



Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear parents/carers,

I can't believe we only have 3 weeks left of this half term. The weeks are speeding by.

Our current attendance for the whole school is 97.6%. It would be great to move this forward and target 98% for the whole school. Well done, keep sending your children into school.

We know, **'Every minute counts'** and the research around attendance shows that if attendance drops below 90% it is unlikely that a children will make up the missed learning and therefore will struggle with new learning.

You are doing a great job!!!

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Hill.

Chill

'We are all in this together.'

Diary Dates:

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

INSET DAYS

3rd November 2025

13th February 2026

1st June 2026

22nd July 2026

Fencing Works

Fencing works up at the school field will begin this weekend. They will be clearing the boundary ready for the fencing work to begin next Monday. The work will take around 2 weeks to complete.



Attendance:

'Every minute counts!'

Congratulations to Bear and Adamson classes for 100% attendance this week!

Whole school for the year: 97.4%
Whole school for the week: 97.6%

Bear Class: 100%
Darwin Class: 98.3%
Adamson Class: 100%
Attenborough Class: 97.6%

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

Many thanks to the Nicel family who have very kindly donated 2 books from our list this week!

New to Year Reception 2026/2027

Spread the word!!!! We have our open morning on Saturday 11th October at 10am for families who are looking for a Year R space or other year groups in school. Please encourage people to sign up and see us.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We celebrated harvest this week with a whole school assembly. We had some fantastic singing from the children, a life size scarecrow from Year R, fruit and vegetable printing from Darwin, Harvest wreaths in Year 3 and 4 and some beautiful poetry in Year 5 and 6.

We finished with the Harvest competition. Well done to Bear class for their collaboration in creating the scarecrow, Sophie in Year 1, Georgia in Year 3, Charlotte in Year 3, Amy in Year 4, Ned and Thomas in Attenborough. Thank you to Reverend Good who gave us our final thought.

Thank you to all parents and children for their generous donations for the Andover Foodbank. These will be collected shortly and distributed by the foodbank. Thank you also to our school cook, Jo, for our beautiful harvest loaf.



External Redecoration



Exterior decoration work will continue for the next few weeks.
Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Hire our school facilities

We hope that the school building will be hired on a regular basis outside the school hours. Please communicate this to people you may know looking to hire a space, e.g. Rainbows, Beavers, birthday parties, classes, clubs.

