



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 4th February

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class, Freida, Learning, awesome phonics and writing. Rahim, Learning, great attitude to his learning and great writing.

Lilac Tree Class, Ledley, Learning, giving his all to his learning this week. Rowan, Individuality, always being a kind and smiley member of Lilac.

Lime Tree Class, Melina, Love, such a kind and caring member of the class, a good friend to all. Rory, Learning, for being such a super mathematician, able to explain how you have solved the problem.

Willow Tree Class, Leo, Communication, what a week you've had! We are very proud of you Leo. Emily, Happiness, always smiling and being kind to others.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Malin, Love, Very kind caring and helpful. Such a wonderful role model. Max Steele, Learning, challenging himself and persevering.

Juniper Tree Class, Aoife, Love, for always knowing exactly what her friends need, especially to make them 100 x better. Elizabeth, Learning, amazing presentation in all her books.

Flame Tree Class, Izzy, Individuality, for working on your individual targets and smashing your maths. Abdul, Communication, always supporting your class friends with their learning sharing your ideas.

Ginkgo Tree Class – Happiness, well done to the whole of Ginkgo class for their amazing efforts planting over 50 trees, even the rain didn't dampen their spirits.

Trumpet Tree Class, Elsie, Learning, for her very convincing and persuasive argument during our fake courtroom task! Ash, Individuality, a hard working wonderful individual who shares brilliant ideas in class.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ School uniform reminder
- ☺ Behaviour as communication - tips and discussions about how to manage behaviours
- ☺ Playground help – Sunday 1st March

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



School Uniform

There are just a couple of rogue trends happening with regard to school uniform currently:

- Leggings must be worn with a skirt. Trousers are fine of course for those who don't like a skirt but should be grey.
- Trousers and skirts should be grey rather than black.
- Shoes should be dark in colour, including trainers
- Jewellery except for watches and stud earrings should be avoided.
- Children can wear any colour or pattern of socks or tights (or leggings that look like tights) to express their individuality but we really appreciate sticking to the school uniform regime to bring team unity for the children.

As an overall reminder below is our full School Uniform Policy

- Plain grey trousers or shorts or skirt or tunic- **Required**
- Gold School Polo Shirt or one of a similar yellow colour- **Required**
- Burgundy School Sweatshirt/Cardigan or one of a similar burgundy colour- **Required**
- Any colour socks or tights- **Required in the winter months**
- Red/White or Yellow/White checked summer dress- **Optional**
- Any colour leggings colour - **Optional BUT No leggings without skirt.**

Footwear

- Black shoes/ winter boots or trainers- **Required**
- Summer Sandals – **Optional in the summer (No 'Crocs' or flip flops)**

Pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery with the exception of a watch and stud earrings. If pupils are wearing stud earrings they might have to put tape on these when doing P.E. depending on activity.



Behaviour as communication

Sharing is caring! We'd like to share a little to help each other navigate behaviours at school and home.

Sometimes children behave in ways that other children — and adults — find difficult to understand. Their behaviour often reflects their emotional state and recognising this can help us adults to respond more effectively. While children are developing rapidly, their brains are not fully mature until early adulthood, which means that at times they will struggle to use skills like empathy, emotional regulation, or seeing a different perspective. Their understanding of the world is naturally more self-focused, so they may interpret situations through their own immediate needs and feelings rather than seeing the 'bigger picture' that adults can.

With the support of school staff and you as parents, we are planning to run a newsletter series of tips and discussions about how to manage behaviours that we see at school and at home. We know that in-school behaviours can be different from at-home behaviours and the way we deal with them can be very different also. We have classes of up to 34 children with just one or two adults- and whilst we love your children, we have a different relationship with them, so some behaviours are easier or trickier for us to deal with in school.

If you have any areas of behaviour that you may like guidance on, or if you'd like to share some top tips or guidance with others, please do email in your suggestions to head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Anxiety about school

Let's start off with the topic of anxiety. Lots of parents help their children to cope with various anxieties about coming to school. Often finding the root cause of this anxiety is hard and complex as children can't always say or actually don't even know what it is that is causing them stress.

