



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th March

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Gymnastics competition
- ☺ Choir performance – this Friday at 3:00pm.
- ☺ Open session for parents and carers Monday at 3.30pm
- ☺ After School Club update
- ☺ Notice about parking
- ☺ Easter holiday club booking link
- ☺ Behaviour as communication - tips and discussions about how to manage behaviours
- ☺ PTA news and events

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



GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

What an amazing group of gymnasts. Congratulations to all who competed in our very first Grove School Gymnastics competition. Children chose a level to compete in, ranging from Rookie to Platinum Plus. All gave their very best and we are very proud of them. A huge thank you to KEVICC students who gave up their time to take on the very important role of judges. Well done everyone.

Choir Performance

Parents are invited to watch the children who attend Steps choir group performing in the school hall, this Friday 27th at 3:15pm.



Open session for parents and carers on Monday 30th March from 3:30-5pm

Please come in on Monday to meet the teachers and to look at your child's learning. Parents will need to be responsible for their children as it will be an 'open site' and so our usual safeguarding measures around entry into school won't be in place. We do hope you can make it. The lost property will also be out in the corridor.

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/>

April 7-10 (Tues-Fri) - *UNDER A ROCK*

April 13-16 (Mon-Thurs) - *FREE LIKE A BIRD*

At our holiday camps, children do a proper mix of activities and each week follows a particular theme. We have been running these much-loved camps in London since 2015 and are thrilled to be offering them in Totnes. Each day is fast-moving and designed to keep kids interested, engaged, and wanting to come back for more!

After School Club

Please find attached information regarding our new After School Club which starts from 1st April. Bookings are now available via ParentPay and you can find more information on our website including a pdf of FAQ's.

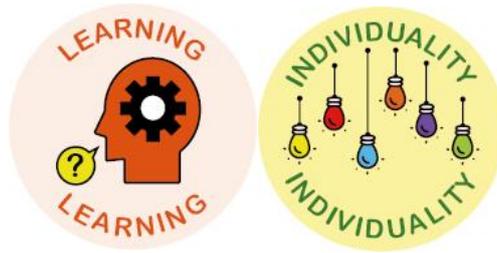
http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/before_school_club_after_school_club_and_holiday_club/273637

In the Summer Term, we will be sending out a questionnaire to gather constructive thoughts on how we could improve provision.

Polite Notice

Please be mindful when dropping children off at the front entrance if coming by car, we have received complaints that some cars park on the pavement causing people to walk on the road on their way to school and causing traffic jams.

Many thanks.



Behaviour as communication – Hurting others – Week 7

1. Stay calm and respond immediately

Children learn from the *tone* of the adult as much as the words. A calm, firm response shows that hurting others is taken seriously but doesn't turn the moment into something frightening or shame-based. Step in right away and use a steady voice: "I won't let you hit. Hitting hurts."

This keeps everyone safe and models emotional regulation.

2. Separate the behaviour from the child

Children act out for many reasons—frustration, sensory overload, lack of skills, or big emotions they can't manage yet. Labelling the behaviour, not the child, protects their self-esteem. Eg "That behaviour isn't okay" not: "You're naughty"

This helps them understand that the rule is the problem, not their identity.

3. Teach the missing skill

Hurting others is usually a sign that a child doesn't yet have a better tool for expressing a need. Teach alternatives such as: Using words ("I'm angry", "Stop", "Give it back"). Asking an adult for help. Taking space when overwhelmed. Using hands for safe actions (squeezing a pillow, clapping, pushing a wall)

Children don't magically "grow out of it"—they grow into new skills when adults teach them.

4. Look for patterns

Parents often discover that the behaviour has triggers. Common ones include: tiredness, hunger, transitions (leaving the house, ending screen time), overstimulation, feeling ignored, difficulty sharing or waiting.

Once you know the pattern, you can prevent many incidents before they happen.

5. Use consistent, predictable consequences

Consequences should be immediate, brief, related to the behaviour and calmly delivered. Eg. If they hit with a toy, the toy is put away for a short time, if they hurt someone, they take a break and then check in with the other person ("Are you okay?").

Consistency builds trust and clarity.

6. Repair the situation

Children need help learning how to make things right. This might include checking if the other person is okay, offering a gentle apology (when they're calm), helping clean up or fix something broken

Repair teaches empathy far better than punishment alone.

7. Praise positive behaviour

Catch them doing the right thing. "I saw you used your words instead of hitting. That was strong."
"You waited your turn. That was kind."

Positive reinforcement builds the behaviours you want to see more often.

8. Take care of the parent-child relationship

Children behave better when they feel connected. Even 10 minutes of one-on-one "special time" each day can reduce aggression dramatically eg Let the child choose the activity, give them your full attention, avoid correcting or teaching during this time

Connection fuels cooperation.

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.

PTA NEWS

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

PTA dates for your diary

This Friday – Bingo night

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

Disco

Thank you to all the children who came and enjoyed the disco - we all had a great time! A massive thank you to all the volunteers, we couldn't do it without you - we raised over £600!



Cake Sale

This week is Lilac Tree Class' turn to bake. We can't to see their delicious treats!
50p, cash/card on the field.

Easter raffle tickets will also be on sale, £1 each.

(No cake sale next week)

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

Tickets are on sale, available from the front desk, £1 per ticket. Cash/card.
Fantastic prizes, come and get your tickets!
This will be drawn next Thursday, last day of term.



