



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

**Dove Tree Class, Albie, Learning, trying really hard with his writing. Freida, Love, for being a kind, caring friend.**

**Lilac Tree Class, Lily, Happiness, amazing prosody in her reading. Orla B, Communication, fantastic ideas shared in our learning.**

**Lime Tree Class, Fox, Learning, for making a great effort with joined up writing, it is super neat - well done! Margot, Learning, for writing a super wanted poster to find Jane - I hope we find her!**

**Willow Tree Class, Seth, Love, for your energetic enthusiasm in class. Lotta, Individuality, for being such a great member of Willow class.**

**Mountain Ash Tree Class, Jesse, Communication, explaining a sad situation so well and being so understanding. Zoe, Love, being such a kind, supportive friend and also smashing all her learning**

**Juniper Tree Class, Maisie, Learning, working so hard in her maths, being able to independently convert to the 24 hr clock. Millie, Happiness, coming into school with a huge smile every day, making us all laugh and be happy**

**Flame Tree Class, Hugo, Learning, working so incredibly hard in all you do – superstar! Ella A, Love, always caring and kind to everyone.**

**Ginkgo Tree Class, Ava, Learning, for having such commitment to your learning, you never go up until you've succeeded. Bea P, Learning, for being a star mathematician, even if your confidence gets knocked you just get back up and keep going.**

**Trumpet Tree Class, Ewan, Learning, scoring full marks across all maths practise papers – wow! Willow, Love, for being such a great friend and peer to some of the younger children in the school.**

## Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

### Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Elizabethan Dancing
- ☺ Happy Birthday David Attenborough
- ☺ Kitchen help role required Thursdays and Fridays
- ☺ 2 Early Years teaching assistants required one full time, one part time
- ☺ Part-time KS2 teacher required
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events

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



### **Elizabethan Dancing**

Our dancers made us proud and danced their hearts out for the opening of the Elizabethan Market. Well done everyone.



## **Happy Birthday David Attenborough**

What a wonderful occasion. The whole school met together on the field for a birthday picnic to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Sir David Attenborough. Children sang Happy Birthday and shared stories of favourite animals.



### **Jobs available at The Grove School:**

We have 4 jobs available for September at school. If you'd like to apply for any of the below then please complete the application form found here: [http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/job\\_vacancies/138183](http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/138183).

Please return applications or seek more information: [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> May midday.

#### **1. Kitchen role**

Working Thursdays and Fridays. Starts 11am and finishes at 1:30pm

#### **2. Early Years teaching Assistant full time**

Must have EYFS experience

#### **3. Early Years Teaching Assistant part time**

Working Wednesday – Friday, ideally with EYFS experience or be willing to be trained.

#### **4. Class teacher KS2 part time**

Working Thursdays and Fridays



### **Talk from Mr Simpson (head teacher at Churston Grammar)**

Mr James Simpson would like to visit The Grove to talk about the new admissions policy for Churston Grammar and the changes that have been made this year. This will take place at **3:30 pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Please note, head teachers from all our feeder schools are welcomed to talk about their admissions.

### **Transition arrangements**

We realise at this time of year some people begin to start thinking about the next class, teacher and additional support. Unfortunately we don't release this information until after the half term; this is because teachers contractually have to give half a term notice and, whilst we aren't expecting anyone to leave, sometimes things change and we don't want to cause any distress caused by a change in plans.

We will let you know who your child's next teacher and class will be after half term.

We do hold extensive transition meetings with the class teachers as well as SEND provision maps and additional SENDCo conversations around those who are most vulnerable. We hope that this information is reassuring for you in the meantime.



### **PTA NEWS**

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

### **PTA dates for your diary**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Father's Day order forms back  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (last day of term) – Mufti for sweets (Sweets cones for Summer Fair)



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Sponsored Run letters home  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Father’s Day gifts home  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Disco

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Summer Fair 5pm – 8pm (KSI Mufti for cakes / KS2 Mufti for tombola gifts please)  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – PTA AGM  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school Sponsored Run  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Lolly sale  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Lolly sale

**Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing [jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)**



### **Cake Sale**

This Friday on the field is Dove Tree’s turn to bake. Next Friday there will not be a bake sale.

### **Next bake sales:**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Trumpet cake sale  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Mountain Ash cake sale  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Acorns & KSI to bake for Summer Fair

### **Donations**

If you have any puzzles or games (snakes and ladders, draughts, Uno, Dobble...) We would love them for the caravan for children to play with at lunchtime. Thank you.

### **Father’s Day Gifts**

Letters have been sent home and it is also available on ParentPay. Last day for ordering is next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.



