



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 27th November

SHOUT OUTS TO

From Dove Tree Class, Layla for Love, such a kind and caring member of the class and Rosie for Learning really improving her spellings.

From Lime Tree Class, Freddie for Learning in excellent spelling and Frida for Individuality and completing all the rainbow tasks by herself.

From Lilac Tree Class, Jack for Individuality with a fantastic creative build of a space ship and William for Individuality in his super sketching of a robin.

From Willow Tree Class, Maisy G for Learning and trying so hard in maths and Bea B for Love – such a lovely, kind and talented girl.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Katie for Individuality – always being yourself and Iris FW for Love and always being kind to everybody.

From Juniper Tree Class, Denis and Oscar N, both for Learning in reading and writing progress

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Maddie for Learning with super progress in maths and Otto for individuality and being such an inspiration.

From Trumpet Tree Class, Ada, Rosie G and Mia C-L, all for Learning in their maths

From Flame Tree Class, Xavi for Learning in his maths and Zebedee for Individuality in tackling maths so well with strategies.



School starting times and lateness

Please remember that school starts at **8:50am** and any child arriving after this time will be marked as late and parents **will have to sign them in**. Lessons start promptly at 8:50am and we would really appreciate your children arriving on time so they don't miss the opening of their lessons.



Come Dine with me

We are delighted to offer an opportunity for parents to join their child for a school lunch. You are invited to join your child and have a school dinner with them at their lunch time. If you have more than one child it might be nice to book separate days for each child.

To book, please look at the menu and choose your date and let Rebecca / Sarah know at the front desk or by email.

Meals cost £2:50, please bring cash with you when you arrive.

Meal times:

Acorns – Reception class – 11:30am

Dove, Lime and Lilac – Year 1 and 2 – 12:00 midday

Juniper, Mountain Ash, Willow – Year 3 and 4 – 12:20pm

Flame, Ginkgo, Trumpet- Year 5 and 6 – 12:40pm



SEND Parent Meeting

We mentioned in our SEND update last half term that we are planning to run another SEND parent meeting on Monday 2nd December 2-3pm. This is open to all parents across the school who would like to know more about support offered from outside agencies and referral processes. Ella Dix from the Family Hub team will be joining us to discuss what the Family Hub (previously known as The Children's Centre) are now offering in terms of support for parents and families and will be asking parents for suggestions around topics for discussion they would like covering in follow up sessions.



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. 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 so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS



Thursdays Bake Sale 50p a cake

Tomorrow it is ACORN CLASS'S turn to organise the bake sale after school. Please can children from Acorns (Robins & Treecreepers) bring in delicious treats to sell. Cakes will be sold on the field and at the front entrance after school.

This is the last cake sale, they will begin again in the spring. A massive thank you for all your amazing cakes this term!

Christmas Food bank

It's another big ask; we really appreciate you all give so much already! We are collecting for the food bank to help bring a little sparkle to families this Christmas.

If you could donate any food items, especially treats, that would be amazing!

Christmas Puddings	Stuffing	Yule log	Mince pies
Christmas cake	Chocolates	Biscuits	Fruit juice
Crackers (edible)	Twiglets etc	Jams	Chutneys



A box will be at the main entrance until Wednesday 11th Dec. Thank you.

Christmas Fair – next Friday 6th Dec

Thank you for all your donations – we now have enough toys, books and teddies.

We would still appreciate tombola items – bottles, fizzy pop, body lotion, shower gels, chocolates, unwanted gifts etc.

Mufti Day – next Friday 6th Dec

This is for Christmas cupcakes, biscuits, mince pies etc. Please label your cake tin with your child's name and class so they can be returned.

Christmas Raffle

If you have a business or know anyone who would kindly donate a raffle prize, we would be very grateful. Please see either Jenni or Natasha or drop items to the front desk.

Raffle tickets were sent out on Monday. Please return unwanted books.

Christmas Quiz

After the success of the last quiz, we will be doing a Christmas quiz on Friday 13th December in the school hall. Lots of festive fun, bar and raffle.

Book in your teams now (max 6 in a team) £5 per person. Email helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

MUFTI (bring cakes for the Christmas Fair): 6th December

CHRISTMAS FAIR: FRIDAY 6th December: 5 - 8 pm

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: 13th December 7pm for a 7:30pm start

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

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

Year 5 and 6 Non Swimmers – Mondays until Christmas

Parent SEND meeting – Monday 2nd December 2pm until 3pm

Mufti & Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December

Christmas productions - week beginning 9th December

Years 3 and 4 Rehearsal all day KEVICC – Tuesday 10th December

Reception Nativity 2pm school hall – Tuesday 10th December

Years 3 and 4 Christmas Show KEVICC – Wednesday 11th December 1pm & 6pm

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance – Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December 2.15 School Hall

Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December

First Day back – Tuesday 7th January 2025

Juniper Class swimming – Monday 13th January 5 weeks

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.

<https://churstongrammar.com/>

We have been asked to highlight potential changes to admissions priorities for Churston Grammar School from 2026 which may affect children from Totnes. Please follow this link if you wish to comment on their new admission arrangements consultation.

The Grove School



CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

5PM-8PM

Hot Turkey Rolls

Tombola

Hook a Duck

Santa's Grotto

Raffle

Elfridges

Cakes & Mince Pies

Mystery Christmas Bag

Nerf the Elf

Adopt a Teddy





The Grove School

Christmas

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 7.30PM (DOORS
OPEN 7PM)

The Grove School Hall



RAFFLE | BAR | FESTIVE FUN

£5 per person

Teams of 6 - Email helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
to book your team in.



LIGHT FESTIVAL LANTERN WORKSHOP



We're thrilled to invite you to an exciting parent-and-child workshop in preparation for the Totnes Carnival Committee's Lantern Festival!

Together, we'll be making tissue paper lanterns with a funky fish theme, ready to shine bright during the procession at the Christmas Market on Tuesday, 17th December.

Here are the details:

Workshop Date: Sunday, 1st December

Time: 10:30am - 2:30pm (Making a lantern will take approximately one hour)

Location: Main Hall, The Grove School

Open to: All year groups, from Reception to Year 6

Note: This is a parent-and-child activity (not a drop-off event). A small amount of parental support is necessary.

All materials will be provided, and it's sure to be a fun and memorable experience for families to create something special together! Come join us, connect with other families, and get creative as we light up the Totnes Christmas Market!

Save the date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you there!

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Haze on hello@slinkysloth.co

Come and take part in a
**FAMILY NATIVITY
SERVICE**

St John's Church, Bridgetown
**Sunday December 8th
10 a.m.**



Come as an angel, a shepherd, a star, or
a King. (Optional!)

EVERYONE is welcome to take part, or to
come and watch!

Directions will be given on the day and if you come early
we have a few costumes we can lend.