



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

Dove Tree Class, Marlin - Learning, super poem about pets. Otto, Learning, super poem about hats.

Willow Tree Class, Alasdair, Love, such a kind helpful friend who is always looking out for others. Polly, Learning, for creating a beautiful 'I love bugs' poem.

Lilac Tree Class, Brody , Learning, fantastic effort this week across all of his learning - you are a superstar! Aurora, Love, a super start to the Grove. We love having you in Lilac Tree.

Tea Tree Class, Edie, Love - what a fantastic kind and creative girl, you are brilliant! Kit BW, Learning, such fun and exciting stories for your literacy - great imagination.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Lennox, Learning, a super story in literacy this week. Laurie, Love, always so kind and sensitive towards other children.

Holly Tree Class, Eleanor, Learning, an amazing story about finding treasure. Winnie, Love, always being so loving and helpful.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Bea P – Communication, for all your amazing contributions to our class discussions. You are a star! Charlie, Learning, you are an absolute whiz when it comes to historical mythology be it Vikings or Greeks.

Whitebeam Tree Class, Flora, Individuality, you are so creative and your ideas and vocabulary are out of this world. Teddy, Learning, your Viking knowledge is absolutely first class - I wish my memory was as good as yours.

Flame Tree Class, Seb, Communication, thank you for working so hard this entire half term , you contribute some great facts to our class discussions. Arlo B - Love, you're a kind caring and helpful team member of Flame, thank you.

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

**Here are the essentials in summary:**

- ☺ Totnes food bank
- ☺ Grove Diversity Group
- ☺ Parent Consultations in November
- ☺ Tennis tournament fundraiser
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events – preparations for the Christmas Fair

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



**Parent Consultations in November**

You can now book your parent consultations on eschools – you should have been sent a message. If you have any difficulty, just contact Rebecca or Sarah on the front desk.

*Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>*

Y5/6 Flame online

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup>*

All classes face to face in classrooms

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>*

Y3/4 (Holly, Tea Tree and Mountain Ash) face to face in classroom

Y5/6 Ginkgo online

Y0 Reception (Robins and Treecreepers) face to face in classroom

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>*

Y5/6 Whitebeam online

Y1/2 (Dove, Lilac and Willow) face to face in classroom



### **Food Bank**

Totnes has a great food bank and we can do referrals if you need a bit extra. Cost of living is very tough at the moment. Email me at [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)



### **Grove Diversity Group**

Open to parents and carers from The Grove and St John's, the Diversity Group meets twice each term with the aim of supporting children from all backgrounds to feel recognised and included within our school communities.

We welcome all parents and carers who would like to contribute, and particularly value perspectives and experiences relating to diverse cultures and faiths, LGBTQ+ identities, adoption, fostering and care experience.

Our next meeting is at The Grove School on Thursday 19th November, after drop-off



### **Tennis Tournament Fundraiser - Bridgwater 28th October**

Chef Marco is competing to raise money for our school.

Support our children and help us grow our projects and wellbeing initiatives.

Every contribution makes a real difference.

<https://gofund.me/b239e253b>

### **Benevolent Fund**

Please support our families in need if you are able. On ParentPay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips and pay for some school meals. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences or a hot healthy meal at lunchtime so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.



### **The Grove School Whatsapp Community**

If you would like me to add you to the community, please send me an email with your number.

[helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **Register your interest to help us.**

We have a list of people with skills we could call on if we need some help – tradespeople, therapists, handy people, - pretty much anything. Please let us know if you could volunteer with your services or do us a mates rates deal. Please send your details to Jo Counter at [jcounter@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jcounter@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **PTA NEWS**

Welcome back everyone! We have a super exciting year ahead, jammed packed with events - old and new!

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

**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)**



### **Cake Sale**

This week is Tea Tree's Cake Sale

Next bake sale will be Holly Tree after half term. On the field - or in the hall if wet.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Holly Tree Cake Sale

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Whitebeam Cake Sale

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Ginkgo Cake Sale

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Acorns and KSI Cake Sale

### **Other Events This Term**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Quiz Night

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Fair & Mufti

NEW DATE - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Wreath Making for beginners

**Thank you for your generous donations of sweets last Friday!**

**Fun Quiz Night**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 7:30pm in the school hall.

Team of 2 – 6 max

£7 per person to include a cheeseboard.

Bar / soft drinks are available to purchase.

Please register your team by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

Email: [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)



**Raffle Prizes**

It's that time of the year again! If you are a business or know anyone who could donate a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair, please let me or Helen Fernyhough know. Thanks, Jenni.

