



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 22nd July

SHOUT OUTS TO

Reception – For all of Reception for being such lovely friends to each other.

Dove Tree Class, Eleanor – Learning, most sustained progress across the year. **Theo –** Learning, super progress across the year.

Lilac Tree Class, Cara and Idris, Learning, super writing this week, so ready for Year 3!

Lime Tree Class, Arlo, Learning, well done for writing such a great recount of your trip to the beach. **Sophia, Love,** for always being kind caring and thoughtful.

Willow Tree Class, Pancho, Love, for always being so kind and caring. **Layla,** Happiness for being such a joy to have in class.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Alba, Love - always trying so hard, being kind and considerate. **Freddie T,** Happiness, such a pleasure to have in class, always polite, kind and hard working.

Juniper Tree Class, Monty, Learning, for trying extremely hard in all of his learning and pushing himself. **Milo,** Happiness, always being kind and happy to everyone in class. Always having a joyful smile.

Flame Tree Class, Harper, Happiness, thank you for approaching every day and every task with a smile. **Lewis S –** Happiness, what a positive attitude this week - great to see such a big smile in this heat.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Ava and Beatrice, Happiness - for finding the 'Lost Pencil of Ginkgo' that has remained hidden for the last 3 years!

Trumpet Tree Class, Meriel, Learning, for achieving full marks across all her maths SATs papers, a massive congratulations what an achievement! **April,** Learning, for always striving to achieve and doing her best in all her learning. What a super star learner!

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Sports day commentary and results
- ☺ Diversity meeting – **CHANGE OF DATE** – Now Friday 11th Sept
- ☺ Desperately seeking kitchen help on Thursdays and Fridays
- ☺ Year 5 - End of year Picnic this Friday (3.15pm onwards) at Leechwell Gardens
- ☺ Parent/carer questionnaire reminder
- ☺ Spaces for music lessons
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events

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



Wishing you all a very good summer holiday.

It's been a very challenging year for us at The Grove but with your incredible support and love we have managed the ups and downs and ended the year with success. The outcomes from the children's official SATs are great again – as below and our values have really been highlighted this year:

LOVE – Mr Tye's loss brought us all together in so much love and I felt very cared for during my cancer treatment.

HAPPINESS – The highlights for me were the performances and our Grove Traditional Sports days – they were all magnificent and always remind me how lucky we all are to cross paths through The Grove School. Also, it has been a joy to welcome nursery children into the Grove family this year.

COMMUNICATION – Communicating tough things as well as great things has been challenging but hopefully, we got it right.

INDIVIDUALITY – Your children brighten our every day – they are why we love working here and sharing our skills and expertise with such receptive and interesting children. We also have the best school team in the entire world! (and I'm not biased at all!).

LEARNING – Learning through play has become so important to us and leads into so much more that makes our school so special. I'm often told by new parents visiting us that we have a reputation to be more academic than other schools – I think this is because our results are so good – but our results are so good because the children are happy. We prioritise play, mental health support, relationships and connections... and so much more. New parents are always amazed that we have 400 people in our building but it is always so calm, that learning doesn't look academic – it looks fun and engaging, and that the children look so happy and are so full of cuddles and love!



Our 2026 (unvalidated) results

EYFS (Reception)

89% achieved 'Early learning goals with a good level of development' in all prime areas

Y1 phonics

85% passed

Y4 Timetables (there is no pass rate for this)

Average score out of 25 is 17

37% of children were high scorers of 23+

KS2 Y6 SATS

Reading 94% working at expected level; 53% working at Greater Depth
(National 75%) (Devon 75.2%)

Spelling and Grammar 86% working at expected level; 29% working at Greater Depth
(National 74%)

Maths 94% working at expected level; 57% working at Greater Depth
(National 75%) (Devon 72.1%)

Writing 82% working at expected level; 25% working at Greater Depth
(National 73%) (Devon 71%)

Science 98% working at expected level
(National 82%)

Children who reached expected level in all Reading writing and Maths 84%; 23%GD
(national 63%) (Devon 60.3%)



Sports Days and KS2 Competitive Sports

What a fantastic week of sporting action we've enjoyed!

