



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th March

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ TQ9 Food club – 10 items for just £3.50
- ☺ We are looking for new governors
- ☺ Easter holiday club booking link
- ☺ Easter bonnet entries must be in first thing tomorrow
- ☺ PTA news and events
- ☺ Non-uniform day tomorrow £1 donations to school please
- ☺ No school on Friday – Happy Easter holidays, back on Monday 20th April

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



Mrs Priest

I have been back in school this week after recovering from my operation 4 weeks ago and it's been a great tonic for the soul! In terms of my treatment plan the appointment to discuss this is next week, but everything is going well so far and I'm so grateful to be part of such an amazing school, staff, children and parent group. Thank you all so much.

Parenting can be tough.

I was recently contacted by one of the co-founders of a free platform called A Little Space for Parents.

It offers short audio tools — most under two minutes — designed specifically for parents of young children. Not parenting advice. Just small, practical ways to help parents pause and reset during busy or overwhelming moments. It's completely free. And a small but genuinely useful thing to land in your inbox as the holidays begin.

Here's the link: [A Little Space for Parents](#)

TQ9 Food Club for those needing to reduce the cost of their weekly shopping

This is a great service where families can just pay £3.50 and choose 10 really great quality items from the shelves. No referral needed – just pop in to St John’s Church on the days and times mentioned in this flyer.

Stepping Stones
Food & Wellbeing
St John's Church, Bridgetown, TQ9 5AB Mon 12.30 - 7 * Tues & Thurs 10 - 3

TQ9 FOOD CLUB

Community Supermarket

Helping Your Money Go Further

Serving the TQ9 area

Choose Up To 10 Items Per Week

£3.50 *Weekly Membership, only when you need us.*

@steppingstones totnes * contact@steppingstones totnes.co.uk * 07988639514

A message from Sarah A

I would like to thank you all for all the support over the last 5 years that I have been running after school club. I have enjoyed looking after all your children over the years and I will continue to see them as they move through the school. I am now looking forward to finishing at 3.15pm each afternoon!!

HOCKEY HEROES!

Dart Hockey Club (Under 10s) team. The team included the following five children from the Grove School: Silas, Oscar, Elsha, Arlo and Jack.

The team attended the West of England Hockey finals, having qualified in second place at the Devon Finals a month ago. They were competing against teams from as far afield as Penzance, Bournemouth and Cheltenham. They were very impressive in the pool stages of the competition, winning one game, drawing three games and losing just one game. The team finished third in their pool, and a valiant eighth overall.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Fancy Getting Involved? We're Looking for New Governors!!

We have two governor vacancies at The Grove and we'd love to hear from anyone interested in getting involved.

Parent Governor — open to any parent or carer with a child at the school. Parent governors are elected by fellow parents.

Local Authority Governor — this role is open to anyone with a connection to the school or local community but we would particularly welcome interest from people outside the school's parent body.

No special qualifications are needed. What matters is that you care about our school and want to help it be the best it can be. Full training and support are provided, and meetings typically take place once or twice a term. Governors help set the school's direction, support the headteacher and staff, and make sure resources are used well. It's a voluntary role and genuinely rewarding — you'll be making a real difference to every child at The Grove.

Interested? Have questions? Drop me an email at chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk.

The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 30th April.

Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors

Easter Holiday Club

We are delighted to share that our Holiday Activity Club will be running during both weeks of the Easter holidays. To secure your child's place, we encourage you to book in advance as spaces are limited.

<https://kalscope.co.uk/product/totnes-easter-holiday-camps-at-the-grove-school/>

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offering them in Totnes. Each day is fast-moving and designed to keep kids interested, engaged, and wanting to come back for more!



PTA NEWS

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

PTA dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd April:

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



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

Mufti tomorrow for £1

Easter Bonnet Hat Competition – This Thursday 2nd April – first thing!



Get designing your hat - we can't wait to see your amazing creations!
This is also a mufti day for £1.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd – Reception/Nursery, Years 1/2, Years 3/4 & Years 5/6



Cake Sale

This will return the first Friday we are back – 24th April and will be Juniper Class' turn to bake.