**Christmas jumpers/clothes**

If you are having a clear out over the half term, we would love donations!

**Teddies and soft toys**

We would love donations of clean teddies and soft toys.

**Year 6 Stall**

Year 6 would like any good condition toys books puzzles or games. Please no bric-a-brac or household items.

**Tombola Mystery Bag Stalls**

Unwanted gifts, candles, toiletries, bottles, chocolates, stationery etc. Please drop to the front entrance to give to a member of staff on the field.

***Thank you for your support!***

**Christmas Wreath Making**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November

The Grove School Hall

£25 pp

6pm arrival for 6:30 pm start.

Everything supplied, including a glass of mulled wine and mince pie.

Please book by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November; please find a form at the front desk. Payment by cash or card. Limited places.

### Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available for sale in the front entrance.



### 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** <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Kents Cavern Trip –Tea Tree – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Half term - 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

Yr 5/6 Non swimmers swimming starts - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (on ParentPay)

Mountain Ash Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Holly Tree Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Tea Tree Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Immunisation team: Nasal Flu Spray – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Consultations – Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November

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.*



**KALEIDOSCOPE**  
Clubs and Courses for Kids

**NEW KIDS TABLE TENNIS CLUB!**

**The Benefits?**

- Great Exercise:** Fast-paced fun that keeps kids active and off screens.
- Make New Friends:** A brilliant, social environment for local kids.
- Super Affordable:** Only £2.50 a session!

**What to Expect:**

- Fun Drills & Exercises:** Active, high-energy warm-ups that get everyone moving.
- Exciting Games:** Mini-tournaments, around-the-table challenges, and wacky games.
- Coaching:** Friendly coaching available to help them learn the basics or level up their skills.

**Join us for a FREE TRIAL! Simply drop in or book online at [www.kalscope.co.uk](http://www.kalscope.co.uk)**

**Saturday Mornings 10am-12pm  
@ The Grove School, Totnes**

**Our Saturday morning table tennis club is now up and running. The first session is free!**

More info here: <https://eequ.org/book/table-tennis-club-saturday-mornings-with-kaleidoscope-clubs-and-courses-32163>

**Autumn Magic Half-term Halloween Club**  
**26-29 October (Mon-Thurs)**  
**The Grove School, Totnes**



**Book here:**

<https://eequ.org/book/autumn-magic-oct-half-term-holiday-club-with-kaleidoscope-clubs-and-courses-23810>

Use the following code for siblings and receive 20% off total booking:

**KAL20SIB**

Use the following code for a group booking (min 3) and receive 30% off total booking:

**KAL30GROUP**



Fun  
QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

The Grove School



Teams of  
2 - 6 people

£7

per person

to include a  
cheeseboard



Refreshments  
available



7.30pm start

Doors open at 7pm

Come along for a fun evening



Please register your teams by

**Friday November 6th**

email [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

# Christmas WREATH MAKING



Saturday 28th November

The Grove School Hall

6pm for a 6.30pm start

£25 pp

everything supplied includes a glass of  
mulled wine and a mince pie.



Please book by Friday 6th  
November

Payment taken when booking , please find a form  
at the front desk , payment by card or cash .

Limited places



WE NEED  
MUSIC  
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Playground  
Arts



# Family Movement and Music Workshops

A series of exciting creative workshops for children aged 2–12, and their adults.  
Inspired by the beautiful bugs that keep South Devon buzzing with wildlife.

A programme of three sessions:

- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Nov @ Totnes Civic Hall, Market Sq, TQ9 5SF
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov @ Totnes Civic Hall, Market Sq, TQ9 5SF
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Nov @ Studio 6, The Space, Dartington Hall Estate



## What to expect...

- A playful exploration of sound and movement which celebrates the wonders of nature on our doorstep.
- Join us for an imaginary journey through our coastal landscape as we create beautiful moving soundscapes.
- We encourage you to come to all three sessions if you're able.
- As parents and carers, your active participation in the workshops is just as important as that of the children.
- Bring loose/comfortable clothing and a water bottle.
- Light refreshments provided.

Just £3 per child (per session), accompanying adults are free.

