



Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear parents/carers,

It's certainly been a cold week!

We have had visits from the Hampshire English and Phonics team and observations have taken place in phonics and reading.

In phonics, there is consistency of teaching across year R and year 1 with new graphemes and tricky words being taught with consistency. The children are building their confidence with blending to read words. In year 1 they are writing sentences using tricky words and the new grapheme taught.

In reading, we observed children in year 3 and 4 reading an unseen passage or paragraph and independently answering questions about the text.

The class teachers were supporting some of the children to read the passage and identifying tricky words to spell and modelling this for the children.

There is accelerated progress being made in phonics and reading and this is evident in the teacher's most recent assessments.

Well done to the children and the hard working staff.

Mrs Hill

Chill

'We are all in this together.'

Diary Dates:

Winter

Winter Fayre 12-3pm

12/12/25 Panto in Winchester

16/12/25 Yr R/KS1 Nativity @ 9.15am

16/12/25 – KS2 Carol Service @ 2pm

17/12/25 Yr R/KS1 Nativity @ 2pm

19/12/25 – Winter lunch and Winter jumper day

Friday 19th December – school breaks up for Christmas at 3.30pm

Monday 5th January 2026 – return to school

22/05/26 – Yr 3 + 4 sleepover in school hall

27/06/26 – Year 5 sleepover at school field

INSET DAYS

13th February 2026

1st June 2026

22nd July 2026

Christmas lunch menu : Friday 19th December

Roast chicken / Vegetable Wellington

Cocktail sausages / Vegetarian sausages

Roast potatoes

Brussel sprouts

Carrots, peas

Gravy

Chocolate and vanilla ice cream OR

Iced Christmas biscuit



Attendance

'Every minute counts!'

Congratulations to Attenborough class for good attendance this week.

Whole school for the year: 97.3%

Whole school for the week: 94.5%

Bear Class: 94.4%

Darwin Class: 94.4%

Adamson Class: 92%

Attenborough Class: 97.5%

Yr R – September 2026

Please note that the application process for Yr R places, September 2026, will close on Thursday 15th January 2026.

Amazon Wishlist

The books on our Amazon Wishlist have been planned into our reading and writing curriculum and are rich texts linked to the learning outcomes. We greatly appreciate any support from you; thank you.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1N8XDK3RRIKGN?ref=wl_share

Puss in Boots

We are thrilled that the whole school is once again going to the pantomime at The Theatre Royal in Winchester. This will be on Friday 12th December and is a whole day event. Our fantastic PTA is covering the entire costs of this trip and, as always, we are extremely grateful for their support.

Please return your consent slip for this event if you have not already done so.

Hire our school facilities

We are hiring out our school hall and facilities now, outside school hours.

Please communicate this to people you may know looking to hire a space, e.g. Rainbows, Beavers, birthday parties, classes, clubs. Thank you.



Clubs



We have the following clubs starting from Monday 1st December.

We will be asking the children in school if they would like to join one of the following clubs:

Lego Club- KS1 and KS2

Book Club- KS1

Science Club- Year R, 3 and 4

Art and Craft Club- Year 5 and 6