Easter Raffle – only 1 week left to get your tickets!

Easter raffle will be drawn tomorrow in assembly. Last chance today to get tickets!



Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came to the bingo. It was a fabulous evening – we raised over £550! And a massive thank you for your generosity for the amazing amount of rainbow prizes you donated for our Easter bingo!



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>

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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THE AGELESS MAN

A journey for every man toward sustainable health & wellbeing

The Ageless Man is a free 8-session programme for men who smoke and are ready for something to change — even if you're not sure where to start.

Join a small group of men for shared food, fire pit sessions, honest conversations, and time outdoors — including a kayaking trip on the River Dart and a night in ancient woodland.

This isn't about pressure or being told what to do. It's about understanding your habits, connecting with other men in the same place, and finding a way forward that actually works for you.

Starting April 21st in Totnes: 18:30 – 21:00

To join scan the QR code below or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for "Ageless Man Programme"



RESILIENT LIVES



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Info for Parents & Carers

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/child-family-support/family-support/haf-programme/information-for-parents/>

What is HAF?

The **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** programme is funded by the Government and offers **free activities and a nutritious meal** for children aged 4/5yr (in reception) – 16yr who receive benefits-related Free School Meals. 🍽️

Spring/Easter HAF 2026 – Still time to book!

Just a little reminder that **there's still time to book your HAF places for Spring/Easter!** Some have now sold out however there are still places available so please don't delay – book today! 😊 Bookings are live on [Eequ · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#) – no code required as eligibility will be checked directly on the portal.

Some listings have been added and updated over the last couple of weeks, so please take another look if you haven't already booked all your sessions! 🛒 ✨

Across Devon this year, **over 165 locations** will be offering fun, safe and engaging activities for children and young people. We're delighted to welcome many new providers alongside lots of our regular favourites. 📍

Activities include:

- 🏊 Swimming, climbing, martial arts and riding
- 🚤 Water sports, sailing and outdoor adventure
- ⚽ Rugby, football, tennis, archery and volleyball
- 🍳 Cooking, crafts, drama, music and dance
- 🧩 Specialist SEND provision
- 🧠 Life skills and accredited courses

There really is something for everyone!

Families can book **up to 4 funded sessions per eligible child**, with activities running **3–19 April**. 📅

Additional support

Devon has been delivering HAF since 2021, and **additional support is available for some families** through our extended criteria.

More information here: [Information for parents and carers - Children, families and education](#) 🔗

How to book

Booking is simple through [Eequ · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#), where you can:

- 🔍 Search for activities by area or age
- 📖 View available sessions
- ✓ Check eligibility automatically
- 📁 Manage bookings all in one place

Many providers also offer **paid places**, so siblings or friends who are not eligible for HAF can often join too.

THURSDAY

FITNESS CLASSES FOR

WOMEN



at Totnes Methodist
Church Hall

5.30-6.30pm

A fantastic, stress busting way to get fit for all fitness levels!

non contact boxing drills.

Circuit style workouts.

LADIES
BOXERCISE®

6.45-7.30pm

Easy to follow, great energy aerobics style workout. Judgement free- pressure free. And a whole lot of fun!



£9 per class. Discount for block booking.

Booking : <https://bettertogetherbecca.co.uk/wp>

[booking-calendar/#/events](#)

for more information contact Becca

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EASTER

Half Term Activities

Totnes Leisure Centre

Activities

- Lane swimming
- Family swimming
- Aqua Areobics
- Fun & floats
- Group exercise classes
- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Table tennis
- Basketball
- Health suite



Floats & Fun

Our most popular session of half term!

Dive into a pool packed with colourful floats and mats, fun music, and non-stop smiles. It's every child's dream pool day!

Spaces fill up fast – secure your session today via the app!



Group exercise classes

Half term isn't just for the kids – it's your time too! Take the opportunity to try something new and join one of our group exercise classes.

From calming mind & body sessions to high-energy cardio and dance, there's something for everyone. Whether you're just starting out or a regular, our classes are designed for all abilities in a welcoming, supportive environment. Find your favourite and get moving this half term!



Discover our app

Bookings
Timetables
Info
& much more!