Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear parents/carers,

We have had 8 weeks of fantastic learning.

Thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly to make sure the learning and resources are ready for the school day. I talk to the children about being ready for learning and what that looks like in school and I always tell them, the adults in school are always ready for you to arrive.

Thank you to the children for engaging and being excited to learn. The children always communicate their learning confidently and enjoy additional roles or responsibilities in school.

Thank you to the Governors who attend termly meetings, come into school to celebrate the children's and school's success and support the strategic overview of the school.

Have a super half term. See you on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Hill
'We are all in this together.'

DAFFODIL CLUB

Half Term holiday clubs:

Tuesday 27th October: 9.00-3.00pm – *arts and crafts*
Wednesday 28th October: 9.00-3.00pm – *cookery*
Ms Heaps and Miss FT will be leading the clubs.

All welcome – including siblings and children from other schools

£25 per day; £12.50 for siblings
Please book now via the School Office or on Scopay

Diary Dates:

Saturday 24th October: Andover Market

Thursday afternoons - Forest School for Yr3s
Tuesday afternoons - Nurture Forest School

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November : Parent Consultations

Friday 4th December:
Winter Fayre – after school

Wednesday 16th December:
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 17th December
Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty', Winchester

September 2027 Yr R Show Round dates:
Friday 13th November : 1.30pm
Saturday 5th December : 10.00am

27th-29th January – Adamson Residential to Hooke Court

Half Term: 26th-30th October
Daffodil Club on 27th and 28th October

Autumn Term 2026:
1st September – 17th December
Half term: 26th – 31st October
Spring Term 2027:
4th January – 25th March
Half term: 16th – 20th February
Summer Term 2027:
12th April – 20th July
Half term: 31st May – 4th June

INSET DAYS 2026-27
18th December
12th February 2027
7th June 2027
21st July 2027

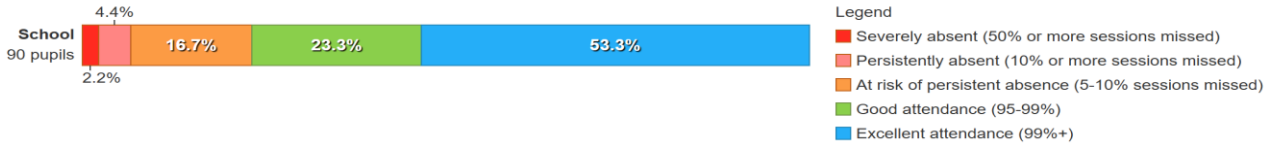
Attendance

I meet weekly with the leadership team to focus on attendance of all pupils.

We look at all the reasons why a child might be absent. Each half term letters are written to parents of children who have fallen below 95%. This will be a letter to inform you of your child's percentage in school. If your child's percentage has dropped below 90% this is a serious matter and you will receive a letter that invites you to see me. There may also be a target set around absence. If attendance does not improve over time, then I will seek advice from outside agencies, e.g. School Nurse, Hampshire Attendance Team or Children's Services.

'Every day a child misses from school, even at primary school, reduces their chances of getting good GCSE results.'

Our current attendance looks like this,



Governor vacancy

We are excited to announce that we have a parent Governor vacancy. We have been so lucky to have these positions filled for such a long time. We are now looking for a parent who would like to join the team of Governors to support the strategic overview of the school, attend meetings and training and continue to support the vision and values of the school.

School Council

Well done to everyone who applied for a school council position. We received a large amount of applications and I would like to celebrate the following children:

School Council Chair - Elissia
Vice Chair School Council - Franco
School Council Secretary - Georgina
School Councillors - Henry W-G, Margot, Freddie W-G, Cali, Sophie and Mia S

Congratulations and wear your badge with pride!

Hire our school!

If you would like to hire our hall plus indoor and outdoor facilities, including our playground, trim trail and large school field, please contact the school office for more details: 01264 889240

£20/hour for a Grateley school family
£25/hour for a non-Grateley school family

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

Attendance

'Every minute counts!'

Congratulations to Adamson Class for excellent attendance this week!

Whole school for the year: 96.1%
Whole school for the week: 96.2%

Bear Class: 92.1%
Darwin Class: 97.4%
Adamson Class: 98.2%
Attenborough Class: 95%