.

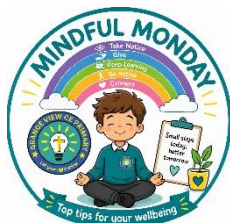
Over half a million additional pupils will become eligible for Free School Meals under the new eligibility criteria. The change means that all households receiving [Universal Credit](#), above the current £7,400 income cap, will qualify for this support.

It's important to note that while eligibility will be automatically granted to all Universal Credit recipients, families will still need to actually apply to receive the benefit.

There is more information on the below link but please apply if you think you are eligible.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/06/expanding-free-school-meals-what-parents-need-to-know/#:~:text=Families%20receiving%20Universal%20Credit%20will,meals%20they'll%20need%20to%20provide.>

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 – Try to relax with this guided visualisation. Take all the cushions and pillows and make a cosy den too.. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64QzBuhsyuk>

After School Clubs – Autumn 1 Term 2026

After School clubs for this half term are:

- Monday – KS2 Courageous Advocacy Club - Open to Years 3/4/5/6 only
- Tuesday – KS2 NUFC Sports Club with Emre - Open to Years 3/4/5/6 only
- Wednesday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only
- Thursday – KS1 Craft Club with Miss Darlow – Open to Years 1 & 2 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 Autumn 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.

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.easypundraising.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 this half term will take place after the summer 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.



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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.

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 2 – Land Ahoy!

What a fantastic term we have had in Early Years exploring our exciting topic, Land Ahoy! Our classroom has been filled with adventure as the children immersed themselves in learning inspired by pirates, mermaids, the seaside, and the wonders of the underwater world.

The highlight of our topic was undoubtedly our visit to Tynemouth Aquarium. The children were a credit to the school and we all enjoyed bringing their classroom learning to life through this memorable experience. Back in the classroom, the children embraced imaginative pirate role play, transforming themselves into fearless explorers on exciting treasure hunts. They created their own treasure maps, searched high and low for hidden treasure, and dug for buried treasure.

We also enjoyed celebrating Careers Week, where it was wonderful to hear about the children's hopes and dreams for the future. From firefighters and teachers, to doctors, and more, the children shared their aspirations, reminding us that they all have bright futures ahead of them.

What a wonderful end to a fun filled year!



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Key Stage 1 – Summer 2 – Traveller's Tales

This half term, our topic has been 'Traveller's Tales', where we have been learning all about different types of transport and how vehicles have changed over time. We began by carrying out a travel survey, counting the vehicles that passed by our school and nearby at the Co-op, before discussing and comparing what we observed.

As part of our history and geography learning, we explored the history of our village and looked at maps from hundreds of years ago, discovering that the railway line was built because our village was once a mining community. We also learned about the history of trains and how they have developed over time. In Science, we have been learning about what animals and humans need to survive, as well as the importance of healthy living through a balanced diet, regular exercise, good hygiene, and enough sleep. To finish off our topic, we enjoyed a fantastic visit to Beamish Museum, where we took part in a transport workshop, explored many vehicles from the past, rode on a tram and an old roofless bus, and learned even more about mining villages and what life was like for people living and working there in the past.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Summer 2 – Anglo Saxons

What a busy and action-packed term we have had learning all about the Anglo Saxons. It began by learning about Sutton Hoo, its fascinating artefacts and the mysteries associated with the archaeological find. After a workshop introducing many other concepts of the Anglo Saxon times they created their own model Saxon village, making comparisons to other settlements they have studied.

In Geography, they discovered where the Anglo Saxons came from, what the push and pull factors were and how England was divided and ruled. Then they learnt about King Alfred, what made him so great and how different missionaries had an influence and legacy on Christianity in Northumbria and other parts of the country.

They also learnt about the Anglo Saxon runes writing system and did some code breaking, concluding their topic with a wonderful workshop from Jarrow Hall, looking at religions and beliefs as well as crime and punishment. Additionally, Year 4 completed QUAD kids competition and all did fantastic at sports day! The summer holidays are well deserved!

Upper Key Stage 2 – Summer 2 – The Terrible Tudors

This half term, Years 5 and 6 have been learning about the fascinating Tudor period. We began by discovering how the Tudor dynasty came to power after the Battle of Bosworth before exploring the reign of one of England's most famous monarchs, Henry VIII. The children learned about his six wives, the reasons behind each marriage, and the significant changes his reign brought to England.

In Geography, we developed our understanding of the United Kingdom by exploring its countries, regions and counties. We identified a range of human and physical features and used maps to improve our geographical knowledge and mapping skills.

In Science, we investigated the human life cycle, learning about the different stages of growth and development from infancy through to old age. The children considered the physical, emotional and social changes that take place throughout a person's lifetime.

Our learning this half term was enriched by a range of exciting experiences. We thoroughly enjoyed a visit to see Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors, which brought our history topic to life with plenty of laughter and fascinating facts.

Pupils also took part in Bikeability training, developing valuable cycling skills and road safety awareness, also Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic watersports experience.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils celebrated the end of their SATs and prepared for their next adventure with a variety of well-deserved treats and special events as they looked forward to leaving Grange View and beginning the next chapter of their school journey.

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

17th July – School Closes at 2:00pm – **NO WRAPAROUND**

1st Sept – SCHOOL CLOSED – TEACHER TRAINING DAY

2nd Sept – School Reopens

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

The Friends will be back after the summer holidays with new dates/events for the autumn term.

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

New Dates coming after the summer holidays.

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: 10.07.2026



Well done to Maple class who won with 99%

Acorns – 94.9%
Oak – 98.4%
Elm – 93.6%
Beech – 97.2%
Willow – 94.8%
Maple – 99%
Sycamore – 93.7%

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

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