

THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th November

SHOUT OUTS TO ….

Dove Tree Class – Finley and Albie - Learning, for trying really hard with their rainbow challenges.

Willow Tree Class – Barney, Learning, amazing writing about your paper dolls. Tau, Individuality, you are such a creative and expressive person and a wonderful friend.

Lilac Tree Class – Joe, Learning, trying really hard in all of his learning. Matilda, Love, she is so proud of her own handwriting; amazing love and pride in her work.

Tea Tree Class - Zoe, Happiness, for being such an enthusiastic Captain Hook, already learning all your lines. Poppy, Love, for being such a kind and considerate friend.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Herbie, Learning, super impressed with your maths and art skills. Jola, Happiness, always full of enthusiasm and fun.

Holly Tree Class, Atticus P, Happiness, for always having a huge smile in the mornings on his face. Winnie, Love, being so kind and caring to everyone.

Ginkgo Tree Class - Bella, Love, being super friendly to everyone all week and helping those stuck. Claire, Learning, engaging in every class discussion as well as always helping Mr Ripley work things out!

Whitebeam Tree Class – Albery, Communication, thank you for being so open, kind and caring - we're lucky to have you. Rex, Learning, for making such brilliant progress and working so hard with maths.

Flame Tree Class – Ella A, Happiness, you are such an amazing learner and an amazing member of Flame. Eliza, Learning, you are smashing all your learning and doing it with a smile.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

☺ Teaching Assistant position in Yr5/6
☺ Deadline for free delivery for ordering Tempest Photos – Monday 30th November
☺ Next Grove Diversity Group meeting Thursday 7th January
☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events –**helpers needed to man the Xmas games please!**

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

Christmas has arrived at The Grove!

A huge thank you to Jenni and her helpers for sprinkling Christmas magic over our school.
It looks AMAZING!



Teaching Assistant position in Y5/6

We are advertising for a teaching assistant for a class in Y5/6 to work within the class team to support children with additional needs. **The applicant must have a good level of Maths and English,** but no former experience is necessary if you are happy to be trained. The post is full time, from January initially until end of July 27 but we could consider 2 part-time applicants if that works better.
Please apply using the support staff application form on this link before Wednesday 2nd December.
Interviews will be in the week of 7th December - Please spread the word.
http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/138183

Tempest Individual and Sibling Photos
Deadline for orders is **Monday 30th November 2026** to take advantage of free delivery back to school.



Diversity Meeting
The next diversity meeting will be on Thursday 7th January after drop off in the morning.



Food Bank
Totnes has a great food bank and we can do referrals if you need a bit extra. Cost of living is very tough at the moment. Email me at head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Benevolent Fund
Please support our families in need if you are able. On ParentPay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips and pay for some school meals. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences or a hot healthy meal at lunchtime so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.

The Grove School Whatsapp Community
If you would like me to add you to the community, please send me an email with your number.
helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Register your interest to help us.
We have 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 could 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



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



Cake Sale

This week is Acorn and KS1 Cake Sale for the Christmas fair.

Cake sales will return in January.



Friday 27th is Non-Uniform Day

Please bring items for the Christmas Fair:
Acorns/KS1 – cakes, biscuits, mince pies.
KS2 – bottles, chocolates, candles, toiletries, new toys, unwanted gifts

CHRISTMAS FAIR

THIS FRIDAY 27TH Nov 5pm – 8pm

We're still taking donations

Help required!
We are looking for another 6 volunteers to help man the Christmas games stalls from 6:30pm - 8pm.
Please email Jenni if you can help - **jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk**

Raffle Prizes
It's that time of the year again! If you are a business or know anyone who could donate a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair, please let me or Helen Fernyhough know. Thanks, Jenni.

Christmas jumpers/clothes
If you are having a clear out, we would love donations!

Teddies and soft toys
We would love donations of clean teddies and soft toys.

Year 6 Stall
Year 6 would like any good condition toys books puzzles or games. Please no bric-a-brac or household items.

Tombola Mystery Bag Stalls
Unwanted gifts, candles, toiletries, bottles, chocolates, stationery etc. Please drop to the front entrance to give to a member of staff on the field.

Thank you for your support!



Raffle Tickets
Raffle Tickets to returned by this Friday with the money please.

Also could any books you don't want please be returned.

Christmas Wreath Making – ONLY 2 SPACES LEFT!



This Saturday 28th November
The Grove School Hall
£25 pp
6pm arrival for 6:30 pm start.
Everything supplied, including a glass of mulled wine and mince pie.
Please find a form at the front desk. Payment by cash, card or ParentPay.
Limited places.

Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available for sale in the front entrance.

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

Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December, 2.15pm in the hall. Please login to ParentPay to book your seats.
Year 3/4 Christmas Performance at KEVICC Aerial centre – Tuesday 15th December, 1pm and 6pm
Reception Nativity – Wednesday 16th December, 2pm in the hall
Last day of term – Friday 18th December
First day of Spring term – Monday 4th January

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.



Book here:
https://eequ.org/book/xmas-hols-creative-arts-camp-with-kaleidoscope-clubs-and-courses-24268

Use the following code for siblings and receive 20% off total booking:
KAL20SIB

Use the following code for a group booking (min 3) and receive 30% off total booking:
KAL30GROUP

Friday 27th November

It's Non Uniform Day
for items for the Christmas Fair!



Reception & KS1

Cakes, Christmas Biscuits,
Mince Pies
For the Cake Stall



KS2

Toiletries, Bottles,
Stationary, Chocolates,
Candles, Unwanted Gifts
for the Tombola
and Mystery bag stall.

Christmas WREATH MAKING



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CHRISTMAS FAIR
Friday 27th November
5pm - 8pm
Hot food, Mulled wine
TOMBOLA
Raffle
Santas Grotto
Christmas jumpers
ELFRIDGES
Mystery Bag
Lots of Christmas Games
Come along for festive fun!

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?



Apply online at: devon.cc/admissionsonline or scan the QR code below. Applications open from **15 November 2026** to the **15 January 2027**

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing **transferadmissions@devon.gov.uk** or call our Education Helpline on:
0345 155 1019

You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

Devon County Council


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SHEARSOCCER.CO.UK
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For more information please speak with a member of the team.

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