



Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear parents/carers,

We had Lindsay McCarthy from the Local Authority in school for her annual visit to the school. Lindsay spent the morning visiting classes, talking to children, staff and governors through the lens of writing.

The visit was overwhelmingly positive with strength in the quality of teaching and the outcomes of writing in books. The children she spoke to were excited to share their learning.

She observed consistency across school in planning for writing and the model lesson/ slides used to teach writing effectively.

We are now embedding the live marking and feedback that takes place in classes to address children's misconceptions.

We have 2 weeks until the end of term with Mother's Day and Easter celebrations.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Hill.

Chill

'We are all in this together.'

Diary Dates:

Mother's Day Assembly: Friday 28th March at 9.10am – all mothers welcome!

Parent Forum- 9am- 26/3/25-outdoor learning

EASTER CELEBRATIONS



Please see the attached poster for details of our Easter celebrations

Easter holiday: 7th-21st April



Summer holidays begin: 23rd July

Children return to school – Thursday 4th

September

PTA

Grow Your £1 – business venture

INSET Days:

INSET Day 4: Friday 23rd May

INSET Day 5: Monday 14th July

INSET Day 1: Weds 3rd September

INSET Day 2: Monday 3rd November

INSET Day 3: Friday 13th February 2026

INSET Day 4: Monday 1st June 2026

Attendance:

'Every minute counts!'

Congratulations to
Darwin class
for fantastic attendance this week!

Current attendance percentages are:

Whole school for the year: 96%

Whole school for the week: 97.9%

Bear Class: 94%

Darwin Class: 100%

Adamson Class: 97.6%

Attenborough Class: 97.4%

Staffing Update

We have some sad news; Mrs Foley will be leaving us at the end of this term. She is off to explore pastures new in Wales! She will be sorely missed but we wish her every happiness in the valleys!



Author Visit

We are very excited to announce that Andy Hussey, author of, 'There's no deer around here' will be visiting the children on Monday 24th March at school. He will be reading the books he has written and taking questions from the children. There will be an opportunity for you to buy a book and to have the book signed by Andy Hussey after school.

Parent Forum

I apologise for the recent cancellation of the Parent Forum.

The new date is Wednesday 26th March at 9am.
The focus is the outdoor curriculum.



Mother's Day Assembly



We would like to invite you to a Mother's Day assembly on Friday 28th March at 9.10am. This will take place in the school hall - we will extend the time the playground gates are open to allow you to enter via the hall door.

Conker Club 🍡

Many thanks for the feedback we have received since we sent out the Conker Club Registration Form earlier this week. We have reviewed how the Club will be arranged and have agreed on the following:

The Club will be split into 2 sessions: 3.30-4.45pm and 4.45-6.00pm. Each session (or part thereof) will cost £7.50; or a total of £15 for both. A healthy snack is included and the children will be following an organised curriculum during the Club, which will be shared with parents in advance.



