



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 14th January

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class, Harper, Learning, excellent retrieval skills. Pearl, Happiness, coming into school with a smile and positive attitude.

Lilac Tree Class, Brody, Learning, trying hard with his phonics. Addie, Happiness, for sticking at it with her maths.

Lime Tree Class, Arlo, Learning, always trying your best and staying focussed. Sati, Individuality, being a great listener and always trying your best, always kind and helpful.

Willow Tree Class, Atticus, Learning, always approaching work with an excellent attitude. Rosie, Love, being a beautifully caring, thoughtful member of the class.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Flora, Individuality, excellent creative writing and enthusiastic attitude. Arthur M, Learning, always challenging himself and trying his best.

Juniper Tree Class, Isla-Rose, Learning, perseverance in English, amazing presentation. Sophie, Communication, amazing ideas and contributions in English discussion.

Flame Tree Class, Lewis JL, amazing focus with Learning. Suzi, Communication, thank you for always talking to us.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Tallulah, Learning, you are an amazing, talented writer. Freddy, Communication, wonderful contributions during our class discussions, always having something interesting to say.

Trumpet Tree Class, Willow, Love, always a warm, loving, helpful member of the class. Matthieu, Learning, amazing drawing and descriptive writing of your dragon.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Lots of bugs going round
- ☺ Playground help – Sunday 1st March
- ☺ SEND Community Provision programme at The Grove
- ☺ Holiday Club available at February Half Term

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



Lots of bugs

Unfortunatly we do seem to have lots of bugs going round currently. Definitely a bit of flu, quite a lot of sore throats and rased glands, some coughs and some sickness. We really don't want your children to miss school but I thought I'd just give you the heads up – particulalry if you have any people in your networks with imune deficient systems.

PLAYGROUND HELP - SUNDAY 1st MARCH from 10am

Are you free and up for volunteering to help transform our playground? There is so much that has already been done and also so much more left to do!

Jobs will range from painting, constructing a sandpit, re-inventing our roof terrace and more. The PTA are going to put on food to help keep spirits high and entice you to join in!

If you are free and able to help, please email me so that we know numbers (let me know if you are vegetarian or have any other food requirements too).

helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

THANK YOU



SEND Community Provision led by Joel McIlven and The Grove SEND Team – change of time to note

We are excited to be piloting a 'Community Provision' programme at The Grove this term. This idea emerged from meetings of The Grove Community Parent SEND Group over the past few months.

We want to:

I. Bring people together to increase our collective understanding of SEN and neurodivergence

We will run a structured programme open for anybody interested in learning more about SEN and neurodivergence. This will be an opportunity to learn about and share knowledge, experience, challenges, science and theory, behavioural presentations, strategies, resources and government policy. Sessions will take place in school on Tuesday afternoons 1:30-3:00, beginning next Tuesday 20th January.

2. Come together as a community to support The Grove to help meet the needs of the children at the school

The structured programme will also act as a platform to develop a pro-active and collaborative resource of parents and community members providing in-school provision to help meet the needs of all children at The Grove. Some parents or carers are already volunteering time to support the additional needs of their children, others may have time they would like to contribute, this will be an opportunity to have a meaningful local impact.

If you are interested in attending sessions, volunteering, or just learning more about the plans, please come along next week, or email.



Holiday Club – 16th – 20th February

We're delighted to share that our holiday club will be running during the February half term. To secure your child's place, we encourage you to book in advance as spaces are limited.

<https://kalscope.co.uk/product/totnes-february-half-term-holiday-club-at-the-grove-school/>

PTA NEWS

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



PTA dates for your diary

Friday 6th February – Valentines disco

Wednesday 11th February – Mother's Day order forms sent home

Monday 23rd February – Pre loved World Book Day costumes go on sale

Wednesday 25th February – Final day for Mother's Day orders to be in

Friday 6th March:

- World Book Day
- Reading café 2pm-4:30pm
- Easter Hamper tickets

Friday 13th March – Mother's Day gifts home

Friday 20th March – Easter disco

Friday 27th March – Bingo night

Thursday 2nd April:

- Easter bonnet/hat competition
- Easter hamper raffle
- Mufti £1 donation

Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Cake Sale

Cake sales will resume after half term. The first will be Flame Tree class on Friday 22nd February.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, we would love them please. We can use them for raffle prizes for future events.

Christmas Jumper/Clothes

If your child/children have grown out of them (or adults too) then please drop them into reception.



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>

Year 1/2 trip to Plymouth aquarium – Thursday 22nd January Please sign up on ParentPay

Trumpet tree planting @ Sharpham – Thursday 29th January Please sign up on ParentPay

Gingko tree planting @ Sharpham – **Changed** to Friday 30th January Please sign up on ParentPay

Flame tree planting @ Sharpham – **Changed** to Friday 13th March Please sign up on ParentPay

Last day of term – Friday 13th February

First day back – Monday 23rd 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.



The Mayor's Charity Dance

A community barndance in aid of the mayor's charities,
Stepping Stones Food Bank & Bridgetown Alive!

————— **Featuring** —————
The Bear's Den Ceilidh Band
The Sea Gals

Saturday 31st January 2026

7:30 - 11 pm

The Civic Hall, Totnes

Adults: £10, Kids: £7.50

mayorsdance.co.uk

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Caring Town Needs You



Trustees Wanted

Working together for a healthier, more resilient town

Caring Town is looking for **new Trustees** to help shape the future of our charity.

We were founded in **2013**, in response to austerity, with a clear aim: to bring together **health and wellbeing groups** so they could communicate better, share ideas, and work together to support people most in need.

By building strong connections across the town, we help organisations learn from each other and find practical solutions to shared challenges.

Over the past **13 years**, Caring Town has delivered many successful events and projects. Our most recent project, the **WE Care Programme**, was funded by a **£168,000 National Lottery grant** and ran for four years. Although this programme has now ended, it created many positive ideas that we want to develop further.

As several long-standing Trustees are now retiring, we are seeking **at least four new Trustees** to join our Board.

Trustee Roles We Are Seeking

We are particularly keen to recruit:

- **Chair** – to lead the Board and help guide the charity's future
- **Treasurer** – to help oversee finances and ensure good financial management
- **Fundraiser** – to support fundraising and future funding applications

You do not need previous trustee experience. We welcome people from all backgrounds who care about community wellbeing.

What We're Looking For

- A commitment to Caring Town and its values
- An interest in community health and wellbeing
- Willingness to give time, ideas, and support
- Ability to work as part of a team

Interested? For an informal chat or expressions of interest please contact Carole Whitty by January 31st 2026 by email carolewhitty@icloud.com