



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 16th July

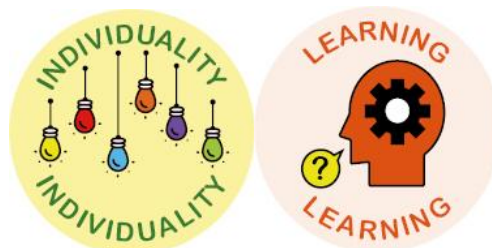
Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Well done The Grove School – amazing SATS results throughout.
- ☺ Children start new term on Wednesday 3rd September, 'Meet the Teachers' session on Monday 8th at 3:30pm
- ☺ Meal time assistant required – please apply.
- ☺ School meal price increase to £2.75 in September
- ☺ NO mufti this Friday
- ☺ PTA thank you and news below

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

Wishing you a lovely summer holiday from all of us at The Grove School



Our 2025 SATS results

Our children continue to achieve very well at The Grove and we are very proud of their attitude and pride in their learning.

EYFS (Reception) achieved 'Early learning goals with a good level of development' in all prime areas 86% (National for 2024 62%)

Y1 phonics 82% (National 81%)

Y4 Timetables Average score out of 25 is 20.6, (National 2024 20.6) 48% of children were high scorers of 23+

KS2 Y6 SATS

Reading 94% working at expected level (National 75%), 60% working at Greater Depth, Average point score 108

Spelling and Grammar 90% working at expected level (National 73%), 35% working at Greater Depth, Average point score 106

Maths 94% working at expected level (National 74%), 46% working at Greater Depth, Average point score 108

Writing 90% working at expected level (National 72%), 27% working at Greater Depth

Science 92% working at expected level (National 82%)

Reading writing and Maths achieving all 3 at expected 85% (national 62%), and at Greater Depth 23%



NO mufti this Friday

We traditionally do not have a mufti on the last day of the summer term as the Y6's like to have their shirts signed and wear their uniform for the last day. We will be sad to see this incredible Y6 leave us, they truly have been wonderful, so respectful of each other and the school.

The Children's Kitchen

Food is very important to us at the Grove, and we were delighted to win the Excellence in School Food award in January 2024. We are proud to work with Chefs in Schools, and to employ a professional chef who not only produces delicious, freshly cooked food using local ingredients where possible, but has also worked with us to develop a cooking curriculum so that children learn to try different tastes, understand where food comes from, and develop cookery skills from an early age. We think food is essential for children's behaviour, health, and wellbeing.

If you would like your child to have school meals at the Grove, children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are all eligible for free school meals, we just ask you to sit down with your child and order their meals in advance, using Parentpay. This is important for us in reducing food waste and in making the kitchen run economically.

For children in Year 3 and up, there is a cost of £2.75 per meal, also ordered and paid for in advance on Parentpay. Please note that this is a slight increase in cost from last year- we have done our best to keep costs as low as possible whilst making sure that the meals are balanced, nutritious, and exciting!

If you have any feedback or thoughts about the kitchen, we'd love to hear from you.

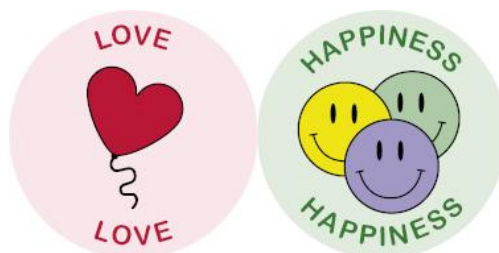
Dates for September.

Term starts on Wednesday 3rd September for children. Staff will be in school the day before for training and preparation.

Meet the teacher – Monday September 8th from 3:30pm – this is a chance to see how your child has settled, understand the new routines and ask the teacher any questions about the new class etc.

Meal time assistant to help in the dining hall 11:30-1:30 daily

We are seeking a new meal time assistant to help set the tables and chairs out with the children and classroom staff daily and then put them away, help with the serving and clearing of meals and the children's meal time needs. You would join a lovely kitchen team and classroom staff always accompany their children in the hall for lunch and encourage mealtime conversations, good manners and a tidy up after the sitting from the children. Please contact hilary.priest@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Request for donations

We are looking for a few items if anyone has these bits going spare please?

A tall bookcase
Large paint brushes
Mixed sized decorating rollers and trays
Throws
Cushions

Thank you!

Parent smartphone awareness:

There's an event at the Methodist Hall on Thursday.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/smartphones-in-schools-time-for-change-tickets-1478700124879>

It's for parents, local government, teachers, anyone else to come together and learn about the issue, the science and what's happening etc

PTA NEWS

Thankyou!