I have asked a parent to share their experience:

"My child has lots of anxiety and school can be very overwhelming for them. Little things make a huge difference, like understanding the structure of the day and what to expect, having something to fiddle with, and making sure that they can move around when they need to. Sometimes playtime and lunchtime can be particularly overwhelming, and friendships are difficult. Whereas some children might run away (flight) or freeze when they panic, my child can sometimes be disruptive (fight). This can be difficult to manage at home and at school. The class teachers must balance the needs of all the students and make sure that everyone can access their learning. Things are still up and down, but after years of work from home and school, my child has learned coping strategies that will stay with them for life."

Please do share your experiences and strategies for others to read about anonymously in next edition of the newsletter. I will also get some staff perspectives too.



Y1/2 Concert - save the date

We are excited to share that Y1/2 will be putting on a Spring concert on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April. The concert will be at 2.15pm each day and parents will be able to request tickets for the date which suits them best. More information will come out closer to the date.

PLAYGROUND HELP - SUNDAY 1st MARCH from 10am

Are you free and up for volunteering to help transform our playground? There is so much that has already been done and also so much more left to do!

Jobs will range from painting, constructing a sandpit, re-inventing our roof terrace and more.

The PTA are going to put on food to help keep spirits high and entice you to join in!

If you are free and able to help, please email me so that we know numbers (let me know if you are vegetarian or have any other food requirements too).

helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

THANK YOU



Holiday Club – 16th – 20th February

We're delighted to share that our holiday club will be running during the February half term. To secure your child's place, we encourage you to book in advance as spaces are limited.

<https://kalscope.co.uk/product/totnes-february-half-term-holiday-club-at-the-grove-school/>

PTA NEWS

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



PTA dates for your diary

Today – Deadline for Disco payment

Friday 6th February – Disco

Wednesday 11th February – Mother's Day order forms sent home

Monday 23rd February – Pre loved World Book Day costumes go on sale

Wednesday 25th February – Final day for Mother's Day orders to be in

Friday 6th March:

- World Book Day
- Reading café 2pm-4:00pm
- Easter Hamper tickets

Friday 13th March – Mother's Day gifts home

Friday 20th March – Easter disco

Friday 27th March – Bingo night

Thursday 2nd April:

- Easter bonnet/hat competition
- Easter hamper raffle
- Mufti £1 donation

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

Disco – this Friday

Letters have been sent home. You can pay by ParentPay, card or cash.

Deadline is today – so we know numbers for refreshments.

All children can wear Mufti on Friday.



If you can help – especially with Acorns, Yr1/2 disco please let Jenni know. Thank you.



Cake Sale

Cake sales will resume after half term. The first will be Flame Tree class on Friday 27th February.

Mother's Day

Order forms will be sent out next Wednesday.



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>

Flame tree planting @ Sharpham – **Changed** to Friday 13th March Please sign up on ParentPay

Last day of term – Friday 13th February

First day back – Monday 23rd February

Mountain Ash swimming – Monday 23rd February. Please sign up on ParentPay

Heights and Weights Reception and Year 6 – Thursday 26th March

Yr 1/2 Spring Concert - Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April

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.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT **ADAM SHEARER 07967 124844**

BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

NO
BOOKING
REQUIRED

All donations will go to the 'TQ9:Together We Care' programme organised by Caring Town Totnes.



Sessions available

Monday 16th - Friday 20th
February 2026

SEND Session: 10:30-12:30

Public Session: 13:00-16:00

- The sessions are free (but you are welcome to make a donation).
- The sessions are for families with children up to the age of 8
- The sessions are parent supervised.
- They are in the Sports hall at Totnes Leisure Centre.

What's available at the centre:

• Bouncy castle	• Tea and coffee, with biscuits and fruit	• Seating area
• Soft play		• Music
• Warm space		

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Totnes TQ9 5XW
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THURSDAY

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WOMEN



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AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026

