



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

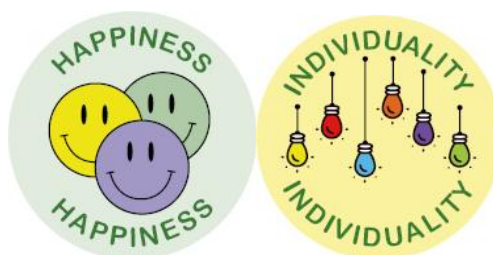
Wednesday 14th October

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Grove Diversity group
- ☺ PTA update and thanks
- ☺ Come Dine With me available to book
- ☺ Speech and language information
- ☺ Secondary Transfer applications deadline approaching
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events
- ☺ Pokemon cards are fine to play with BUT NO TRADING ALLOWED

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



Grove Diversity Group

Open to parents and carers from The Grove and St John's, the Diversity Group meets twice each term with the aim of supporting children from all backgrounds to feel recognised and included within our school communities.

We welcome all parents and carers who would like to contribute, and particularly value perspectives and experiences relating to diverse cultures and faiths, LGBTQ+ identities, adoption, fostering and care experience.

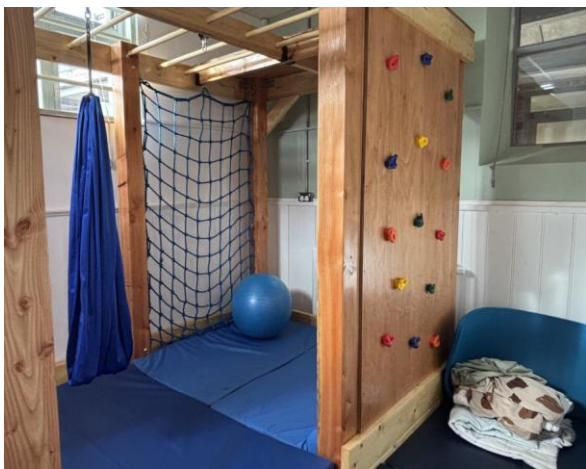
Our next meeting is at The Grove School on Thursday 19th November, after drop-off

PTA Update and Thanks

A HUGE thank you to the PTA for all the hard work they do. Here is an update to keep you informed about what has been happening behind the scenes.

As you all know, we have opened our Mighty Oaks provision in school. The PTA funded this amazing project.

Please take a look at the photos to get an idea of how amazing it is and the difference that it is making and will make to our children. This would not have been possible without Jenni and her husband Mark, who spent most of their summer holiday in school, working hard. Thank you.



The PTA have also funded EpiPens for school, which is now a legal requirement, and new pads for the defib. We are also grateful for the huge investment in Little Wandle Books that has been made by the PTA.

Once again, a HUGE thank you.



Come Dine With Me

We are happy to offer the chance for parents or carers to join their child in the dinner hall for lunch. If you are interested, please email admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk to book a lunch. (£2.75 per person, please bring cash.) (Please check with your child that they would like this – some children like to keep school as school and home as home!)

Speech and language

<https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/>

This is a very useful charity which offers free guidance, advice and free consultations about your own child's speech, language and comprehension needs including the lesser known Developmental Language Disorder. I would recommend taking a look.

Pokemon cards

We would feel a bit mean banning Pokemon cards or football cards as they are a lovely thing to play with but children have been trading them in school which is not allowed and can cause huge upsets. If your child brings them then please remind them no trading allowed in school.



Tennis Tournament Fundraiser - Bridgwater 28th October

Chef Marco is competing to raise money for our school.

Support our children and help us grow our projects and wellbeing initiatives.

Every contribution makes a real difference.

<https://gofund.me/b239e253b>

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.



Secondary Transfer Applications for Year 6 Pupils – Deadline Approaching

The national deadline of **31 October 2026** for secondary school applications, we are reaching out to all Devon primary/juniors schools to ensure that every eligible **Year 6 pupil** is supported in making their application for **Secondary Admissions 2027**.

We've attached a guide to help you check which pupils have submitted their applications and identify those who still need to apply. This is part of our coordinated effort under the **Normal Round Admissions Scheme 2027**, which ensures all applications are processed fairly and on time.

- **Encourage families to apply via the Citizens Portal:** [Citizen Portal - Sign in](#)

Key Dates

- **Application deadline:** 31 October 2026
- **National offer day:** 1 March 2027

Why This Matters

Late applications may result in pupils missing out on preferred schools, especially in areas with high demand. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best chance of securing a suitable place for Year 7.

If you have any questions or need support checking applications, please contact the **Devon School Admissions Team**:

-  transferadmissions@devon.gov.uk
-  0345 155 1019

Thank you for your continued support in helping families navigate this important transition.

Kind regards,

Devon School Admissions Team

Devon County Council

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



Missing scooter

Has anyone seen this missing scooter?

It was left outside the front of school during Shear Soccer pick up yesterday.

PTA NEWS

Welcome back everyone! 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 Mountain Ash's Cake Sale

Next bake sale will be Tea Tree Class

Friday 23rd October: Tea Tree Cake Sale

Friday 6th November: Holly Tree Cake Sale

Friday 13th November: Whitebeam Cake Sale

Friday 20th November: Ginkgo Cake Sale

Friday 27th November: Acorns and KSI Cake Sale

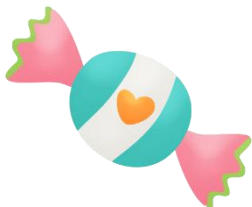
Other Events This Term

Friday 16th October: Mufti Day - please bring sweets for the Christmas Fair sweet cones

Friday 13th November: Quiz Night

Friday 27th November: Christmas Fair & Mufti

NEW DATE - Saturday 28th November: Wreath Making for beginners



Mufti for Sweets this Friday

This Friday is Mufti for sweets for the Christmas Fair.