Easter Bingo – THIS FRIDAY

Get your dabbers ready for Friday! Doors open at 6:30pm. Eyes down at 7pm

This is open to everyone not just Grove Schoolers so please let family and friends know. Children are welcome - probably more suited to Year 3 and above, but it's up to you. Come along and enjoy the fun!

Rainbow Prizes

It's an ask please. If you could donate items in your child's year group colour that we can use for prizes at our Easter bingo. (No fresh food items please)
Please bring them in to school from now to next Wednesday.

Acorns - Pink

Year 1 - Red

Year 2 – Orange

Year 3 - Yellow

Year 4 - Green

Year 5 - Blue

Year 6 – Purple

You can also donate items in any colour if that's easier.





Easter Bonnet Hat Competition - Friday 2nd April

(Last Day of term)

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

Please support these events and donations – all monies raised will go towards the astroturf and items needed in the school for the children.



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>

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

Open sessions for parents and carers – Monday 30th March, 3:30 – 5:00pm

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

Year 5 Residential Okehampton Adventure - Wednesday 1st April – Thursday 2nd 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.



April 7-10 (Tues-Fri) - UNDER A ROCK
April 13-16 (Mon-Thurs) - FREE LIKE A BIRD

At our holiday camps, children do a proper mix of activities and each week follows a particular theme. We have been running these much-loved camps in London since 2015 and are thrilled to be offering them in Totnes. Each day is fast-moving and designed to keep kids interested, engaged, and wanting to come back for more!



Easter *Bingo*

Friday 27th March 2026

Doors Open
6.30pm

Grove School Hall.

Eyes Down 7pm

Bingo Caller **Rob Ashford!**





**EASTER
HAT
COMPETITION**

**THURSDAY 2ND
APRIL**

**GET DESIGNING
YOUR FABULOUS
CREATIONS!**

Prizes for the best Easter
Hat!
Mufti for £1!

The poster features a large yellow Easter egg in the center. At the top, there are two large pink bunny ears, a red beret, and several white daisies. On the left, a white cartoon rabbit sits on a green grassy patch. A red dotted line with a heart at the end winds around the right side of the egg. At the bottom, there are small icons of a rainbow, a globe, and other items.



**EASTER
RAFFLE**

Lots of Fabulous Prizes!

Tickets £1 each from the
Front Desk.

**TO BE DRAWN
ON THE 2ND OF
APRIL.**

The poster features a central white cartoon rabbit sitting on a large, light-orange Easter egg. The egg is surrounded by various Easter-themed illustrations: carrots, colorful patterned Easter eggs, and pink flowers. At the bottom, there are small icons of a rainbow, a globe, and other items.

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:

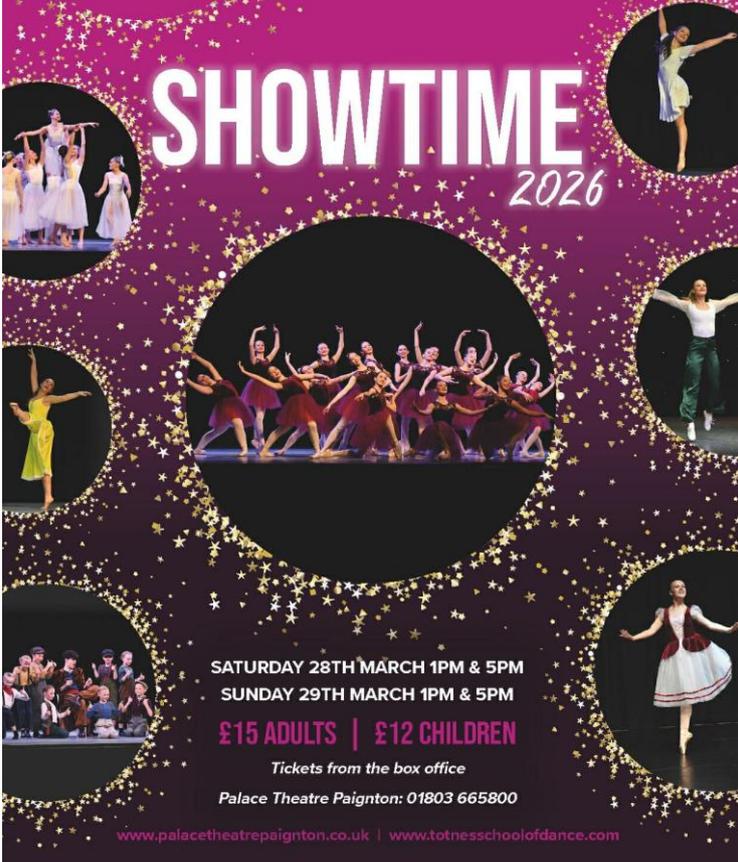
- 🔍 Search for activities by area or age
- 📖 View available sessions
- ✓ Check eligibility automatically
- 📁 Manage bookings all in one place

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



TOTNES SCHOOL OF DANCE
Est. 31 Years

SHOWTIME 2026



SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 1PM & 5PM
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 1PM & 5PM

£15 ADULTS | £12 CHILDREN

Tickets from the box office
Palace Theatre Paignton: 01803 665800

www.palacetheatrepaignton.co.uk | www.totnesschoolofdance.com

Back by popular demand!
Community Garden Fundraiser

EASTER EGG HUNT

LEECHWELL GARDEN, TOTNES

Easter Mon 6 April, 2026

11:00am – 12:30pm

£1 suggested donation per person
Donation-based refreshment stall
available



WITH THANKS TO :



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

07445495059 info@bettertogetherbecca.co.uk

