



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18th December

Party Clothes/Mufti on Friday

Merry Christmas and a Fabulous 2025



Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Party clothes this Friday – all day
- ☺ The Grove School Cookery Book is here £10
- ☺ Book to come dine with me
- ☺ Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December
- ☺ First Day back – Tuesday 7th January 2025
- ☺ Juniper Class swimming – Monday 13th January 5 weeks
- ☺ PTA January Quiz – 24th January

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



The Grove School makes top rankings in South West

Read this clip with the understanding there are 20,751 state primary schools in England, 2,319 in the South West and 416 in Devon.

This means The Grove is in the top 1.4% in England in terms of outcomes for children, 0.3% in the South West and ranked 2nd in Devon:

‘Two Devon schools have also made it into the top primary schools in the south west - state only. Wilcombe Primary School in Tiverton, is ranked 4th with a national ranking of 65th. The Grove School in Totnes is in 8th position with a national ranking of 299th.’

https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/sunday-times-parent-power-guide-9772115?utm_source=app



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone (Simon, Jenny, Ed, Mark, Dan, Tom and Linda) who gave up their time to help with the playground development. The children now have a stage, units for playing on and storing toys, and a transformed roof terrace.

Watch this space for further opportunities to help as more items are delivered.

EXCITING TIMES!

Local info over the holidays from Devon County Council:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/3c3fde3>



The Grove School Cookery Book

It's here and beautiful - £10 a copy with over 70 recipes that children love to eat!



Come Dine with me

We are delighted to offer an opportunity for parents to join their child for a school lunch. You are invited to join your child and have a school dinner with them at their lunch time. If you have more than one child it might be nice to book separate days for each child.

To book, please look at the menu and choose your date and let Rebecca / Sarah know at the front desk or by email.

Meals cost £2.50, please bring cash with you when you arrive.

Meal times:

Acorns – Reception class – 11:30am

Dove, Lime and Lilac – Year 1 and 2 – 12:00 midday

Juniper, Mountain Ash, Willow – Year 3 and 4 – 12:20pm

Flame, Ginkgo, Trumpet- Year 5 and 6 – 12:40pm



Have you joined our School Lottery?

It's an easy way to support the school with some nice winnings available too.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/referral/I049834246/750386967?utm_source=manual

PTA

The PTA would like to say a massive THANK YOU for all your support this term with fundraising for the cake sales, disco, quiz night, movie night, Christmas cards and the Christmas fair!

The money raised at these events will go towards enhancing the children's learning and new astro turf which is desperately needed!



Thank you again for all your continued support. And generosity, we could not do this without you! Merry Christmas.

Food bank

The staff at the food bank were overwhelmed with all the lovely goodies they received from you. They said THANK YOU! for all your kind and generous donations.



Christmas Quiz – Postponed until Friday 24th January

The quiz on Friday 24th January kicks off the Spring term fundraising. Please book your team by emailing helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
Maximum 6 in a team - £5 per person

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

Dates for your diary this term <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December – and party day – children wear party clothes

First Day back – Tuesday 7th January 2025

Juniper Class swimming – Monday 13th January 5 week

Flame Tree Planting All Day at Sharpham Wed 22nd January

Christmas Quiz – Friday 24th January 2025

Years 5 and 6 Plymouth Uni trip – Tuesday 21st January

Ginkgo Tree Planting All Day at Sharpham Mon 3rd February-

Trumpet Tree Planting All Day at Sharpham Wed 5th February

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.

St Mary's
Sunday 22nd December
Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30pm
Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Christmas Day
Family Service 10.30am

St John's
Sunday 8th December
Family Nativity Service 10.00am
Sunday 15th December
Carol Service 4.00pm
Christmas Eve Christingle
3.00pm & 5.00pm
Christmas Day Holy Communion
10.00am

Totnes United Free Church
Sunday 15th December
Family Christmas Preparation Service 10.30am
Sunday 22nd December
Carols by Candlelight 5.30pm
Christmas Day
Family Service 10.30am

Totnes Methodist Church
Sunday 15th December
Carol Service 10.30am
Christmas Day
Service 10.00am

St Mary & St George RC Church
Christmas Eve
Carols 8.30pm
Midnight Mass 9.00pm
Christmas Day
Christmas Day Mass 9.30am

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Services*

*Join us this
Christmas*

BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Partnership with TQ9: Together We Care Programme and South Hams Family Hub

All donations will go to the 'TQ9: Together We Care' programme organised by Caring Town Totnes.

Bouncy Fun is funded by Totnes Town Council, SouthHams District Council and Devon County Council



Sessions available

between 13:00 - 16:00 on:

Mon 23rd, Fri 28th, Sat 29th, Mon 30th Dec
and Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Jan

The sessions are on a pay-what-you-can basis (free if that is what you can afford). A collection tin will be on the reception desk and 100% of all donations will support the programme.

- No need to book but limited capacity.
 - The sessions are parent supervised.
 - The sessions are for families with children up to the age of 8.
 - Sessions are in the Sports Hall at Totnes Leisure Centre.
- What's available at the centre:
- Bouncy castle
 - Soft play
 - Music
 - Warm space
 - Seating area
 - Tea and coffee, plus fruit for the kids
 - Free wifi and charging points



SEND Session Times: 10:30-12:30

Totnes Leisure Centre
Borough Park Road
Totnes TQ9 5XW
01803 862992