The excitement began on Monday afternoon with the KS1 and Early Years Sports Day, before the competition moved into top gear on Tuesday with the Year 3 and 4 Competitive Sports in the morning and the KS2 Sports Day in the afternoon. Today, it was the turn of Years 5 and 6 to take

centre stage in their Competitive Sports event. The weather played its part perfectly, and the children all enjoyed three memorable days of energy, determination and sporting spirit.

As the competition unfolded, the battle for the House Cup was thrilling right to the very end. Following the KS1 and Early Years Sports Day, Blue Dolphins had surged into the lead. The question was whether they could maintain their advantage through the fiercely contested KS2 events. With nerves of steel and some outstanding performances, they held their ground to secure Gold Medal position and become this year's champions!

The race for the remaining podium places was just as dramatic. White Foxes looked strong after the KS1 events and were holding onto second place, but a determined late charge from the Yellow Giraffes saw them storm through to claim Silver, pushing White Foxes down the standings. There was also a change in the battle for third, with the Blue Whales overtaking the Red Pandas to secure Bronze Medal position.

There were some standout individual team performances too. White Bears leapt their way to victory in the KS1 Standing Jump competition, then showed their accuracy by winning the Penalty Shoot-Out and sharing first place in the KS2 Hurdles. Red Ladybirds hit the target to win the Target Throw and also finished joint first in the KS2 Hurdles. Meanwhile, Yellow Tigers produced a determined performance to finish a strong second in the KS1 Mini Marathon.

A huge congratulations to all of our competitors for their enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. What a week of sporting action it has been! 🏆 🏃 🏏 🤝

The Mr Tye Sprinkle of Star Dust Award

Every half term since Mr Tye died, we honour his memory by presenting a special award for a child who has really pushed their boundaries and chased their passions and dreams either inside school or out.

This half term we have nominations for these children and will be presenting the award on Friday to one.

Elsie W has been an exceptional student. She has shown remarkable courage and ambition through her outstanding extracurricular achievements in acting. This includes confidently putting herself forward to audition and perform as an extra for the new *Harry Potter* series! Elsie approaches every opportunity with determination and a positive attitude, inspiring those around her.

Albery J and Poppy H - Both new to the Grove in September, both with a fantastic work ethic, both extremely thoughtful and kind, and both having a very positive impact on the Mountain Ash in a short space of time.

Maisy G- she has done so incredibly well this year, she's just brilliant x

Freyja H - For overcoming anxieties (she has a fear of being ill/sick which developed after Mum was ill when she was in reception), for always being kind, caring and sensitive. She never gives anything less than her absolute best.

Islay MG - showing consistent dedication and perseverance to all her learning and work, and taking her love for music further with the school choir and the performances

Piano Awards

Year 2 – Edie Wulf

Year 3 – Poppy Hobbs

Year 4 – Arthur Greene

Year 5 – Ray Good

Year 6 – Ben Rea

Annual Winner 2025/2026 - Arthur Day

Football Awards

Penalty Champions

Kit Barton Wilkes

Jacob O'Connor

Max Steele

Oscar Fielding

Player of the Course

Evelyn - great listening and enthusiasm. Happy and helpful

Dylan Parfitt - excellent desire to improve and consistent positivity

Zenel - massive improvement in focus and therefore improvement in performance

Iggy - improved maturity and behaviour. Increased sportsmanship

Rex - High level of leading by example and helping/supporting team mates

Diversity Meeting – CHANGE OF DATE

The next DIVERSITY MEETING will now be held in school on Friday 11th September at 10 am.

All are welcome.

Message from Parents: Year 5 - End of year Picnic (3.15pm onwards)

This Friday after school. Leechwell Gardens (opposite rear of school)

Bring food to share, games, etc. (There'll be a cool box for grown up drinks too 😊)



We are in desperate need for someone to join us on Thursdays and Fridays in our school kitchen from September – even if only temporary or a volunteer – please contact head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk if interested.

