



# Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear parents/carers,

The fencing work is underway at the school field. The contractors will be there for another week. They have already fenced the end of the field by the woodland and it feels like we have a lot more space.

The painting of the school building is in full swing and the contractors will be here for up to 2 more weeks. It has really made a difference already to the front of the school building.

We are currently going through a pre planning application to install solar panels on the school roof and we hope these will be agreed and installed in the Spring Term. This will support the cost of our annual energy bills and will be incorporated into the sustainability curriculum.

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

Parent Consultation meetings:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### **Christmas**

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 – Christmas lunch and  
Christmas jumper day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

## **Mrs Friend**

Mrs Friend will be absent until after half term. Mrs Hill and Mrs Linwood will be taking responsibility of Attenborough until Mrs Friend returns back to school.

The children have been incredibly resilient during this time and they are working hard in their learning. They had some fantastic outcomes in their writing today.

Next week we will make Mrs Friend a card and post it so she knows we are thinking about her.



### Attendance:

#### **'Every minute counts!'**

Congratulations to Bear and Adamson classes for excellent attendance this week!

**Whole school for the year:** 98.1%  
**Whole school for the week:** 98.6%

**Bear Class:** 99.1%  
**Darwin Class:** 97%  
**Adamson Class:** 99.6%  
**Attenborough Class:** 97.1%

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Applications close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Our Open Days/Times are:

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 10.00am**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 10.00am**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1N8XDK3RRIKGN?ref=wl_share)

### **Forest School**

Mrs Britton begins her Forest School training next week. This is really exciting because we are planning for Forest School to get underway in the spring term for all the children.

## **Parent Consultations**

Please note below the following days and times for parent consultation meetings:

- **Monday 17th November: 3.45pm-5.15pm**
- **Tuesday 18th November: 3.45pm-7.00pm**

Time slots will be available to book via Arbor from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## **11+ exams**

When your child moves into Year 5 and you are beginning to consider Secondary Schools, if you are considering a Grammar School, your child will need to take the 11+ exam and this is usually around autumn term in year 6. Your child will need to pass the exam to be able to join a Grammar School. Please come in and talk to us if you have any questions.

## **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.