### **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.

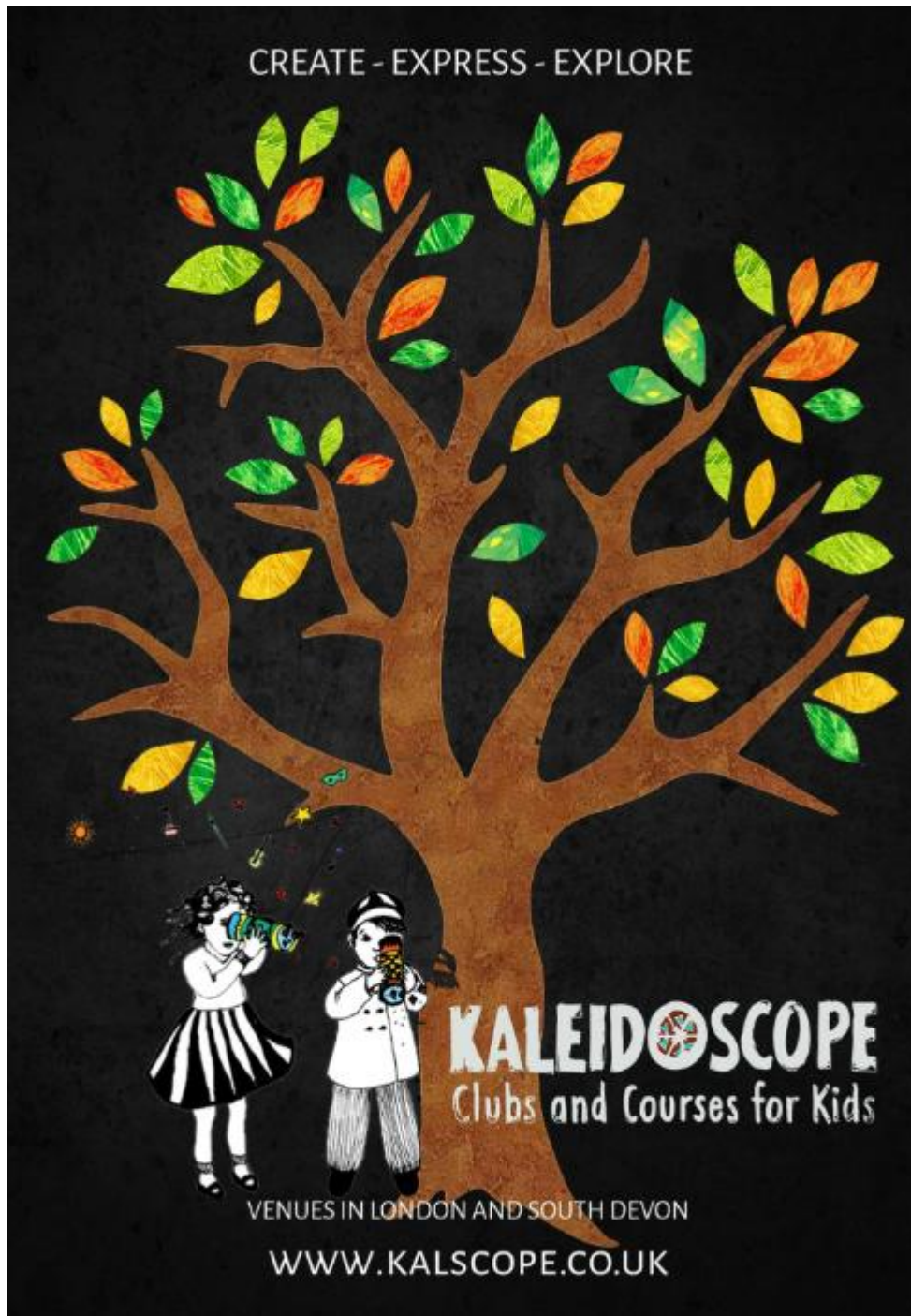
### **Dates for your diary this term** <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

This Friday – Year 6 trip to Woodlands  
Monday – Reception trip to Paignton Zoo  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last day of term  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Back to school  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Juniper and Mountain Ash Year 3’s to Haytor Trip – ParentPay  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Willow and Mountain Ash Year 4’s to Haytor Trip– ParentPay

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.*



**SUMMER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB**

The Grove School, Totnes

**Week 1: May 26-29 (Tues-Fri)**

**Week 2: June 1-4 (Mon-Thurs)**

10am-3pm daily

Morning club and extended hours available

Hot lunch option

Art - Music - Drama - Dance - Games - Sport

Book here: <https://kalscope.co.uk/product/totnes-may-half-term-holiday-club/>

# SOUNDS AT THE MANSION

MUSIC - SONG - SPOKEN WORD

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY FESTIVAL



Daytime (**free**) 10:30am - 1pm

**Kids entertainment** |  
Facepainting | **Theatrical**  
**storytelling** | Puppet shows  
**Bubbles the Pixie** | Global  
Soul Beach Club DJ