Guitar Lessons and Piano lessons

The school's guitar teacher Steve Dow will have vacancies for new guitar students from September 2026. For further information about lessons please contact Steve - stevedow@ymail.com

The school's piano teacher Neil Reed will have vacancies for new piano students from September 2026. For further information about lessons please contact Neil on teaching@reedmusic.uk



Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the questionnaire so far, and as a reminder you can [access it by following this link](#) before the end of term to share your views.

Register your interest to help us.

We were hoping to set up a list of people with skills we could call on if we need some help – tradespeople, therapists, handy people, - pretty much anything. Please let us know if you would volunteer with your services or do us a mates rates deal. Please send your details to Jo Counter at jcounter@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA NEWS

Thank you!

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to you all this year, for all your support, help and donations. This has made our fundraising a great success and enabled us to purchase much needed resources for the school.

Again, we can't thank you enough. The Grove School is very lucky to have such dedicated parents and staff who want to contribute to the children's learning and make each day fun for them.

We are already planning lots of fund-raising things for the next academic year. If you have any ideas, please let us know.



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 <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Last day – this Friday

Autumn terms starts – Thursday 3rd September

Holly Tree swimming – Monday 7th September

Year 6 Residential – 19th – 23rd October

Half term - 26th – 30th October

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.



Youth Theatre spaces available for September 2026!

Does your child love to perform, create and collaborate, all whilst having fun through games and explorations? They will develop skills in improvisation, teamwork, creativity and public performance through games-based workshops, rehearsals and an annual public performance. These taken place in a range of settings such as Totnes Castle as part of the inaugural Totnes Fringe Festival, the Ariel Centre and The Drum Theatre, Plymouth.

Run by Shanaz John, a teacher and director of performing arts since 2002, including youth theatres, schools, colleges and professional directing.

This successful Youth Theatre is set to return in September and is open to all children in Years 4, 5 and 6. If your child is interested, please email:

dramallamagrove@gmail.com. This does not confirm a place; it is purely an expression of interest at this stage. It will run on either Tuesday or Thursday evening, 6-7pm, dependent on space availability. £6 per session.

TOTNES DANCE COLLECTIVE YOUTH



**A SPACE FOR YOUNG MOVERS
SPARKED BY IMAGINATION**

A CREATIVE, SOMATIC DANCE CLASS FOR AGES 7-12

**WEDNESDAYS
4:15-5:30PM**

**FROM
SEPTEMBER 9TH
CIVIC HALL,
TOTNES**

**£12 PER SESSION
BUNDLE DISCOUNT &
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BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

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YOUTH@TOTNESDANCECOLLECTIVE.CO.UK**



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**FACILITATED BY
ELIZA REID-PERKS &
SASKIA FAYE LARCOMBE**





Frazoo

Dear current Year 3 Parents (Year 4 in September)

I am offering Frazoo After School Club to Year 4 in September. Frazoo is an exciting, educational, animal experience with a variety of reptiles and invertebrates. I am a fully qualified primary school teacher with 35 years teaching experience. I am fully vaccinated, I hold an enhanced DBS check and have public liability insurance.

The club will begin on **Monday 14th September** and run for 5 weeks at a cost of £45. Depending on numbers, one more set of 5 weeks could be offered but after that they will have met all my animals. The group size is limited to 9 children to reduce stress on the animals and ensure a high-quality experience. If I get more than 9 children applying, I will do a new club with the extra children in November or January.

The sessions will include handling the animals, a species information sheet, an in-depth talk and discussion covering a range of topics eg Conservation, Latin names, Habitats, Food Chains, Zoo Ethics and Care of Exotics. However, they will be discouraged from buying/owning exotics. The children will also receive a participation certificate at the end of the course. The children will wash their hands before and after handling the animals and use anti-bacterial hand-foam sanitizer.

The club will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm in school. I will collect the children from class before the session and they must be collected on time afterwards.

An email explaining how to book and pay will go out at the beginning of term.

I am looking forward to sharing this exciting opportunity with the children!

Kind regards,

Mrs Frazie Hulbert. Please check out my website to find out all about Frazoo www.frazoo.co.uk



Don't forget that Kaleidoscope holiday activity camps are returning to The Grove this summer!

