



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 24th June

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class, Skye, Learning, lovely dragon poem. Rahim, Learning, trying really hard with his spelling.

Lilac Tree Class, Emma, Happiness, always a smile brightening everyone's day. Rowan, Learning, amazing attitude to learning - giving it his all, wow!

Lime Tree Class, Joni, Learning, for making a super card, staying focused for a long time, very neat writing! Dalton, learning, for making an amazing effort learning your phonics and applying it to your writing.

Willow Tree Class, Arie, Individuality, for all your fantastic contributions in class. Rosie, Love, always kind and caring to all.

The whole of Mountain Ash Tree Class – Happiness - what a fantastic day we had on our trip to Sharpham!

Juniper Tree Class, William, Love, he has a pure love for life and for everything he does. Eliza, Love, showing true love for everything.

Flame Tree Class, Issy, Learning, such amazing maths this week - smashing long multiplication. Ray, Happiness, such a lovely day yesterday - you were always so happy.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Tallulah, Communication, you are an insightful, interesting individual who's great in our class discussions Oskar B, Learning, for being an absolute whiz when it comes to perfect numbers factors and multiples.

Trumpet Tree Class, Prim, Happiness, amazing outfit and engagement during our WW2 trip - you really got immersed in the day. Theo, Learning, brilliant confidence when reading in front of the class and when answering questions.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Hot weather
- ☺ Props for the Yr5/6 play
- ☺ The Grove Choir
- ☺ Grove School Whatsapp Community currently deactivated
- ☺ Skills bank - Register your interest to help us
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events

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



Hot weather adaptations

Thank you everyone for helping us to manage the hot weather. Obviously, we are taking it slow and calm when the children are here - for instance, if they do PE they only do gentle activities in the shade. We are also having World Cup style hydration breaks!

I can see that some of you have sensibly adapted the uniform when needed and that's a good idea if you want to send your child in lighter clothes. The weather forecast has now changed for Friday and is now expected to be hot so we will offer the half day option until the end of this week. Some children manage the heat well and some don't – if your child is really struggling, we will call to let you know.

PLEASE **LET US KNOW** IN THE MORNING IN PERSON OR BY EMAIL IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE YOUR CHILD AND WHAT **TIME** PLEASE. We will then be able to make sure your child is in Reception waiting for you.

IF YOUR CHILD USUALLY WALKS HOME ON THEIR OWN THEN WE MUST HAVE PERMISSION FOR THEM TO LEAVE EARLY.

Props for Year 5/6 play

Preparations for the play are coming along brilliantly, but we are looking for a few props. If anyone has any of the following and wouldn't mind letting us borrow them for the play that would be amazing! Thanks

Feather duster
Walkie talkies (x 3)
Inflatable or toy saxophone
Water squirter
Soft mallet
Large torches
A wig
Joystick

The Grove Choir and Year 5 Choir



A huge well done for your performance at Dartington Great hall. You sang so beautifully. Each and everyone of you are amazing.

Also a big thank you to parents for your support. Steph 🎵

Praise for the choir...

I do not have the words to say how wonderful your choir was last week - the impact was astonishing. We will be booking you all next year!

Please pass our heartfelt thanks to all of your children and a massive thank you to the parents who brought them up to the hall.

I think we ran the most talked about conference in the world of family law thanks to you and your wonderful choir.

Dates for Choir

Assembly Monday 6th July

Parent performance Friday 17th July 3:15pm



Our Grove School Community Whatsapp

It appears that Our Grove School Whatsapp Community was deactivated. We are not sure how and by who? If you have any information regarding this, we would be very grateful. Please contact admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. Until it is reactivated, we are not able to post any information or reminders. Apologies for the inconvenience - we will keep you posted.

Guitar Lessons and Piano lessons

The school guitar teacher Steve Dow will have vacancies for new guitar students from September 2026. For further information about lessons please contact Steve - stevedow@ymail.com

The school piano teacher Neil Reed will have vacancies for new piano students from September 2026. For further information about lessons please contact Neil on teaching@reedmusic.uk



Register your interest to help us.

We were hoping to set up a list of people with skills we could call on if we need some help – tradespeople, therapists, handy people, - pretty much anything. Please let us know if you would volunteer with your services or do us a mates rates deal. Please send your details to Jo Counter at jcounter@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

(Competitive sports day postponed due to weather)

This Friday 26th June – Summer Disco

Wednesday 1st July – Sponsored run

Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair 5pm – 8pm (KSI Mufti for cakes / KS2 Mufti for tombola gifts please)

Monday 6th July – PTA AGM

Friday 10th July – Lolly sale

Friday 17th 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



Next bake sale

Friday 3rd July – Acorns & KSI to bake for Summer Fair



Summer Disco – Next Friday 26th June

Letters have gone home. If you can help, especially with Acorns and KSI, please let Jenni know. jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
Please sign up by Thursday so we know numbers.

Summer fair – Friday 3rd July – only a month away!

We would be grateful for any donations of unwanted gifts (please no large toys or books) to make the fair a success.

