



GROVE NEWS



Summer Term (2) 2023

Dear Families,

Here we are, at the end of another fantastic year with so many things to look back on and celebrate. The children have enjoyed excellent outcomes in all formal assessments: EYFS GLD, phonics screenings, multiplication checks and end of key stage SATs tests. We are so proud of all they have achieved but, more importantly, we are incredibly proud of all the personal achievements every child has had this year both in school and out in the community.

Throughout the year, we have enjoyed welcoming families in to school to celebrate and showcase the children's learning in a range of subject areas and look forward to developing this further next year with the launch of our Community Hub which includes a calendar full of parent forums and coffee mornings.

We have held some very successful fundraising events throughout the year and we are pleased to share the outcome of the red & blue day we held in memory of Harry Elmy. We raised a fantastic £580 across Grove and Westwood which was split between Great Ormond Street Hospital and Gunton Primary Academy's memorial play area.

It is at this time of year we have to say a sad goodbye to members of our Grove family. Our wonderful Year 6 children enjoyed a fabulous send off with their leavers BBQ and assembly after treating us to an amazing performance of The Wizard of Oz. We wish them all the very best at their high schools and look forward to hearing how they get on when they come back to visit us during September.

As you are aware, we work in partnership with Westwood Primary School and this means we are in the fortunate position of staff being able to transfer between the two schools. Therefore, next year, Miss Spry, Miss Bailey & Miss Fayers will be based at Westwood while Mr Moore & Miss Willeard will be joining the team here at Grove. We will all still be working together in terms of planning and training so it isn't a goodbye just a see you soon!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Burgoyne to the team as one of our Reception class teachers. She comes with a wealth of experience, having worked in a number of local primary schools and has already spent time with the team getting set for September.

Our Academy Trust provide teacher training and we are pleased to tell you that Miss Shuffle and Miss Bayes will be completing their Initial Teacher Training with us next year along with Mrs. Ball from Westwood.

Finally, this Summer, Miss Daldry & Miss Bayes are getting married (not to each other though just to be clear!) and will be returning as Mrs. Moore & Mrs. Swan respectively. We hope their wedding days are filled with love and laughter and they enjoy long, happy marriages!

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school, it really is our pleasure teaching your children and working with our local community.

We are so Proud to be Grove!

Enjoy the Summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on

Wednesday 6th September

Mrs. Aldous, Ms. Creed & Mrs. Barnes





Nursery & Reception



Nursery

We have had another busy half term in Nursery. This half term we have been looking at the topic of 'Pirates'. The children have enjoyed many books centred around this topic and we particularly enjoyed the dress up element!

Together Nursery have explored floating and sinking, boat making, flags and map design, exploring colour and looking for treasure as well as experimenting with lots of sensory experiences within the provision.

In Phonics we have started to look at discreet sounds, s,a,t,p,i,n and our Maths has been concentrating on consolidating our number work, counting and recognition.

It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers and families join the Nursery Children for their sports share.

We finished off our term with a fantastic pirate party, where the children where invited to dress up and enjoyed pirate games and party food, lots of fun was had by all!



Reception

This term our topic has been The Big Adventure! Charlene and Jeremy (the weekend pets) sent the Reception postcards, giving them clues to guess which countries they were visiting. They travelled to Australia, Tanzania, Antarctica and Egypt. In class, the children researched facts about these countries and wrote about what they found out.

We have been exploring real life Australian artefacts and aboriginal art. Using these as inspiration we have made our own boomerangs, didgeridoos and aboriginal artwork.

We even practiced packing for a trip to Antarctica and tried on all the different layers of clothes we would need to keep warm.

The children enjoyed learning about different animals, the weathers and discussing how they would travel to that country. The children also had a go at writing their own postcards, and went to the local postbox to send them.



All of the EYFS team would like to wish you a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you back in September.



Years 1 & 2



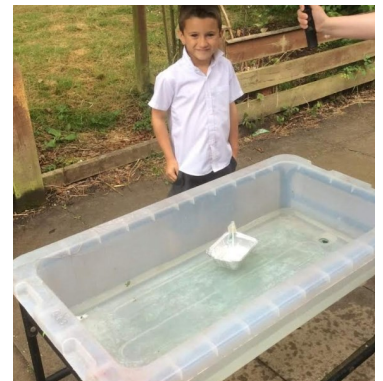
Key Stage One

For our final half term this school year in Key Stage 1, the children have been exploring the history of the Wrights brothers and the impact their invention of the aeroplane has had on our life today.

They have been learning so many exciting things alongside this.



The children have enjoyed developing our team work skills working in groups to complete outdoor activities. Speaking and listening were 2 very important skills they learnt here.



In Science, the children have been exploring changing the shape of materials by bending, stretching, pinching, twisting



The children designed and created our own puppets using running stitch, which they are incredibly proud of.



