



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 15th October

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class, Isabella, Learning – fantastic writing! Cillian, Learning, excellent progress in reading and writing.

Lilac Tree Class, Eva and Cara – Love, helping others complete their work, taking the time to encourage others. Amazing girls!

Lime Tree Class, Fraser – Learning, amazing engagement and actions during singing performance. Polly, Love, always kind, including others and being helpful.

Willow Tree Class, Nell, Happiness – for being such a positive, kind and caring member of the class. Ellis, Love, for being so much fun and a lovely chap.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Freddie P, Learning – super attitude and focus, you are making so much progress. Natasha, Communication – we are so proud of you being brave in class, asking for support if you need it, well done!

Juniper Tree Class, Happiness for the whole Juniper Class – thank you for being such superstars on our trip to Apricot Farm.

Flame Tree Class, Finley – Learning, a really focussed week of learning. Ella E, Love, what a pleasure to watch you love all your learning and such a kind member of Flame.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Libby, Learning, for incredible maths, smashing maths leagues, such a whizzy mathematician. Bea P – Communication, for your great contributions to our class, you are a confident and motivated learner.

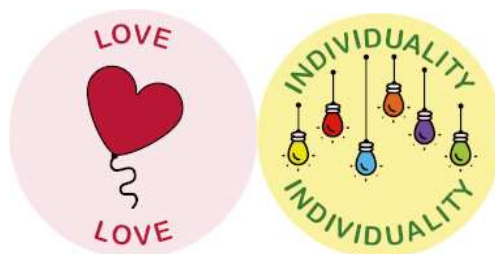
Trumpet Tree Class, Flo – Learning, for showing exceptional enthusiasm in her learning, especially in maths. April – Happiness, always working to the best of her ability with a smile.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Trumpet parent consults postponed
- ☺ School Food Standards Survey
- ☺ Secondary school applications – Deadline 31st October
- ☺ Disco on Friday – Disco Clothes
- ☺ **Mufti Day is now on Friday 7th November – Bring sweets for cones for Christmas Fair**
- ☺ Benevolent fund
- ☺ Holiday Club link for October half term
- ☺ Lilac bake sale this Thursday

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



Mr Alex Tye

Thank you so much for all the lovely messages about Mr Tye. There were too many to reply to all of them but I have passed them on to his family and they were so grateful. If you'd like to send cards to his family, we can deliver them for you. Thank you also for your kind understanding about Monday – we are all so very sad and still in shock. The time was very useful for us to help process this hard-hitting news and plan how to support your children.



Parent consultations

We will need to delay parent consultations for Trumpet Tree Class. All other classes will be as planned in the week of the 10th November. We will let you have a new date for Trumpet Tree as soon as we can. Thank you for your understanding.

Subject: 5-min survey - For every response £1 goes to our school

Our school is taking part in a national pilot run by the Department of Health and Social Care, working with the Department for Education. They have commissioned Verian (www.veriangroup.com), a research agency, to test the updated School Food Standards designed to make sure school meals are healthy, balanced, and enjoyable for children.

As part of the pilot, our school menu will change next term so that the updated standards can be tested in practice.

As part of the research, parents / carers will be invited to complete two short surveys (around 5 minutes each) together with your child - one before the changes to menus (in October) and one after (in November). All responses are anonymous and will only be used for research purposes.

Please take part by completing the first of the two 5-minute surveys with your child (the second will be sent in November). 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.confirmat.eu/wix/p983710637822.aspx?schID=2>

Please note, all responses are anonymous.

Please note that the survey will be open until Sunday the 2nd of November.

Thank you very much for your time and support.

Year 6 transferring to secondary school in September 2026 – Message from DCC

We are now over halfway through the application window for Secondary school admissions into Year 7 next September. We understand that parents and children are still visiting schools and weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming. Within the admissions portal there is the facility to identify whether your Year 6 pupils have made their application for Secondary School.

The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2025.

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.



Benevolent Fund

Please support our families in need if you are able. On ParentPay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips and pay for some school meals. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences or a hot healthy meal at lunchtime so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.

Holiday Club

Please see link below for information and bookings for a holiday club available at Grove this half term.

[October Half-term Holiday Club at The Grove School in Totnes – Kaleidoscope](#)

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



Cake Sale

Tomorrow Thursday 16th is Lilac Tree class! We look forward to their delicious treats!

After school on the field. Cakes are 50p each (card/cash)

(Next week will be Willow Tree Class' turn to bake on FRIDAY)

FRIDAY BAKE SALES:

24th October: Willow Class

7th November: Mountain Ash Class

14th November: Lime Class

21st November: Trumpet Class

28th November: Christmas Fair

AUTUMN DISCO – This Friday – On Parentpay

Letters have gone out with permission slips. Please pay by Thursday.

You only need to return the permission slips if you are paying by cash.

Help! - If you can help with any of the disco's that would be fantastic! We need lots of help for Acorns, Years 1 & 2 (they love tattoos) - please see Jenni or email jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk Thanks.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

New date of Friday 5th December @ 7pm

More details of how to book your place will be sent out after half term.

Bottle bags

It's a want please, if you have any unwanted gift bottle bags – we would love them for the Christmas Fair please.

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

AUTUMN DISCO This Friday, come to school in disco clothes.

MUFTI DAY (bring sweets contributions for the Christmas Fair): **Changed to - Friday 7th Nov**

MOVIE NIGHT Friday 14th November

MUFTI and CHRISTMAS FAIR: Friday 28th November

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING for beginners: Friday 5th December

**ANY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS/CLOTHES
(ADULTS/CHILDRENS/TODDLERS) THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR
THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE FRONT DESK
ANY TIME THIS TERM.**



Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available for a donation in the front entrance.



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>

Apricot Farm Trip Willow Tree – Friday 17th October (sign up on ParentPay)

Year 6 Junior Life Skills – Thursday 16th October

Year 6 Residential - Monday 20th October until Friday 24th October

October half term – Monday 27th October

First day back – Monday 3rd November

Parent Consultations – Week commencing Monday 10th November

Tempest Photography Individuals and Siblings – Thursday 13th November

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

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.

Young People's Theatre

Playground
Arts



October Half Term Clubs



'Telling Tales' 6-9 yrs

The Mansion 27th & 28th
October

10am - 2:30pm

£65

Amended dates

'Create a Play in
2 Days' 10-14 yrs

MiC 29th & 30th October

10:30am - 4pm



Questions welcome - for more info contact Sarah 07387553237
playgroundartstheatre@gmail.com

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Kids

LIGHT
PARTY

£1 per
child

**HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE
FOR RECEPTION - YEAR 6**

(NO SCARY FANCY DRESS PLEASE)

**FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 4:30PM - 6PM
TOTNES UNITED FREE CHURCH**

**GAMES - CRAFTS - HOT DOGS -
MARSHMALLOW TOASTING**

PLEASE BOOK VIA THE QR CODE >>>