We really need lots of donations please!



Tombola - chocolate, toiletries, stationery, new toys, bottles, shampoo, body lotions etc

Teddies – pre loved teddies or cuddly toys

Raffle Prizes – if anyone can donate prizes that would be amazing

Mystery bag – bottles, fizz, alcohol, cans, beans, fruit, cake etc, shower gels, body sprays – or any gift item that will fit into a bottle gift bag.

Please start leaving items in reception or give to a member of staff on the field. Thank you.



Sponsored Run – New Date Wednesday 1st July – On ParentPay

Sponsor forms have been sent home. You can combine siblings on one form. Money raised will go towards new astroturf. Have fun filling your forms!

PTA AGM – Monday 6th July

The AGM will be held in school at 7pm. All welcome to attend.



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 <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Monday 29th – Tuesday 30th June - Transition mornings
Wednesday 1st July – Sponsored Run
Monday 6th July – Meet the new teacher open evening
Monday 13th July – Years 1 and 2 Goodrington Beach day
Wednesday 15th July – Year 5/6 show

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.



Kaleidoscope holiday activity camps are returning to **The Grove** this summer!

Themes & Dates

Camps run Monday to Thursday each week:

- **27–30 July:** 🐘 The Animal Lunch 🐿
- **3–6 August:** 🎭 Character Carnival 🧑
- **10–13 August:** 💧 Splish Splash! ☀
- **17–20 August:** 🕒 Time Travellers 🗺


Special Offers

- **15% early bird discount:** Use code YKR3W8MB
- before June 26th
- **Sibling savings:** Contact us for a custom code
- **Hot lunch option** - prepared by Marco
- **Limited spaces:** Book early to avoid disappointment

You can book your child's spot online today via the [Kaleidoscope Booking Portal](#) or ring/whatsapp us on 07733376528

Supporting Your School

Did you know that every single booking helps the school community? We operate a profit-sharing model with The Grove and a portion of your fee goes directly back to them.

 **See You at the Fair!**

We'll be hosting a stall at the school fair so please drop by for fun activities and great prizes!



Mufti Day!

Friday 3rd July.

Children can wear their own clothes .

Please donate:



KS1 : Cakes & Biscuits



KS2: Bottles & Toiletries

For the Tombola at the summer fayre.



Thank you!



THE GROVE SCHOOL PTA
PRESENTS

DISCO



FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

ACORNS, Y1 & Y2 : 3.15PM - 4.15PM £4

Y3 & Y4 : 4.30PM - 5.30PM £4

Y5 & Y6 : 5.45PM - 6.45PM £4

SUMMER FAIR

Friday 3rd July
5-8pm

THE GROVE SCHOOL, TOTNES.

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

Tombola



Bar

Raffle

Teddies

Festival painting

BBQ

Fire Engine



Plus lots more...



South Devon Fun with Dads Project



Calling all dads & children

Summer Camp 2026

An amazing overnight camp really near the beach
at Terawhiti Farm, South Milton. Nr. Kingsbridge. Devon. TQ7 3JT

Sat. 18th - Sun. 19th July

- beach games • soft archery
- dad jokes • BBQ & marshmallows •
- glow-worm walk • campfire stories



£5 - £20 (sliding scale)

Camping equipment can be borrowed
www.bookwhen.com/southdevondads
any questions? email: info@thedadsnetwork.org

Booking essential





18th, 19th & 20th September 2026

DadFest DevonTM

Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson. Kingsbridge,
South Devon. TQ7 2HW

Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK' in 2015 & 2025
The only UK festival just for dads & their children.

- campfire stories • water-rockets • bat walk
- Forest School • board games • rifle range
- wrestling show • arts & craft • sport skills
- kids disco • music workshops • archery
- slip n slide • beach trip • food & drink • & more...
- + 2026 World Dad Dancing Championship

Dads/ male carers with children of all ages welcome

DadFest 2026 tickets must be bought in advance

Dad + 1 child (all ages): £109

Dad + 2 children (all ages): £119

Dad + 3 children (all ages): £129



Ticket includes camping & all activities - nothing more to pay
Get food tickets too: £40 (dad): £30 (children)

To book search 'ticket tailor DadFest Devon'

or email: info@thedadsnetwork.org



RIVERSCHOOL

Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide



HOLIDAY CLUB

age 8-14

2026

Half-term: May 26-28th

July 27-29th

August 3-7th, 10-14th, 17-18th, 24-26th

October 27-29th



£40/£45

Tax Free Child Care

-Free HAF-funded places-

- Travel by Canoe to our woodland basecamp
- Paddlesports
- Bushcraft
- Nature art and craft
- Raft building
- Wild swimming
- Fishing
- Campfire cooking
- Story telling
- Wildlife and river care
- Games + free play

Activities may include



Where are we?

From the quayside
Stoke Gabriel

RIVERSCHOOL

Our provision is delivered by Canoe Adventures Ltd, operating since 1999 with a proven, accredited safety track record.

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