



Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a busy week in school.

The children are well underway in their learning.

Bear class are working hard learning their phonics every day to help them begin to read and write using phonemes they can hear in words.

In Darwin the children have been learning about, 'The Big Book of Blue' and will be writing a fact file.

In Adamson the children are learning about rhyming and creating a poem based on the text, 'Revolt Rhymes' written by Roald Dahl.

In Attenborough, children are reading, 'Holes' and this is linked to their reading and writing outcomes and they have written a non-chronological report about a lizard.

Attendance is strong for this week 97.4%. When I have looked at attendance over time, we have been above national (96%) for the past 2 years so keep it up!! This means that children are not missing learning and outcomes for children are strong.

'Every minute counts!'

Mrs Hill

'We are all in this together.'

Diary Dates:

Monday 19th January – swimming for Adamson

6.00pm, Tuesday 20th January – Parent Forum, 'Internet Safety'

Wednesday 21st January

8.00am, Thursday 22nd January

3.30pm – SATS boosters

Thursday 29th January –

RAGS 2 RICHES – fundraiser – see below

Thursday 29th January 1.30pm –

SATS Parent Workshop

Friday 30th January – Dance Live!

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

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

Spring half term:

16th-20th February

INSET DAYS

13th February 2026

1st June 2026

22nd July 2026

Adamson Sleepover

On Friday 22nd May Adamson class are invited to have a sleepover in the school hall. This is an enrichment opportunity I would strongly recommend for your children because it will give them the opportunity to stay for a night away from home with their friends and prepare them for any future residential trips. There is no cost for this trip apart from items on the kit list which will be sent out later in the year. We are organising a parent meeting on Monday 13th March at 3.45pm.



Attendance

'Every minute counts!'

Whole school for the year: 96.2%
Whole school for the week: 97.4%

Bear Class: 93.4%
Darwin Class: 97.4%
Adamson Class: 99.1%
Attenborough Class: 95.7%

Parent Forum

I appreciate that you are busy parents so we have tried a morning, afternoon and after school session for parent forums.

I am going to offer a final session time of **6pm on Tuesday 20th January**. The focus for this session is online safety and site security which I know some parents have requested.

If this session's attendance is similar to the previous forums then the school team may consider not having these on the school calendar as some do need preparation from the school team.

If you are going to attend, please notify the admin office so we can confirm numbers. Thank you.

Roblox- Didi you know?

The advice we have around Roblox is that if the user is under 13 years old then they require permission from an adult. However, it has been reported that children can access inappropriate features unless parents use control and monitor settings.

There are also some games that have an age rating of younger children which I would question if the content is appropriate for young children. Please monitor what your children are playing/watching.

Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

✓ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing

✓ Jewellery and Accessories

✓ Paired Shoes and Footwear

✓ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



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POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.

PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

29th January 2026

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



Hire our school facilities

We are hiring out our school hall and facilities now, outside school hours. Please contact the school office for further details.

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

