



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 26th November

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class, Rain – Learning, super reading. Lottie – Learning, lovely writing.

Lilac Tree Class, Emily & Elva – Love, showing others an amazing passion for maths, completing levels in numbots – wow!

Lime Tree Class, Rebecca, Individuality, You are a superstar, always doing your best and willing to help. Zack, Learning, a great mathematician, spotting patterns and explaining.

Willow Tree Class, Aaron, Learning, smashing your times tables check. You are a star! Asante, Love, you're a lovely, kind and talented chap!

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Arthur G, Love, We love how hard you try in school, always kind & considerate, a great role model. Aurora, Learning, trying so hard with your learning and making great progress.

Juniper Tree Class, Charlie, Learning, always working so hard & smashing your times tables. Millie, working hard to Communicate your needs, getting support & helping others.

Flame Tree Class, Tiago, Happiness - amazing energy in netball today! Arlo, Love, always being a model pupil, thank you for your kind approach to everything.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Ava, learning, smashing your maths leagues sheet – a maths genius! Louie, Individuality, for the quiet determination you show in all your learning.

Trumpet Tree Class, Jess, for always giving 100% in your Learning! Logan, Communication, lovely inspiring conversations on our nature walk this week.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary: ☺

- ☺ Yr 5/6 singing Christmas songs in the grounds of Totnes Castle Tuesday 2nd December @ 2pm
- ☺ School Food Standards survey – please complete this second survey and help us raise money.
- ☺ Benevolent Fund info
- ☺ Introducing the Grove School Council
- ☺ Christmas Fair and Mufti this Friday

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



Christmas has arrived at The Grove

A huge thank you to Jenni for sprinkling Christmas throughout our school – it feels magical!



CHRISTMAS SINGING

Year 5 and 6 will be singing Christmas Songs in the grounds of The Castle next Tuesday 2nd December at 2pm. Come along and share the festive fun!



School Food Standards survey – Second Part

As shared before, our school is taking part in a national pilot run by the Department of Health and Social Care, working with the Department for Education. Verian, a research agency, is helping to test updated School Food Standards to make sure school meals are healthy, balanced, and enjoyable for children. You can find all the details here: <https://www.veriangroup.com/en-gb/school-food-standards-pilot>

We now invite you to complete the second and final 5-minute survey with your child. Each completed survey will bring £1 directly to our school, so by taking part, you'll be supporting both national change and helping us invest in the things that matter for our students.

You can complete the survey here: <https://horizons.confirmit.eu/wix/p725584653352.aspx?schID=2>
Please note, all responses are anonymous.

Thank you once again for your time and support.



Benevolent Fund and School Fund on parent pay

We are running very low on our benevolent fund (about £30 left). This fund helps support families in need with things like trips or School Christmas Lunch etc to make sure children can be included when ever possible. If you are able, and would like to, please donate just a little Christmas Cheer to this fund on parent pay.

Also on Parent pay you will see a School Fund pot – this fund is different and goes directly into classroom extras to support learning and play.



INTRODUCING THE GROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL: 2025 – 2026

Hello! We are The Grove School Council for this year. We are very excited to introduce ourselves. So many of us wanted to be in The School Council that we have been divided into three teams.

There are eight of us in the Communication Team. We are: Phoebe, Grace T, Grace W, Cerys, Elsie, Elliott, Elspeth and Winnie.

The Research and Action Team are: Ada, Rosie, Ella, Jess, Bridget, Ewan, Jack and Iris.

The Fundraising Team are comprised of: Merla, Meriel, Primrose, Ava, Daisy, Bea, Maddie and Libby.

The School Council is here to make the school a better place. We are very excited about making things happen!

Contact us via Miss Fernyhough: helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA NEWS

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



Join the Facebook page too: The Grove School PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR & MUFTI – This Friday 28th November

Acorns and Year 1/2 – Please could you bring in cakes, biscuits etc.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Please could you bring bottles, chocolates, shower gels, body sprays etc for the tombola.



THANK YOU

RAFFLE - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

MAKE SURE YOU BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS READY FOR FRIDAY - WE HAVE SOME AMAZING PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

A huge thank you for all the donations towards our Christmas Raffle:

Large fishtank from Newton pets and Aquatics

Gazebo - £75 voucher

Me and East

Roly's Fudge

Greenlife hamper

The Rabbit Hole Studio - 2 night stay

Conkers belt

One and Eight earrings



Canteen - £20 voucher
Totnes Cinema - 2 tickets
Salago - £20 voucher
Folk - £50 voucher
Eastgate bookshop - £10 voucher
Avon Mill - cream teas
Yoga and Meditation mini retreat - Dartmoor Reach Alpaca Farm
iBounce admissions voucher
Totnes Rare Breeds Farm admissions voucher
Things Happen Here - Event voucher
Totnes Kayaks Canoe Adventure voucher
Tune up services - Totnes Bike Hub
Balti King - £40 voucher
Guided Tasting - Sandridge Barton
Greenfibres - £25 voucher
Venus voucher - £40
1h private Sauna at Bowden Springs Farm
Dartmouth Golf Club voucher
South Devon Railway Travel Voucher

... and numerous other small prizes.

See you all on Friday!



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

New date of Friday 5th December @ 7pm in the school hall. Includes mulled wine and mince pies.

£20 per person, please book and pay for your place by the 21st November – cash/card, forms are at reception.

