



Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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'A school where everyone becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.'

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful break with your children and extended families.

This half term is a short half term (just 6 weeks) and it's full to the brim with learning.

The school focus this half term is the reading curriculum and the way we teach reading across school including the Phonics programme, 'Little Wandle.'

We are also starting a new spelling programme called 'Sounds and Syllables'. Staff are completing training in January so the new programme will be delivered in classrooms in February.

Home Learning will also be finalised this half term and shared with you.

Mrs Hill.

Chill

Diary Dates:

New Yr R 2025 Open Day:
Tuesday 14th Jan 2025 : 5.00pm

15/1/25- SATs Parent Workshop- 3.45pm
16/1/25-Phonics Parent Workshop- 3.45pm

22/1/25-Multiplication Parent Workshop - 3.45pm

23/1/25- Parent Forum- Home Learning- 2pm

6/2/25- Parent Coffee Morning- 8.45am

4/3/25- Parent Consultations

6/3/25- Parent Consultations

6/3/25- World Book Day

Spring Half Term: 17th-21st February

INSET Days:

INSET Day 4: Friday 23rd May 25

INSET Day 5: Monday 14th July 25

Attendance:

'Every minute counts!'

Congratulations to
Attenborough class
for fantastic attendance this week!

Current attendance percentages are:

Whole school for the year: 96.4%

Whole school for the week: 95%

Bear Class: 98.9%

Darwin Class: 91.4%

Adamson Class: 93.8%

Attenborough Class: 100%

Welcome:

Welcome to Mrs Friend who joined the Grateley Team this week. She is the class teacher in Year 5 and 6. Mrs Friend is fluent in French so from next week, she will be teaching the French curriculum from Year R-6 on Wednesdays, alongside P.E. with the Stow Sports Team. This is a unique curriculum opportunity and a fantastic opportunity for the children to be taught a rich French curriculum from a specialist.



Year 6 Boosters

Year 6 booster sessions in Reading and Maths in preparation for SATs will begin week commencing 3rd February. Mrs Friend will lead these sessions. The session will be 20 minute long so the children still have time to eat and go outside. Reading will take place on a Monday lunchtime and Maths on a Wednesday lunchtime. Your child will be invited to attend the sessions.

Lunch Clubs

KS2 Sewing Club with Mrs Hill on Friday
Book Club
Lego Club
Choir will continue with the same children and Mrs Foley.

Lunch clubs will commence **Monday**

After School Club

Homework Club for **Year 6** children only. This will start on Thursday 30th January from 3.30pm-4.15pm and will be weekly with Mrs Friend. Mrs Kitching will send out a Homework Club booking form shortly if you would like to book you child on this club.

Parent Workshops:

SATs Workshop

15/1/25 from 3.45-4.45pm in Attenborough class for parents of Year 6 children.

Phonics Workshop

16/1/25 from 3.45-4.45pm in Darwin class for parents of Year R and 1.

Multiplication Test Workshop

22/1/25 from 3.45-4.45pm in Adamson class for parents of Year 3 and 4.

Year Reception Admissions

The national deadline for applications to Year R for September 2025 is drawing closer and will close at **midnight on Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Hampshire Healthy Steps

Hampshire Healthy Steps offers families with 2- to 12-year-olds, support through a 6-session group programme. The programme offers families support and advice on eating well, getting active, sleeping well, healthy teeth, my community, and more. All groups are designed to be fun and interactive and to encourage children to get involved. Families can start the journey at any session and they will ensure that they are offered the 6 sessions.

It is even easier for families to sign up via their Eventbrite page. Here is a link to where the next scheduled courses will be running:

[Find a Family Programme Near You](#)

Families can book a ticket via this link:

[Hampshire Healthy Steps Events - 21 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

Test Valley : Thursdays at 12.00

Online : Saturdays at 10.30 – starting on 11th January

Environment

Please can all parents and carers be mindful of our neighbours and the environment; please do not wait in cars with engines running. Make sure your engine is switched off to help us keep our air clean and follow our eco goals.