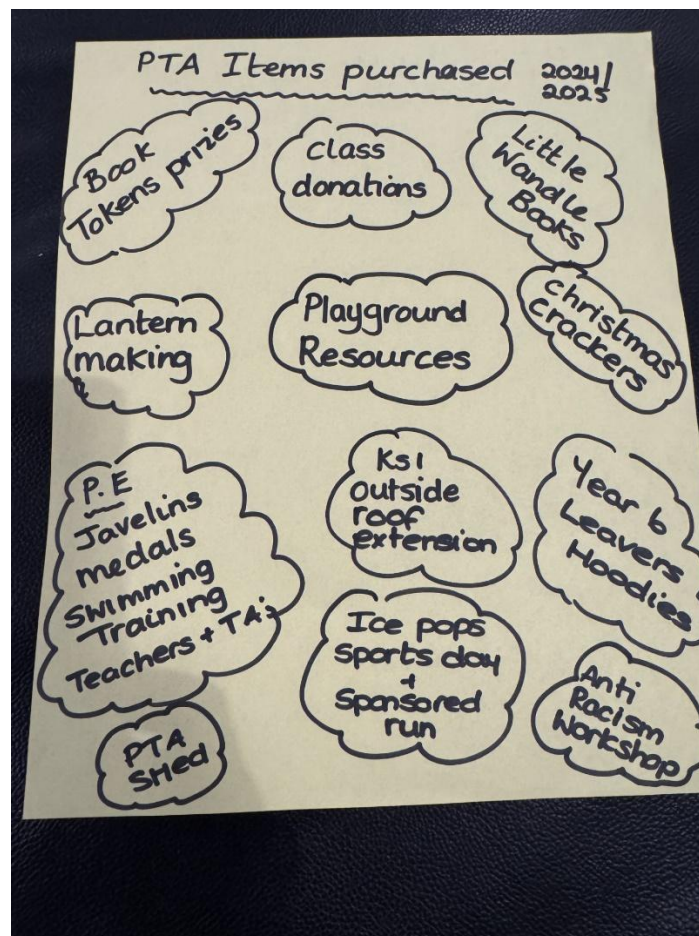
We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to you all this year, for all your support, help and donations. This has made our fundraising a great success and enabled us to purchase much needed resources for the school. Again, we can't thank you enough. The Grove School is very lucky to have such dedicated parents and staff who want to contribute to the children's learning and make each day fun for them.

We are already planning lots of fund raising things for the next academic year. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Sports Afternoon

The PTA will be selling drinks and cakes at the KS2 sports afternoon – Thursday 17th July – 1.30pm





PTA AGM

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM.
The elected officers are: -

Chair	Jenni Rowe
Vice Chair	Helen Fernyhough
Treasurer	Hannah Westrope
Secretary	Emily Rowley

We would like to encourage all parents to get involved with the PTA (you won't be committed to anything). Your voice and time make all the difference.

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

Year 6 Final Performance – Wednesday 16th July - 1pm & 6pm

KS2 Sports afternoon – Thursday 17th July - 1:30pm

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.

Information about clubs for September

Shear Soccer Next Term - 6 week course starting September

Year 1 & 2 Tuesdays

Sept 16th, 23rd, 30th, Oct 7th, 14th & 21st

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Wednesdays

Sept 17th, 24th, Oct 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

<https://www.shearsoccer.co.uk/after-school-club>

Netball Club

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Mondays starting Monday 15th September

Years 1 and 2 Thursdays starting Thursday 18th September

Spanish Coming back on Thursdays

Thank you to our Summer Raffle donors!

These local businesses donated generously to our raffle.
Congratulations to all our lucky winners!

Better Together Becca	Nails by Maya
Canoe Adventures	Newton Pet and Aquatics
Circa	Nkuku
CM McCabe Butchers	Riverford
Dartmoor Reach Alpaca Experiences	Roly's Fudge
Dartmouth Steam Railway and Riverboat Co	Sabrina Hall Massage
Devon Distillery	Sandridge Barton
Escape the Game, Bovey Tracey	Seeds Bakery
Folk Interiors	The Curator
Fullers Bakery	The Rabbit Hole Studio AirBnB
Gazebo	The River Shack, Stoke Gabriel
iBounce Newton Abbot	Things Happen Here
Kents Cavern	Totnes Bike Hub
Lawsons	Totnes Cinema
Live and Let Live	Totnes Rare Breeds Farm
Love Yoga Tree	Totnes Wine
Me and East	Whitehill Country Park
Montreal Style Bagels	Yvonne Coomber
Morrisons	

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS
Smartphones in schools: What do we want for our kids?'

Totnes Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 17th at 6pm!


An open, evidence-led presentation on one of the most pressing topics in education and child development today: smartphones and young people.

Whether you are already considering a change or just want to learn more, this event is a chance to learn about the latest evidence, ask questions, and share ideas – non-judgmentally and constructively.