Places are filling up!

Lantern Workshop

Wow what a fantastic morning last Sunday! A massive THANK YOU to Hazel Coxon for giving up your time and helping children make fabulous fish lanterns!



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>

Year 5/6 singing Christmas Songs in the grounds of The Castle - Tuesday 2nd December 2pm

PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 28th November 5-8pm

Year 3/4 Christmas Production - Tuesday 9th December @ The Ariel Centre Performances are 1.30 and 6pm.

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 9th December in the hall at 2pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December at 2.15pm

Choir club parents performance in hall – Friday 12th December at 3.15 after school

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

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.

LANTERN FESTIVAL PROCESSION - Tuesday 16th December

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the families who came along to the free Lantern Workshop this weekend! The children were incredible and produced a **spectacular shoal of rainbow fish!** We are delighted to confirm that approximately 80 students took part this year, thanks to the funding from the **PTA** that made this wonderful opportunity possible.

We hope you can join us to see the **Shoal of 'Grove Fish' light up the night!** Please remember to bring a stick or a simple umbrella to hang your lantern from.

The procession will take place on **Tuesday, 16th December.**

Meet at 4:15pm in Rotherfold Square (by The Bull Inn).

The lantern procession will follow the Samba band down the High Street and conclude in **The Dartmouth Inn Square**, where Tony Gee will tell the story of "How Totnes Welcomed the World to Totnes"... including your gorgeous fish! The procession should take approximately 45-60 minutes.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Friday 5th of December

Grove School Hall At 7pm

£20pp everything supplied.

**Includes a glass of mulled wine and a
mince pie.**

Please book by the 21st of November.

Payment taken when booking.

**Please find a form at the front desk,
payment of Cash or Card accepted.**

The Grove School



CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

5PM-8PM

Burgers & Chips

Tombola

Hook a Duck

Santa's Grotto

Raffle

Elfridges

Cakes & Mince Pies

Mystery Christmas Bag

Nerf the Elf

Adopt a Teddy



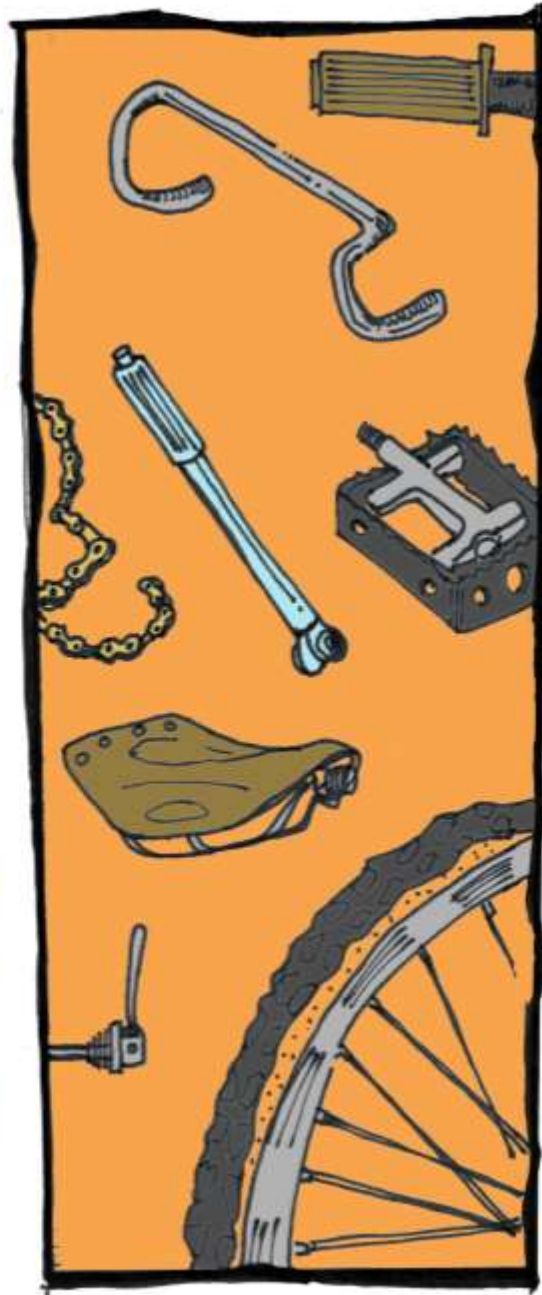


Bike Jumble!

Join us for the sale of second
hand bikes and parts.

Saturday
December
Sixth

10am - 2pm



Pulse Building, The Mansion, 36a Fore Street, Totnes. TQ9 5RP



Christmas

at Totnes United **Free** Church


56 Fore Street, Totnes, TQ9 5RU



Christmas Market Nights:

Tues 2nd, 9th and 16th December,
5-8:30pm at TUFC

Take a break from the bustling Christmas market to ponder the real meaning of Christmas, enjoy a festive drink and remember a loved one.



Christingle Service:


Sun 14th December, 4pm at TUFC

What does an orange have to do with Christmas? Find out as we have fun creating our own christingles and singing some carols.

Carol Service:

Sun 21st December, 6pm at **Totnes Civic Hall**

Come along and sing your favourite carols, revisit the Christmas story and enjoy seasonal refreshments.



Christmas Day Celebration:

25th December, 10am at TUFC

A short, joy-filled service celebrating the birth of Jesus.