Themes & Dates

Camps run Monday to Thursday each week:

- 27–30 July: 🐘 The Animal Lunch 🦊
- 3–6 August: 🎭 Character Carnival 🧑
- 10–13 August: 💧 Splish Splash! ☀️
- 17–20 August: 🕒 Time Travellers 🚶

Special Offers

- 15% discount: Use code KNZNEYDD before June 26th and save!
- Sibling savings: Contact us for a custom code
- Hot lunch option - prepared by Marco
- Limited spaces: Book early to avoid disappointment

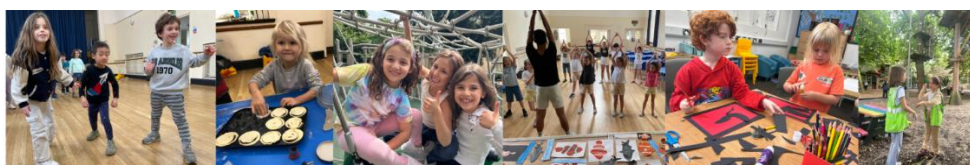
You can book your child's spot online today via the [Kaleidoscope Booking Portal](#) or ring/whatsapp us on 07733376528

Supporting Your School

Did you know that every single booking helps the school community? We operate a profit-sharing model with The Grove and a portion of your fee goes directly back to them!

See You at the Fair!

We'll be hosting a stall at the school fair so please drop by for fun activities with some great prizes!



SPANISH CLUB at The Grove School

Bookings are now open



Learn Spanish through songs, games, role play and fun activities

THURSDAY 3:15pm-4:15pm

For years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Cost: £33.00 per child, per month

Free access to 250+ online games

Autumn term starts 17th September



Very limited spaces!

**patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk To book a space please visit
www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/**

Services for Autistic People and Parents and Carers of Autistic Children

Autism Wellbeing CIC is a social enterprise run by a small team of professionals with lived experience of autism, ADHD, dyspraxia, dyslexia and sensory impairment.

We offer a range of online and in-person services:

Online mentoring for autistic adults
and young people

Online mentoring for parents and
carers of autistic children

Connection Workshops in Totnes
for parents and carers of autistic children.



To find out more about these services, please email Rorie at roriefultonaw@gmail.com, call or message him on **07393 664 048**, or scan the QR code above.



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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme - Summer 2026

With just under a week to go until our Summer HAF programme launches, although a few have started this week due to local schools breaking up sooner, there is still time to book, with places available at locations right across Devon. We've recently added even more exciting opportunities to the programme, including:

-  **South Devon Tennis** wheelchair and SEND sessions in Ivybridge
-  **Pro Coaching, previously Mount Kelly** now operating from **Tavistock Primary School**
-  **Healthy Appetite and Activities** now based at **Elmore Football Club, Tiverton**
-  Additional afternoon and dinner sessions at **Haven Banks, Exeter**
-  Remaining spaces at **Red Rock Outdoor** in **Exmouth**
-  **Kaleidoscope** sessions for secondary-aged young people in **Ivybridge**
-  Exciting opportunities with **Landmark Theatres** in North Devon
-  **Shear Soccer** sessions in **Dartmouth**
-  **Plymouth Argyle CT** in **Aveton Gifford**
-  **LJD Coaching** in **Holsworthy**
-  **Romar Sports** in **Bideford**
-  **Exeter Chiefs Rugby** across 9 locations
-  **7 Reclaim the Parks** initiatives across Devon
-  Brand-new **Little Farmers Fun & Food**, Small Farm and Petting Zoo experience in Clovelly

Plus so much more to enjoy!

Book Now

If you haven't already booked, visit [Eequ · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#) to explore everything available.

 Book up to **16 funded sessions per eligible child**

 Activities run throughout the summer holidays from **20 July to 6**

September

If your child has never attended one of our holiday clubs before, or would like to try something new, why not:

-  Join one of our **Family & Friends Days**
-  Visit one of the many local parks taking part in our **Reclaim the Parks** initiative, offering fun activities and delicious food