Local action is already underway. Kingsbridge Community College has just announced it will become smartphone-free from September, alongside all six schools in the Braunton Learning Cooperative Trust in North Devon. They have joined a growing national movement of schools taking steps to support young people.


This is a moment of opportunity where parents can ask - What do we actually want for our kids?!

Please click here to book - and share information



SMARTPHONES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Join us to hear the latest research, ask questions, and discuss what's happening in your community



Thursday 17th July • 6pm
Totnes Methodist Hall, TQ9 5RP

https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jul/13/fathers-legal-action-smartphone-ban-england-schools?CMP=share_btn_url

To all Bakers, Makers and Gardeners!



TOTNES & DISTRICT SHOW

The Totnes & District Show will be held on **Sunday 27 July**.

Entries are invited for the **Homecraft, Handicraft and Horticulture Competitions**.

There is a wide range of classes to suit all abilities!
 Entry fee only 75p per exhibit.

Cash prizes - you may even win a Pennywell Farm VIP prize!

Entries are open to all, not limited to the Totnes area

For more information, please visit the **TOTNES SHOW** website:
<https://showingscene.com/events/totnes-show-2025-jul-2025/homecraft-handicraft-horticulture>
 Or contact the HHH Steward on hhhtotnesshow@gmail.com
Please note! Judging will take place the day before the show, Saturday 26 July

Get your discounted entry tickets for the show via
<https://totnesshow.ticketrv.co.uk/tickets/>

RIVERSCHOOL
 Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide

HOLIDAY CLUB

Summer Holiday Club
 July 29th-30th*
 August 4th-8th - 11th-15th - 18th-22nd
 August 26th-28th*





£40/£45
Tax Free Child Care
-Free HAF-funded places-

Where are we? From the quayside
Stoke Gabriel

Activities may include

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



RIVERSCHOOL
 Our provision is delivered by Canoe Adventures Ltd, operating since 1999 with a proven, accredited safety track record.
 We are a registered child care provider with Ofsted (Reg. No. 2731749).

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CHILDREN'S RUBBER DUCK HUNT



**£1
Entry**

**SATURDAY 19TH JULY
ASHPRINGTON TRACTOR FEST**

Great prizes to be won! Tractor Fest entry required

ASHPRINGTON TRACTOR FEST

Saturday 19th July

Gates Open 11:00 - 16:00

Exhibitors to arrive between 8:00 - 10:00

**Tractors Old & New...
Classic Cars & Other Vehicles!**

Tractor Parade, Live Music,
Food, Bar & Childrens Play Area



To reserve your exhibitors pitch contact
Kevin Throgmorton, Robert Rogers or email
ashpringtontractorfest@gmail.com



Find us on Facebook

All profits to charity

Entrance Fees:

- Adult £5
- Child £2 (under 5's free)
- Exhibitors Pitch £10

Ash Meadow
Ashprington, TQ9 7UR
3 miles from Totnes



Join us for The Three Mums Bake Sale

We are looking for
anyone willing to
donate baked goods to
raise money for the

**Three Mums
Foundation**

July 19th

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Ivybridge Leisure
Centre**

PL21 0SL

Please ask at reception
for more info



**THE THREE MUMS
FOUNDATION**

**Ivybridge
LEISURE CENTRE**

Family FUN DAY

Join us for a day of fun,
laughter, and community spirit
as we celebrate the launch of
The Three Mums Foundation
supporting children with
complex needs and disabilities

- Bouncing Castle
- Kids Disco
- Mudpies & Mischief
- Inflatable Swim Fun
- Food and Bar services.

**SATURDAY
19TH JULY
11:00AM - 3:00PM**

Arts & Crafts, Baking, Face Paints, Ice
Cream Van, Disney characters, Moo Music
And MUCH MORE!!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK
YOUR POOL SLOT



Leisure Centre
Ivybridge
PL21 0SL





PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

YOUTH DAYS:

WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST
AGES: U6-U10, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
FROM 9-12PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
@ PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB, SANDS ROAD

JUNIOR DAYS:

THURSDAY 31ST JULY
THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST
AGES: U10-U15'S, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
FROM 9-2PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
SKILL SESSIONS
@ CLENNON VALLEY PITCHES

RUGBY DAYS:

MONDAY 4TH AUGUST MONDAY 11TH AUGUST
MONDAY 18TH AUGUST
FROM 9-2PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
ALL AGES NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!
@ PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB, SANDS ROAD

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EMAIL: SCHOOLS@PAIGNTONRUGBY.COM

📢 FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM:
PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB




PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB GIRLS DAY

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025

10-2PM, @PAIGNTONRUGBYCLUB SANDS ROAD!
ALL AGES WELCOME NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED



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DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS
TRY SOMETHING NEW
GIVE RUGBY A GO!