Disco Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Disco, it's much appreciated.

Fun Quiz Night

Friday 13th November – 7:30pm in the school hall.

Team of 2 – 6 max

£7 per person to include a cheeseboard.

Bar / soft drinks are available to purchase.

Please register your team by Friday 6th Nov

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



Christmas Wreath Making

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 book by Friday 6th November; please find a form at the front desk. Payment by cash or card.

Limited places.

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.

ANY CHILDRENS OR ADULTS CHRISTMAS JUMPERS THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE FRONT DESK ANY TIME THIS TERM.

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 6 Residential – 19th – 23rd October

Kents Cavern Trip – Mountain Ash & Holly Tree – Wednesday 21st October

Kents Cavern Trip – Tea Tree – Thursday 22nd October

Half term - 26th – 30th October

Yr 5/6 Non swimmers swimming starts - Monday 2nd November

Mountain Ash Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Monday 2nd November

Holly Tree Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Wednesday 4th November

Tea Tree Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Thursday 5th November
Immunisation team: Flu Spray – Friday 6th November
Parent Consults – Week commencing 9th November

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.

A colorful, hand-drawn style advertisement for Kaleidoscope Clubs and Courses for Kids. The top half features the title 'KALEIDOSCOPE Clubs and Courses for Kids' in a playful, bold font. Below the title is an illustration of two children playing table tennis on a green table. The background is filled with various icons: a sun, fish, a sailboat, a castle, musical notes, a guitar, and stars. The bottom half of the ad is divided into sections. On the left, 'The Benefits?' section lists: 'Great Exercise: Fast-paced fun that keeps kids active and off screens.', 'Make New Friends: A brilliant, social environment for local kids.', and 'Super Affordable: Only £2.50 a session!'. On the right, 'What to Expect:' section lists: 'Fun Drills & Exercises: Active, high-energy warm-ups that get everyone moving.', 'Exciting Games: Mini-tournaments, around-the-table challenges, and wacky games.', and 'Coaching: Friendly coaching available to help them learn the basics or level up their skills.' At the bottom, a banner reads 'Join us for a FREE TRIAL! Simply drop in or book online at www.kalscope.co.uk'. The entire ad is framed by a decorative border of colorful geometric shapes.

Our Saturday morning table tennis club is now up and running. The first session is free!
More info here: <https://eequ.org/book/table-tennis-club-saturday-mornings-with-kaleidoscope-clubs-and-courses-32163>

Any Qs please just ask!

Autumn Magic Half-term Halloween Club
26-29 October (Mon-Thurs)
The Grove School, Totnes



Book here:

<https://eequ.org/book/autumn-magic-oct-half-term-holiday-club-with-kaleidoscope-clubs-and-courses-23810>

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





?? Fun ??

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13th November

The Grove School



Teams of
2 - 6 people



to include a
cheeseboard



Refreshments
available



7.30pm start
Doors open at 7pm

Come along for a fun evening



Please register your teams by
Friday November 6th

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

Christmas WREATH MAKING



Saturday 28th November

The Grove School Hall

6pm for a 6.30pm start

£25 pp

everything supplied includes a glass of
mulled wine and a mince pie.



Please book by Friday 6th
November

Payment taken when booking , please find a form
at the front desk , payment by card or cash .

Limited places





GIRLS' BOXERCISE®

tel:
07445495059



limited spaces!

for girls aged 10-14

**book a FREE taster session on SATURDAY 17th
and 24th October at 12- 12.30 on the lower field
opposite Kevics.**

**Non-contact (no sparring) focus on pad work, and
empowering boxing-style games.**

🧠 **Healthy Stress Relief:** A fantastic, healthy outlet to
punch away school stress, release tension, and boost
your mood.

✨ **Unstoppable Confidence:** A supportive, zero-
judgment environment where girls can build self-
esteem, learn a new skill and feel great!

💪 **Great Fitness:** An active, high-energy way to build
strength, stamina, and coordination while having a blast
with friends.

info@bettertogetherbecca.co.uk

**FRIDAY 9TH
OCTOBER 2026
(THEN FORTNIGHTLY
AS ALWAYS)**

TIME: 4.45PM - 6.15PM

**WHERE: THE
JAMMING STATION
TOTNES TQ9 5DF**

AGES: 8-11 YEARS

TRAYE BRIDGETOWN JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

**Contact Dee Kelly
Whatsapp or email
deekelly.traye@gmail.com
0792 240 8867**

FRIENDS – MEET AND CONNECT

GAMES – HAVE FUN AND PLAY

COOKING – COOK AND LEARN

MUSIC – CREATE AND EXPRESS

SNACKS – EAT HEALTHY

SUPPORT – TALK

TO YOUTH WORKERS

RELAX – CHILL AND UNWIND

COME ALONG HAVE A GO BE PART OF IT!

Your community garden **URGENTLY** needs £5500



Totally run by volunteers
The garden URGENTLY
needs funds
to maintain it in 2027



www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/leechwell-garden

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OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS

SOUTH DEVON

9.30am - 3pm | boys & girls all abilities aged 6 - 14 | £15



DEVON FA, NEWTON ABBOT
WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

KEVICC, TOTNES
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

For more info email
Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk

**BOOK
NOW!**

