



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

Dove Tree Class, Rain, Happiness, coming into school with a smile. Bonnie-Rose, Love, always helping others and being a lovely member of the class.

Lilac Tree Class, Nathan, happiness, a positive attitude towards learning. Emily, Happiness, encouraging others with kind words and a smile.

Lime Tree Class, Elliot, a great attitude to your Learning, joining in class discussions, asking questions to make sure you understand. Melina, Learning, always a great attitude, trying your best – you're a superstar!

Willow Tree Class, Seth, Love, the loveliest member of Willow, You are such a star. Ava, Love, such a kind and caring friend.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Ella, learning, super maths, super attitude to everything, and a great friend. Mia, Love, always kind, considerate and doing her best in all aspects.

Juniper Tree Class, Heath, Learning, being so proactive in all his learning. Dylan, Communication, telling us when things get tricky or he needs help. And he always has his hand up.

Flame Tree Class, Elsie, learning, a superstar learner giving 100% all the time. Ella A, Individuality, thanks for always being you, you're a kind friend.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Bea T, caring so much about your Learning, striving to be the best you can be. Ivy, Communication, always having interesting things to say, a brave and motivated learner.

Trumpet Tree Class, Cyra, Learning, always getting involved with wonderful ideas, a pleasure to have in the class. Iris GM, Love, always kind and helping others, putting others first.

**Don't have time to read all the newsletter?**

**Here are the essentials in summary:**

- ☺ Reminder that school opens at 8.45 am and gates close at 8.50 am
- ☺ Playground help – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- ☺ Food For Children – requests for bags please
- ☺ Potential role in school

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



**PLAYGROUND HELP - SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

**THANK YOU**

**Food For Children - bags request**

Do you have any spare bags for life you could donate for Food For Children? This not-for-profit organisation supports low income families during the school holidays with food parcels in place of school dinners.

If you have any you can spare, please drop into reception. Many thanks.



### **Potential role in school**

We are seeking interest in anyone keen to know more about working within the internal alternative provision (The Oak Room) we are trialling in school. Training will be provided but anyone interested would need patience, be compassionate and calm when working with children with neurodiversity and special needs. Please email me at [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **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:

#### **1. 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 take place in school on Tuesday afternoons 1:30-3:00.

#### **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 – 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Deadline for Disco payment

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Disco

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Mother's Day order forms sent home

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Pre loved World Book Day costumes go on sale

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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:

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

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day gifts home

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Easter disco

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Bingo night

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)**



### **Disco – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Letters will be sent home at the end of the week.

You can pay by ParentPay, card or cash.

Deadline is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – so we know numbers for refreshments.

Thank you.



### **Cake Sale**

Cake sales will resume after half term. The first will be Flame Tree class on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January Please sign up on ParentPay  
Trumpet tree planting @ Sharpham – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January Please sign up on ParentPay  
Ginkgo tree planting @ Sharpham – **Changed** to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January Please sign up on ParentPay  
Flame tree planting @ Sharpham – **Changed** to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March Please sign up on ParentPay  
Last day of term – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
First day back – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

**Important consultation on Library Cuts – Please respond and share.**

Devon County Council have issued a survey called ‘Shaping the Future of Devon’s Library Service’. <https://devonlibraries.commonplace.is/> or google ‘Devon Library consultation’.

Have your say on the proposals by 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – you don’t have to be a library member.

There is a main survey and a short one for under 16s, which could be completed for young children by an adult. Every response shows the council that we care.

For a local perspective on the survey please check out ‘Friends of Totnes Library’ on Facebook or Instagram.

The Council, library staff and the Friends of Totnes Library ask everyone, whatever your views, to engage in the Survey. Also, that you spread the word in person and on social media about the consultation. A paper version is available at Totnes library. Thank you!

<https://devonlibraries.commonplace.is/>



# BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

NO  
BOOKING  
REQUIRED

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



## Sessions available

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026

**SEND Session: 10:30-12:30**

**Public Session: 13:00-16:00**

- The sessions are free (but you are welcome to make a donation).
- The sessions are for families with children up to the age of 8
- The sessions are parent supervised.
- They are in the Sports hall at Totnes Leisure Centre.

### What's available at the centre:

- Bouncy castle
- Soft play
- Warm space
- Tea and coffee, with biscuits and fruit
- Seating area
- Music

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





# 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](http://mayorsdance.co.uk)

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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

SOUTH DEVON 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm | boys & girls all abilities aged 6 - 14 | £20 per day



Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Devon FA, Newton abbot

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
kingsbridge community  
college

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Paignton Academy

**BOOK NOW**



For more info email  
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