Book your place by scanning the QR code or visiting:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape)





JOIN US FOR THE  
**CHRISTMAS  
LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

**TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 3PM-6PM**  
TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT 5:30PM

**CIVIC HALL AND MARKET SQUARE**

**Free Entertainment and Crafts**

**Inflatable Snow Globe**

**Elfic the Jester**

**Bubbles the Pixie**

**Kids Christmas Crafts**

**Stilt Walkers**

**Carol Singing**

**Brass Band**

**Make a lantern**

**Please bring your own Jam Jar**

**Pizza £9 each or £5 for half**

**Free Bob the Bus service 4pm - 7pm between  
Bridgetown Spar - The Market Square - Follaton  
Stores**

**For more information and bus times look here:  
[www.totnestowncouncil.gov.uk/](http://www.totnestowncouncil.gov.uk/)  
or contact Lisa at [mayor@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk)**

**Donations for The Mayor's Charities  
Food For Children and Bob the Bus  
would be welcomed**



totnes united **free** church

Kids

# LIGHT PARTY

£1 per  
child

**HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE  
FOR RECEPTION - YEAR 6**

**SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER, 4:30PM - 6PM  
TOTNES UNITED FREE CHURCH**

**GAMES - CRAFTS - HOT DOGS - SWEETS**

**NEON, BRIGHT COLOURS AND SPARKLY  
FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED**

**PLEASE BOOK VIA THE QR CODE >>>**  
(CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/CARER)



**SportyStars**  
Multi Activity Camps

Ofsted  
Registered

ZORBS NERF WARS SWIMMING CRAFTS INFLATABLES

**TOTNES LEISURE CENTRE**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

SCAN TO BOOK NOW!

DAY 8:15AM TO 5:15PM - £35  
WEEK - £157.50 (10% OFF)  
AGE 5 (REC) TO 12

'Hello all,

The October half term is approaching, at Totnes forest school on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th we will be running a special Halloween, Autumnal themed Forest school holiday club- a day immersed in the woods with lots of crafts, games, wood work, play and fireside cooking.'

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/the-outdoors-group-totnes-forest-school-holiday-club-totnes-d2f52d93-15a7-45e7-bb51-3567335129af>

**FRIDAY 9TH  
OCTOBER 2026  
(THEN FORTNIGHTLY  
AS ALWAYS )  
TIME: 4.45PM - 6.45PM  
WHERE: THE  
JAMMING STATION  
TOTNES TQ9 5DF  
AGES: 8-11 YEARS**



**TRAYE  
BRIDGETOWN  
JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**

**FRIENDS - MEET AND  
CONNECT**  
GAMES - HAVE FUN AND PLAY  
COOKING - COOK AND LEARN  
MUSIC - CREATE AND EXPRESS  
SNACKS - EAT HEALTHY  
SUPPORT - TALK  
TO YOUTH WORKERS  
RELAX - CHILL AND UNWIND

Contact: Dee Kelly  
Whatsapp or email  
deekelly.traye@gmail.com  
0792 240 8867

**COME ALONG HAVE A GO BE PART OF IT!**



# DARTINGTON YOUTH CLUB

**Where/When**  
Dartington Village  
Hall, Cott  
Hill, TQ96HH.  
6.30 to 8.00 1st and 3rd  
Wednesday of the month

**AGE**  
8 to 16 year olds

**Youth Workers**  
We are here to help  
you to enjoy  
yourselves, make  
friends, support you  
to find and make  
goals and listen to  
you

**Things you can do**  
Sports, Listen to music.  
Arts and Craft, Cook, and  
more

**Free snacks and drinks  
are available**

**Your choices**  
Tell us what you would like  
to do in the sessions

**Holiday times**  
Come do  
some crazy  
fun activities

**Contacts**  
deekelly.traye@gmail.com  
07922408867




# HARBERTONFORD YOUTH CLUB

**THURSDAYS 6-7:30PM  
FORTNIGHTLY  
HARBERTONFORD VILLAGE HALL  
Age 8-19yrs**

Games | Activities | Cooking  
Music | Fun | Art & Craft  
Well-being | Advice | Support

**Free Food and Drinks Free Entry**

**ALL WELCOME - COME SAY HELLO  
MEET UP WITH FRIENDS**

**STARTS 9TH JANUARY, 2025**

**TOTNES RURAL AREA YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

Deekelly.traye@gmail.com  
<https://traye-project.org>




# ★ Staverton Youth Club ★

**Fortnightly On Thursdays**  
For young people aged 8-16



**Join us for free  
snacks, arts & crafts,  
games, music and chill  
vibes.**

**6.30-8pm**

Autumn/Winter → Staverton Court Room  
Spring/Summer → Landscope Victory Hall

Contact: Danielle Barnard  
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Email: Dbarnard.traye@gmail.com

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