



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 a busy time in school for the children with their learning as well as building work in school and on the school field.

The children are now fully emerged back into learning.

In Bear, the children are learning their phonics; they have been learning the phonemes, s,a,t,p,i,n.

In Darwin, the children have started their learning about the, 'Great Fire of London.' They are being immersed through non-fiction texts, stories and images.

Adamson class have been excited about their story called, 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne and they are writing their own ending to the story.

In Attenborough, the children have been learning about Space in Reading and they have written a diary entry about the text 'Water tower.'

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Hill.

Chill

'We are all in this together.'

Diary Dates:

27/9/25 – Car Boot Sale 10-1pm

30/9/25- Parent drop in 3.30pm-4.30pm

02/10/25 – School Photographer

02/10/25 – Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm

Yr R Sep 26 Open Days:

Saturday 11/10/25 @ 10am

Wednesday 22/10/25 @ 10am

Thursday 13/11/25 @ 1.30pm

Christmas

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 – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

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

09/05/26 – Yr 3 + 4 sleepover in school hall

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

Fencing Works

Fencing works up at the school field will begin on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October. This will be to begin clearing the boundary ready for the fencing work to begin on Monday 6th October. The work will take around 2 weeks to complete.



Attendance:

'Every minute counts!'

Current attendance percentages are:

Whole school for the year: 97.8%

Whole school for the week: 96.6%

Bear Class: 98.4%

Darwin Class: 96.9%

Adamson Class: 97.3%

Attenborough Class: 93.9%

Yr R – September 2026

We are already starting to think about our new Yr R applications for September 2026!

Please note the following dates from Hampshire County Council:

Applications open on Saturday 1st November 2025

Applications close on Thursday 15th January 2026

Our Open Days/Times are:

Saturday 11th October – 10.00am

Wednesday 22nd October – 10.00am

Thursday 13th November – 1.30pm

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

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Way who have generously bought 3 texts for our 5 and 6 children.

Parent Drop in:

On Tuesday 30th September there will be a parent drop in after school, from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to come in and talk to the class staff about how your child has settled in and to look at your child's learning so far.

Harvest Festival: 2nd October, 2.30pm

We hope you will be able to support our Harvest Festival as generously as last year.
All items donated will be given to the Andover Foodbank.



External Redecoration



Work will begin on Monday 22nd September and will last around 3-4 weeks.
The team are going to be repainting the school building, which includes the walls, windows, doors, gates and railings. This will not affect the children's playtime or lunchtime as the contractors will sections off different areas of the school (outside) at a time.

Farewell

We are saying a sad farewell to Mr Shields who has been a Governor at Grateley for 13 years and has been committed to getting the very best outcomes for the children. He visits school regularly and he has enjoyed many wellie walks with Year R.

Railway safety

Today's assembly for KS2 children has been about railway safety which is so important for our children as they all live near a railway and are likely to use the railway in the future.

The children might talk to you about it at home.