Evening (**ticketed**) 4pm - 9pm

Totnes Vocal Improv Choir  
**Holly Ebony** | Briony Greenhill  
Shakalaka | **Disco Snails**  
Street food pop-ups | **local**  
**beers** | Pimm's

**Bank Holiday Monday, May 25**  
**themansiontotnes.org TQ9 5RP**



# UNDER-6 & UNDER-7 OPEN SESSIONS

**PLYMOUTH**  
Monday, 8 June  
Marjon University, 3G

**NEWTON ABBOT**  
Monday, 22 June  
Devon FA, 3G

**CAMBORNE**  
Monday, 15 June  
Camborne College,  
3G Astro

**LAUNCESTON**  
Monday, 29 June  
Launceston College

**NORTH DEVON**  
Thursday, 18 June  
Tarka Leisure Centre

**ARGYLE**  
academy

## RIVERSCHOOL

Where nature is our teacher & the river is our guide



**HOLIDAY  
CLUB**

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

**26TH 27TH 28TH MAY**

🕒 TIME: 10AM TILL 4PM

👥 AGES: 7-14 YEAR OLDS



**£45.00 PER CHILD PER DAY**  
11% discount applied if you book more than one day at the same time



**SIBLING SESSIONS**  
**£40.00 PER CHILD**



DEPARTS AT  
STOKE GABRIEL,  
QUAYSIDE

### ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- Travel by Canoe to our wonderful woodland basecamp
- Bushcraft
- Campfire cooking
- Storytelling
- Nature art and craft
- Raft Building
- Archery
- Wild swimming
- Fishing
- Wildlife spotting



TO BOOK:

[WWW.CANOEADVENTURES.CO.UK](http://WWW.CANOEADVENTURES.CO.UK)

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOK EARLY  
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

## RIVER SCHOOL

Our provision is delivered by Canoe Adventures Ltd, operating since 1999 with a proven, accredited, safety track record. We are a registered child care provider with Ofsted (Reg.No. 2731749)

ANY QUERIES: [hello@riverschool.org.uk](mailto:hello@riverschool.org.uk)





**Kidslingo Spanish Teignbridge,  
S Hams & Torbay**  
patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk  
www.kidslingo.co.uk

# Voucher for Spanish club



**Join our FUN AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH CLUB for 1  
FREE SESSION on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May from  
3:15pm - 4:15pm at The Grove Primary School\***

**IMPORTANT:** email [patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk](mailto:patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk) to book your FREE session.  
Please include the school's name, your child's full name and year group.

\*Only 5 available spaces!

\*Only valid for Year 1-Year 6 pupils attending the named school.

\*The free session must be booked in advance

\*Voucher valid on May, 2026



**TORQUAY BOYS'  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

**OPEN  
DAY**

Come and take  
a look  
**8 JULY**  
Tours at  
**9:30 & 2:00**

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# Dare to join a top Grammar School? It might not be as hard as you think...

If your son will be in Year 6 in September 2026, you can register to take the entrance tests for Torquay Boys' Grammar School from 1 March 2026. We're excited to welcome our next potential students!

The tests will be on Saturday, 19 September 2026 and they have been thoughtfully-designed to cover the Maths and English that your son has been learning at primary school. No extra tutoring is needed - just bring your enthusiasm.



## Additional Support for Pupil Premium Students

We believe every child should have a chance to shine, no matter their background. That's why we're excited to team up with Atom Learning. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium, they can access a fantastic free online programme to help build their confidence and skills for test success. It has been shown that students with a glimmer of academic potential make more progress in schools such as TBGS, and this offer of PP support is part of our continued effort to

encourage as many students as possible to consider us for secondary school.

Not eligible for Pupil Premium? You can still try Atom Learning with a free five-day trial on their website: [atomlearning.com](https://atomlearning.com).

To apply to take the tests, complete the online registration form: [tbgs.co.uk/join-us](https://tbgs.co.uk/join-us)

## Why you should dare to join us?

TBGS is renowned for providing students with:

- a top-quality, rich and varied curriculum, which enables academic progress, whilst encouraging inquisitive minds;
- a wide range of extra-curricular pursuits, and sporting opportunities, contributing to developing the whole person;
- a caring environment and strong pastoral system allowing the nurturing of academic excellence of each individual.

The essence of what TBGS strives to do is captured in our clear mission to:

- **enable** students' enjoyment of learning for its own sake, whilst developing their creative talents to fulfil their intellectual potential;
- **provide** individuals with the knowledge and skills to respond to a changing world with confidence and humility;
- **encourage** each person to be reflective, open-minded and principled so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

**Excellence Integrity Leadership**



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- A progressive musical training
- Groups - beginners to advanced
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**Come along and see for yourself!**

For more information, please see our website

**[www.sammtotnes.org](http://www.sammtotnes.org)**