FRIDAY NEWS

11th September 2026

GRANGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome Back



A warm welcome back to you all, we hope you have all had a lovely break with your families and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new academic year. We are really looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term.

We extend a particularly warm welcome to our new year 3 children and their parents/carers.

Please be reminded that the school gate does not open until **8:40am** and that children have until **8:50am** when the gates close to be in school. Please do not arrive any earlier as this causes congestion along the pathway.

PE Days



PE Days for the new term are as follows:

3CP & 3KA – Thursday & Friday

4JH & 4MM – Tuesday & Thursday

5AH & 5SG – Monday & Friday

6AJ, 6SLS & 6TC – Monday & Tuesday

PE KIT

Our PE Kit is as follows;

· House T-shirt available to purchase from Skoolkit.
· Plain Navy shorts or in the winter months Plain Navy Joggers/Leggings
· Plain Navy Sweatshirt (or school sweatshirt)
· Trainers - School shoes should NOT be worn.

Children should be wearing the correct PE kit into school on their PE days. We ask that this is uniform PE kit ONLY and NO designer/branded clothing should be worn. Ear studs need to be removed for PE.

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Applying for a Secondary School place (Year 7)



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Applications for Year 7 admissions for September 2027 open on **Monday 7th September 2026** with a deadline for all applications to be submitted by **31st October 2026**.

www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

Things to consider before making an application:

- Name three schools on your application to maximise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.
- Submit your application on-time, before the 31 October deadline.
- Use the County Council's school catchment area finder to check the catchment school for your address
- Read the school's admission policies to find out how many places are available and what criteria will be used to allocate places if the school is oversubscribed.
- Think about how your child will get to school.

See travel to school to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school(s) if you have one, as a preference if you wish to apply for travel assistance.

Please find below open evenings for the local schools in the area;

Bridgemary – Thursday 17th September (5pm – 8pm)
Crofton – Wednesday 23rd September (5pm – 7:30pm)
KA Brune Park – Tuesday 22nd September (4:30pm – 7pm)
KA Bayhouse – Thursday 24th September (4:30pm – 7pm)

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Year 6 Watercress Line Trip



As part of their history topic – Victorians and the Railways, we are taking Year 6 to the Watercress Line in Ropley. This is a fabulous trip, children learn so much from the Education Staff, who also make it a lot of fun! The cost for travel which will be by school minibus, the journey on the steam train and the activities planned on the visit is **£16.80**. The trips will be taking place on the following days:

Wednesday 16th September – 6TC
Thursday 17th September – 6AJ
Thursday 8th October – 6SLS

Children should wear school uniform please (coats if cold etc). You will need to provide your child with a packed lunch, a light rucksack will be perfect to carry this in.

If you are happy for your child to come on this educational and EXCITING day out, please complete the slip on the letter that has been sent home this week and send into school with the money or pay online. Thank you.

Running Club

Friday Mornings



Our early morning Running Club will resume once again, for years **4, 5 & 6** it will take place on **FRIDAY** mornings before school at **8:15am – 8:40am**, this is overseen by **Miss Aroha** and will start on **Friday 2nd October 2026**.

The aim is to be able to promote mental health through running.

If it is raining running club will automatically be cancelled, without any notification given.

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Free School Meals

Free School Meals – Important Information for Parents and Carers

We would like to remind parents and carers that the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) have changed. This means that some children who were previously eligible may no longer qualify, while other children may now be entitled to receive this support.

If you think your child may be eligible, please apply or re-apply for Free School Meals. Even if you have applied in the past, it is important to check whether your child still qualifies under the current criteria.

We also have a high number of children who are eligible for Free School Meals but are not currently receiving a school meal. If your child is entitled to FSM, we would encourage you to take advantage of this support.

Free School Meals can help ensure that children have access to a nutritious meal during the school day. .

If you are unsure whether your child qualifies or need help with the application process, please contact the school office. We will be happy to provide further information and support.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us ensure that all eligible children receive the support available to them.

