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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers **16.10.2026**

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Family Worship Fridays

Our Friday Family Worship next week, 23.10.26 will be for Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Thank you.

Year 7 Secondary School Admissions

The Online Admissions Portal for middle, high and secondary schools is now open. If your child is currently in Year 6 you need to apply for their Year 7 place please.
https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en
(You need to register as a new user if you haven't used the Portal before. If you've forgotten your password, click on forgotten password link) **Applications must be submitted by 31st October as the portal will then close**. National Offers Day is 1st March 2027. If you have any problems accessing the portal please contact the council directly as this is not something school can help with.

Pumpkin Competition

We will be holding our annual pumpkin competition on Thursday 22nd October. Please bring your carved/decorated pumpkin into school in the morning and bring them into the hall where there will be a designated area for each class. Winners will be announced in school, then they must then be taken home on Friday please.



Community Cuppa

A big thank you to the 3 parents who came to this event! It's a shame that all other parents who struggle with routines, bedtime, behaviour etc. at home missed the first event.
But don't worry the next event is Tuesday 17th Nov at 2pm. Margaret Robinson from Family Help will be there too to offer lots of free advice and support. So please pop in for free refreshments, Mrs Palmers sweet treats and your free gift. 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

LEGO: Build & Talk

We're excited to invite parents and carers to our **LEGO: Build & Talk** event on **Wednesday 21st October at 2:00pm in school**.
This relaxed and practical session uses LEGO play to help parents explore positive ways to **connect and talk with their child about gaming**. Through a series of fun activities, you'll discover simple ways to start conversations, build confidence and talk about gaming in a positive and engaging way. **Please save the date – we'd love you to join us!**

Toys in school

Please ensure your child does not bring any toys into school unless asked by the teacher. Staff are not responsible for any lost items and they can also be a distraction in class.

Bikes/Scooters on Playground

Can we please remind all children, parents and carers that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden around the playground. They should be stored in the cycle shed, and pushed until they are off school premises.

Christmas Performances

We know it may be a little too early for the C word for some, but we thought it best to let parents know of a change to our usual plans this year.

Mon 7th Dec – Years 3, 4 & 5 performance will be at 2:00pm and 5:00pm.

Tues 8th Dec – Nursery will be singing Christmas songs at 10:00am.

Wed 9th Dec – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performance will be at 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Thurs 10th Dec – Year 6 children will lead the Christingle service in school with Year 6 parents invited at 2:00pm.

Due to space restrictions we ask that parents attend only one of your child's performances. This may mean that your child does not have an adult watching them on one occasion, although everyone will enjoy their performance.

Breakfast Club - Fridays

Can parents/carers please use Maple classroom entrance to drop off for breakfast club on Fridays. To access this door please go round the back of Year 1 / 2 classrooms.

Changes to Free School Meals from September 2026

As some of you may be aware, the eligibility for Free School Meals entitlement has changed 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.

After School Clubs – Autumn 1 Term 2026

After School clubs for this half term are:

- Monday – KS2 Mission: Make a Difference Club - Open to Years 3/4/5/6 only
- Tuesday – KS2 NUFC Sports Club with Emre - Open to Years 1 & 2 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

Mission: Make a Difference club is for pupils who'd like to come and try and make a difference to our school, village and the environment. We'd love to hear their ideas and try to put some into practice.

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.***

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 – Write a kind note to your neighbour, family member or friend.

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

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.

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 October half term. Good luck.

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.

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.

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

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

W/c 19th Oct – Harvest Donations for foodbank
21st Oct – Lego Build and Talk parent/carer session in school at 2:00pm
23rd Oct – Rearranged lasagne/pizza day for lunch from earlier this term
23rd Oct – School closes for October half term holidays
2nd Nov – School reopens

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

22nd Oct – Monster Disco Reception/Year 1/Year 2 – 2:45pm – 3:45pm £2.00 pop/crisps included
22nd Oct – Monster Disco Years 3/4/5/6 - 4:15pm – 5:15pm £2.00 pop/crisps included
23rd Oct – Non-uniform day for bottle donations for Christmas fair
6th Nov – Non-uniform day for chocolate donations for Christmas fair
27th Nov – Christmas Fair 2:30pm

Any donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated – any unwanted gift sets etc.
We would also appreciate cake donations for the Christmas fair – these can be brought in from Thurs 19th November.

We are desperate for volunteers to help out on fair days, otherwise there may be no fair at all!

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

21st Oct - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
25th Nov - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
16th Dec - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

Stars of the week

Acorns
Merits – Dougie & Amelia
Sparkle – Lolly & Harper

Oak
Merits – Emily & Alex
Sparkle – Elsie

Elm
Merits – Tife & Jonah
Sparkle – Ivy-Faye

Beech
Merits – Tilly & William
Sparkle – Charlotte



SPARKLE TEA – William, Remy, Keira & Elsie



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: 09.10.2026



Well done to Acorns class who won with 99.1%

Acorns – 99.1%
Oak – 98%
Elm – 98.5%
Beech – 95.6%
Willow – 98.4%
Sycamore – 96.1%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **97.4**%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England
HEALTH & WELLBEING AUDIT
MODESHIFT STARS
We've introduced thrive in our Setting
The Daily Mile fit for life
SCHOOL GAMES GOLD 2018/19
GREEN TREE SCHOOL Silver Award
Bronze Eco-Schools Bronze Award

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