

THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 12th March

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- © PTA news and events and ways to help the school.
- © Gardening donations welcome
- © Drama Llama at Totnes Fringe Festival IIth I3th July
- © Children's University graduation ceremony
- © BBC 500 Words Competition winners

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



Totnes Fringe Festival - July 2025

Local theatre makers and artists have come together to create a vibrant theatre festival here in Totnes, aiming to place live theatre throughout the town on the weekend of IIth - I3th July. The Grove School is very excited to be founding members of this inspiring arts event through the work Mrs John is doing with the Drama Llama Drama Club. The children are very excited to perform as part of this event, staging a brand-new script written specifically for them, alongside professional theatre companies.

The festival has been initiated by local theatre practitioners, including Danielle McIlvern, a theatre director and producer and parent of children in the school. They are working alongside a range of theatre professionals to launch this festival for the summer of 2025 and beyond.

None of this can happen without funding and the team are busily applying for grants through the Arts Council and other Arts pots but **you** can be part of this too, helping to get the festival on its feet by donating whatever you can afford.

If you want to help support this by contributing to the Crowdfunder, follow this

link: https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/totnes-fringe-festival

Children's University - Gold 100-hour Graduation Ceremony

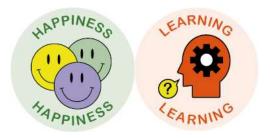
If you have received your Gold certificate for completing 100 hours of the Children's University scheme, then you are eligible to attend a graduation ceremony at Plymouth University. The event is free, fun and is truly aspirational so click on the link to book your place now...

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The deadline for bookings is April 25th

If you have any questions, then please email Adrian Gude...

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



BBC 500 Words Competition

Well done to all of the children who took part in the BBC 500 Words competition. Today we had local author Anthea Simmons announce the in-school winners and present prizes and certificates. The winners were as follows:

5-7 years age group:

3rd place: Jola Bruce Korn

2nd Place: Ava Jennings-Brown

1st: Eve Kennelly

8-11 years age group:

3rd: April Knight Lozano

2nd: Martha Entwhistle

Ist: Bridget Blackburn

Many thanks to Lizzie and Dan

Lizzie and Dan gave up some of their weekend to volunteer to upgrade our planters in school and tidy up the poly tunnel. If you have any time and skills you could donate to us we are always very grateful. Gardening, painting and decorating, handy-person type jobs etc.

Gardening donations

So we can get started planting the vegetables, fruits and herbs again we wondered if any of you might provide us with any of these items?

- Bag of compost
- Bag of perlite / vermiculite
- Any Autumn raspberry canes
- A long gardening/ potting table
- And seedlings for vegetable or herbs.



Could you donate to our benevolent fund to support other families?

Our benevolent fund is running dry – if you could donate any small amount via parent pay it is a really beneficial service for our families who can't afford school trips etc.

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/1049834246/750386967?utm source=manual

PTA NEWS

Upcoming Events Summary

REMEMBER - if you can help in any way, please let us know

This Friday: Lilac Tree Bake Sale

17th March: Closing date for Mother's Day gift orders

21st March: Lime Tree Bake Sale

21st March: Easter Bingo Night in the school hall

27th and 28th March: Mother's Day gifts to be sent home

28th March: Easter Disco

4th April: Easter Bonnet/Hat judging 4th April: Easter Hamper Draw



Cake Sale - this Friday

It is LILAC TREE CLASS's turn this week. Please can children from Lilac bring in delicious treats to sell. If you can spare a bit of time to help out, that would be amazing - let us know. <a href="mailto:helpnower.he

Cakes will be sold on the field and at the front entrance after school.

Coming up:

21st March: Lime Tree Bake Sale

Easter Hamper Tickets - Draw takes place Friday 4th April (last day of term)

Tickets are on sale at front desk for £1.00. If you can't pop in you can give the money to your child in a named envelope. Please write their name and class on the front.



Rainbow Prizes Donations

It is an ask please. Could you donate items in your child's year group colour that we can use for prizes at our Easter Bingo. (no fresh food items please).



Mothers and Other day gifts - Deadline for orders next Monday

A letter and order form have already gone out with your child. If you would like to order a gift – please fill out the slip with your money, card machine is also available at the desk. Please return to school by Monday 17th March. If you have not received one please ask.

Easter Bingo - Friday 21st March - Raffle & Refreshments

Get your dabbers ready for Friday 21st March, Doors open at 7pm and Eyes Down at 7.30pm. This is open to all people not just Grove Schoolers so please let friends and family know and come down and enjoy the fun.



Easter Disco - Friday 28th March

A letter with a permission slip will be sent home this Friday with the children.

Easter Bonnet/Hat competition - Friday 4th April (Last day of term)



This is also a Mufti day for a £1 donation.

Get designing your bonnet – we can't wait to see your amazing creations!

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

Year 5 one night residential Okehampton Adventure – Thursday 13th March Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights National programme – Wednesday 26th March Y1/2 Spring concert - Tuesday 1st April at 2.15pm Y1/2 Spring concert - Thursday 3rd April at 2.15pm Last day of term Friday 4th April First day back is Tuesday 22nd April

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.

Red Pandas! Girls U8-U10-U12 Football

Monday 4.30-6.00pm

Keviccs Astro

Weekend matches, league and friendlies

Calling all local girls who want to play Soccer. All experience welcome!

Fun, friendly frenetic football with flair - a fifty-strong top coaching and match day kits provided!

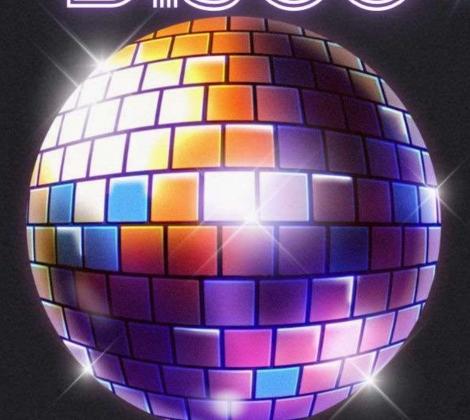
We are affiliated with Totnes and Dartington FC. Contact Ali Prichard 07973545402 with any questions







SPRING DISCO



FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

ACORNS, Y1 & Y2: 3.30PM - 4.15PM £3

Y3 & Y4: 4.30PM - 5.30PM £4

Y5 & Y6: 5.45PM - 6.45PM £4