Kindness Award



As you are aware from our previous communication, Mrs Mack sadly passed away during the summer, following a short illness. Mrs Mack was an incredibly valued member of staff and will be remembered fondly for her kindness.

To keep her memory alive, we have created a 'Kindness' award that will be presented to a chosen child at the end of each term. We very much look forward to seeing who our first winner of the award will be.

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Safeguarding

We would like to share a concern that has been brought to our attention by the Hampshire Safeguarding Team, regarding a series called The Amazing Digital Circus, which is currently available on streaming platforms including Netflix.

At first glance, the programme may appear to be aimed at young children due to its colourful animation, cartoon-style characters and playful title. However, the content is intended for an older audience and includes themes and scenes that many parents may find unsuitable for primary-aged children. The show carries a 12 rating on Netflix and includes content warnings for violence, language and drug misuse. Some episodes contain scenes that could be upsetting for younger viewers, including depictions of injury, threatening situations and other disturbing imagery presented in an animated format. We would like to make our Parents/Carers aware that this series is 12+ and not suitable for younger viewers.

Thank You.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to one of the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who will be able to support you.
DSL - Kay Sadler, Leiza Harris,
DDSL- Tracey Matthews, Leigh Dunlop, Jane McKenna

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School Dates

16th & 17th September & 8th October
Year 6 Watercress Line trip

Monday 5th October
School Photographer

21st- 23rd October
Year 6 Bikeability

23rd October 2026
Year 3 Butser Trip

26th – 30th October
Half Term

Monday 2nd November
Inset Day

Wednesday 11th November
Flu Immunisations

16th – 20th November
Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 20th November
Children In Need

Wednesday 2nd December
Xmas Fayre

Wednesday 9th December
Santa's Grotto

Thursday 10th December
Xmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December
Break up for Xmas 3:20pm

Monday 4th January 8:50am
Back to school

2026/2027 Inset Days

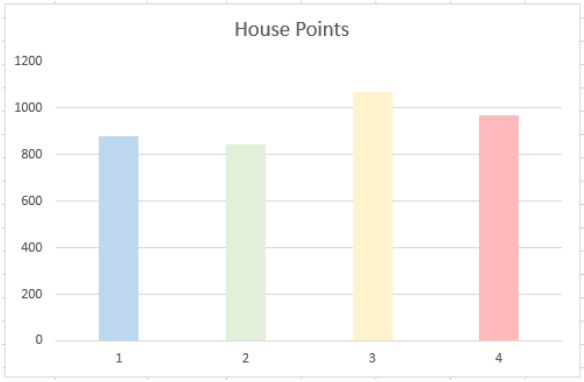
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 25th June 2027

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House Points

	Sycamore	Oak	Willow	Maple
TOTAL	878	843	1068	968

A huge well done to **WILLOW** who have taken the lead in the first week back!!



Keep up the great work!!

Outstanding Attendance

This week's Outstanding Attendance Winners are:

In **4th** Place winning **10** House Points – MAPLE
In **3rd** Place winning **20** House Points - OAK
In **2nd** Place winning **30** House Points – SYCAMORE
In **1st** Place winning **50** House Points – WILLOW



Remember, it's cool to be in school!

FREE Parent/Carer Workshop

Hampshire County Council
Primary Behaviour Service





Understanding Your Child's Unhelpful Behaviours



Part 1



Join us at

Woodcot Primary School on

17 September 2026 – 9:30am – 11:00am

The Primary Behaviour Service is offering all parents and carers the opportunity to gain a wider understanding of **'Understanding Your Child's Unhelpful Behaviours'** - regardless of age, need, background or personality.

The aim of the session is to explore the communication behind:

- 'Connection' needing behaviour.
- 'Structure' needing behaviour.





The session is free and will be part of a wider series of available workshops on offer throughout the academic year. There is no expectation to answer questions or give comments if you don't want to.

To **book** your place on this workshop, please scan the **QR Code** below to register…

Spaces are limited so book early!





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