



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 22nd October

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ **Mufti Day is now on Friday 7th November – Bring sweets for cones for Christmas Fair**
- ☺ Willow Tree bake sale this Friday
- ☺ PTA would like raffle prizes, unwanted gifts, bottles etc for Christmas Fair (only 5 weeks away)
- ☺ Secondary school applications – Deadline 31st October
- ☺ Tuesday 4th November - school pick up at 1pm please

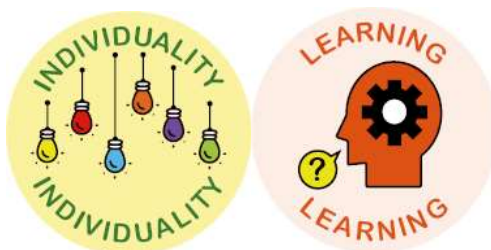
More info on all these below or ask at the front desk



Alex Tye

Thank you again for your lovely kind messages and generous donations to the gofundme page for Alex's family. It has reached over £9,000 which is just incredible. Here is the link if you know of anyone else who would like to help. It has been confirmed that he died from undiagnosed heart disease, he was only 49.

<https://gofund.me/5733cae0d>



Gold medal for Sports at The Grove

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a huge number of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!



Subject: 5-min survey - For every response £1 goes to our school

Our school is taking part in a national pilot run by the Department of Health and Social Care, working with the Department for Education. They have commissioned Verian (www.veriangroup.com), a research agency, to test the updated School Food Standards designed to make sure school meals are healthy, balanced, and enjoyable for children.

As part of the pilot, our school menu will change next term so that the updated standards can be tested in practice.

As part of the research, parents / carers will be invited to complete two short surveys (around 5 minutes each) together with your child - one before the changes to menus (in October) and one after (in November). All responses are anonymous and will only be used for research purposes.

Please take part by completing the first of the two 5-minute surveys with your child (the second will be sent in November). Each completed survey will bring £1 directly to our school, so by taking part, you'll be supporting both national change and helping us invest in the things that matter for our students.

You can complete the survey here: <https://horizons.confirmat.eu/wix/p983710637822.aspx?schID=2>

Please note, all responses are anonymous.

Please note that the survey will be open until Sunday the 2nd of November.

Thank you very much for your time and support.

Year 6 transferring to secondary school in September 2026 – Message from DCC

We are now over halfway through the application window for Secondary school admissions into Year 7 next September. We understand that parents and children are still visiting schools and

weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming. Within the admissions portal there is the facility to identify whether your Year 6 pupils have made their application for Secondary School.

The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2025.

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.



PTA NEWS

We have a super exciting year ahead, jammed packed with events - old and new!

Please put these dates in your diary and watch this space for further information!



Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Join the Facebook page too: The Grove School PTA



Cake Sale

This Friday is Willow Tree class! We look forward to their delicious treats!
After school on the field. Cakes are 50p each (card/cash)

FRIDAY BAKE SALES:

7th November: Mountain Ash Class
14th November: Lime Class
21st November: Trumpet Class
28th November: Christmas Fair



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

New date of Friday 5th December @ 7pm
More details of how to book your place will be sent out after half term.

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

MUFTI DAY (bring sweets contributions for the Christmas Fair): **Changed to - Friday 7th Nov**

MOVIE NIGHT Friday 14th November

MUFTI and CHRISTMAS FAIR: Friday 28th November 5pm until 8pm

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING for beginners: Friday 5th December

Christmas Fair – Friday 28th November 5-8pm

If you are having a clear out over the half term we would be grateful for:-

- ☐ Pre loved teddies/cuddly toys needing a new home
- ☐ Tombola – unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, stationery, any new items
- ☐ Bottle bags
- ☐ Christmas jumpers or Christmas clothes (adults, childrens and toddlers)
- ☐ Year 6 Stall good condition toys, books and games please

Raffle Prizes Needed

If you are a local business and you could donate a raffle prize we would really be grateful – drop in to the front desk or email in to helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Drop everything into the front entrance or give to the staff on the field. Thank you for helping.

Movie Night – Friday 14th November

Letters will go out after half term with movies and times etc and you will be able to sign up on ParentPay.



The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events - e.g. discos, fundraisers, bake sales etc.

Dates for your diary this term <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

October half term – Monday 27th October

First day back – Monday 3rd November

Years and 5 and 6 Non swimmers – Monday 3rd November

Mufti Day – Friday 7th November

Parent Consultations – Week commencing Monday 10th November

Tempest Photography Individuals and Siblings – Thursday 13th November

PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 28th November 5-8pm

Year 3/4 Christmas Production - Tuesday 9th December @ The Ariel Centre Performances are 1.30 and 6pm.

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 9th December in the hall at 2pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December at 2.15pm

Kind regards,

Hilary Priest

Adverts – please note that the school is neither recommending nor supporting the adverts below. If you wish to advertise in our newsletter then please contact the school for details.

**KEVICC PERFORMING ARTS
STUDENTS PRESENT...**



19th - 22nd November 2025
KEVICC Ariel Theatre
www.ticketsource.co.uk/kevicc

The show runs from November 19th - 22nd at 7pm with an additional 2pm matinee on Saturday 22nd. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/kevicc

Animal handling at half term at Civic Hall

Dear Parents

I will be running some exotic animal-handling sessions in the Totnes Civic Hall at half term on Thursday 30th October.

There two sessions, at 10 am and 11 am and the sessions will last about 50 minutes. You'll get to hold and stroke some exotic animals. They'll be snakes but no spiders, and the whole family can come along if they wish.

The cost per animal handling ticket will be £7.50

Non-handlers are free!

Children under 16 must be accompanied by someone 16+

The booking link will open very soon on my Frazoo website. www.frazoo.co.uk

Please feel free to email me any questions at frazie@frazoo.co.uk

Many thanks, Frazie Hulbert



Childrens Isla Bike for sale
Beinn 20s
7 gears, trigger shifter
£175

This bike has been serviced by the Totnes Bike Hub volunteers. It's had a new rear wheel, new freewheel and chain added.

It comes with a two month warranty.

All monies raised go back into the bike hub's volunteer projects.

lizziejw@hotmail.com

We also have a large number of adult hybrid and road bikes for sale, pop down to take a look.

TEIGNBRIDGE EVENTS PRESENTS

NEWTON ABBOT FIREWORK NIGHT

1ST NOVEMBER 2025

'OUT OF THIS WORLD'

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

GATES OPEN: 4:00PM

BANDS: 4:30PM

FIREWORK DISPLAY: 7:30PM



NEWTON ABBOT
RUGBY CLUB

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Young People's Theatre

Playground
Arts



October Half Term Clubs



'Telling Tales' 6-9 yrs

The Mansion 27th & 28th
October

10am - 2:30pm

£65

Amended dates

'Create a Play in
2 Days' 10-14 yrs

MiC 29th & 30th October

10:30am - 4pm



Questions welcome - for more info contact Sarah 07387553237
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