



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

Dove Tree Class, Pearl, Learning, super maths thinking. Harper, Love, for being such a kind, helpful girl.

Lilac Tree Class, Viktoriia, Learning, amazing independent work completing her rainbow tasks. Emily, Happiness, super helpful and encouraging, with a smile on her face every day.

Lime Tree Class, Rory, Learning, for being an amazing mathematician and always up for a challenge. Oscar, Love, for always being such a kind and thoughtful member of the class.

Willow Tree Class, Frankie, Love, for being such a kind and caring member of Willow. Theo, Learning, for trying so hard with presentation.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Emily, Love, she is so helpful reliable and will always be a fantastic role model. Aria, Individuality, so creative, focused and always kind.

Juniper Tree Class, Bella, Happiness, for constantly making all her friends happy when they need it. Amy, Learning, for amazing independent maths work when adding and taking away money.

Flame Tree Class, Tiago, Happiness, wow what an amazing learner! You have contributed with enthusiasm in all lessons. Rainer, Love, you have shown such focus this week, always with a smile.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Bella, Individuality, for being such a talented learner who was always engaged in everything we do. Ana, Learning, for having such confidence in your maths abilities.

Trumpet Tree Class, Merla, Learning, your work ethic is brilliant, always trying your very best in all subjects. Liam, Learning, trying really hard in his maths tests – well done!

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

### Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ A reminder that next week is a bank holiday Monday (4<sup>th</sup> May)
- ☺ Kitchen help role required Thursdays and Fridays
- ☺ Early Years teaching assistant required
- ☺ We are looking for new governors

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



### **Kitchen role**

We will have a kitchen role coming up for two days a week on Thursdays and Fridays soon. The role is for general help around the kitchen starting at 11am and finishing at 1:30pm. If you want to chat a bit more about it or know someone who might be interested in working with Marco then please get in touch. [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **Early Years teaching assistant required.**

Ali Priest has decided it is the right time for her to retire from her long career in education, first as a teacher and then with us as a Teaching Assistant. She has lots of exciting plans and will leave after the May/June half term.

This leaves us looking for an Early Years specialist teaching assistant with experience in preschool and Reception aged children in a school / nursery setting as an essential requirement to replace this full time role in Reception and Nursery, preferably in June but definitely for September. Please get in touch if you may be interested, or if you know someone who would be perfect as we will be advertising soon.

Contact [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)



### **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.



### **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](mailto:chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk).**

**The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 30th April.**

**Ian Stewart, Chair of Governor**



### **PTA NEWS**

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

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

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Father's Day order forms home

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Father's Day order forms back

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Mufti for sweets (Sweets cones for Summer Fair)



**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 Lime Tree's turn to bake.

Next Friday – Ginkgo Tree, we cant to see your delicious tasty treats!

### **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 will be sent home next Wednesday if you would like to order a gift.

Forms need to be returned by 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>

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 trip to Woodlands - ParentPay

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Reception trip to Paignton Zoo - ParentPay

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last day of term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Back to school

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.*



## Pay What You Feel Cafe

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Teas, filter coffee & cakes from 11am

Hot vegetarian lunch with vegan options

12 noon until 2pm

United Free Church, Totnes TQ9 5RP

**Live music, free entry, no need to book**

Our food is local, surplus, organic. All profits support local families in crisis with fresh food.



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## Open Mornings

Thursday 2nd July  
& Friday 10th July 2026  
9.00am to 11.00am



We have seen **record applications** to our College in 2026. Our Summer Open Mornings are a fantastic opportunity to come and see why so many students, parents and carers are making us their first choice school.



[www.kingedwardvi.org.uk](http://www.kingedwardvi.org.uk)



Are you ready for a summer of fun & laughter?

# Girls Cricket

If you are aged between 9 - 12 yrs  
we would love to have you join our first ever  
Girls Team at Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club.

**1<sup>st</sup> May - 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026 (every Friday)**  
**18:00 - 19:30**

**Stoke Gabriel CC; Hoyle Lane, Stoke Gabriel, TQ96TF**

Contact Jason Gonifas to let us know  
you're wanting to give it a go!

Phone: 07758 802507  
Email: [Jason.gonifas@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.gonifas@gmail.com)





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For more info email  
[Ben.Thompson@paafc.co.uk](mailto:Ben.Thompson@paafc.co.uk)

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