Years 3 & 4



This term our topic was The Romans. We kicked off the term with a Roman Day- we carried out lots of activities such as learning Roman numerals, and creating shields. Once we had made our shields we practiced some of the Roman formations. It was amazing to see so many brilliant costumes!



Thank you to those of you who attended our Parent Sports Share event- we loved showing you our Outdoor and Adventurous activities. It got very competitive! We also held our Sport Day in which Emerald team won- well done to all!



Another well done to Year 3 who performed the ukulele at London Road Baptist church with lots of other local schools. A fantastic opportunity!

We would like to wish you all a very happy Summer holiday we can't wait to see what next year holds!



Years 5 & 6



This term in Year 5 and 6 we have studied the Ancient Greeks. We created our own versions of myths and learn about what the first Olympic Games would have been like



This term so many a sporting event- we had sports day and our Parent Sports Share. It was great to see so many of you attend and even get a little competitive alongside the children! We really appreciate your support at these events.



Finally a farewell to our Year 6's. They have had a very busy end of term with performances of Wizard of Oz to parents and the whole school. The teachers were blown away by their professionalism! We also had our Leaver's Assembly held outside on a very warm morning. The children received their hoodies and medals as we wished them all the best in their next stages of education. Remember you will always be a part of our Grove family





Sporting Success



Tournaments

NSSP Year 5/6 Cricket

Boys team narrowly lost in the final after an excellent team performance across the whole tournament. Girls team deservedly won their competition but could not attend the county finals due to a calendar clash!

ALT Year 5/6 Terry Butcher Football Cup

Boys team came second in a very close league whilst our girls were also involved in a close league but won their league and the massive trophy!

Play Leader Tournament

3 of our ALT schools visited Grove and our Play Leaders for a tournament organised and hosted by them. They done a brilliant job and ensured all the schools had an amazing time.

NSSP Dance Festival

A brilliant night was had by all of our children as they performed their dance to a packed Marina Theatre, including lots of staff members and adults! Everybody was brilliant!

ALT Year 5/6 Cricket

The team consisting of boys and girls finished in fourth place after a brilliant tournament which saw every game won or lost by every school by a maximum of 5 runs!

ALT Year 5/6 Boys Football County Finals

The team travelled on the train to Ipswich Town FC to compete in the ALT County Finals which they won! A brilliant effort by the team to become the county champions!

ALT Running Relay Races

A fantastic event to finish the sporting year with every child taking home a medal! Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 were crowned champions whilst Year 3 were second and Year 5 were 3rd.

Sports Clubs

A brilliant half term of sports clubs has seen us in and out of the woods on Mondays with year 3 and 4. Tuesday has been our golf club with year 3 and 4 also. Wednesday's give it a go has proven popular again, this time with year 2 and 3. We have also had rugby club with George from L&Y. Thursday's club has been football for all of year 1 and 2 as well as Mr Rough doing rounder's for year 5 and 6!

Sports Shares & Sports Days

Thank you so much tot those adults who came and supported our sports share afternoons. It was brilliant to see so many of you and well done to those that participated! We know the children loved having you join them.

#BETHEBESTTHATYOUCANBE

Diary Dates

There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!
Events in purple are the ones we would love families to join us in school for.

Wednesday 6th September	Children return to school
Monday 11th to Friday 15th September	Book Fair in school
Monday 11th September	15:30-16:30 Years 1 & 2 Meet the teacher event
Wednesday 13th September	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: Meet the Team
Monday 18th September	15:30-16:30 Years 5 & 6 Meet the teacher event
Tuesday 19th September	14:00-15:00 Parent Support Coffee Meet—SEND focus
Wednesday 20th September	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: Safeguarding & Online Safety
Thursday 21st September	15:30-16:30 Years 3 & 4 Meet the teacher event
Monday 25th to Thursday 28th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 27th September	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: How we teach Phonics
Wednesday 4th October	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: How we teach Reading Year 6 at Creative Transition Workshops at Pakefield High
Thursday 5th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 6th October	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 10th October	14:00-15:00 Parent Support Coffee Meet—Pastoral focus
Wednesday 11th October	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: How we teach Maths
Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th October	Steve Clifford (author) visit
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October	Years 3 & 4 at Carlton Marshes
Wednesday 18th October	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: School in Action tour
Friday 20th October	Last day of the half term
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	October Half Term Holiday
Monday 30th October	Children return to school

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Every term we offer a range of different after school clubs.
A new timetable will be shared in September and clubs will start from

Monday 11th September

If you have any feedback on our clubs offer from this year, we would love to hear what went well and any suggestions for improvements or requests for clubs we could offer.
Please get in touch with the school office and we will see what we can do!

HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this half term are:

Emerald = 1231

Ruby = 1377

Diamond = 1425

Sapphire = 1298

Congratulations **Diamond** your house captains are busy organising your treat!

ATTENDANCE

22.05.23	Poppy	96.8%
05.06.23	Willow	99.3%
12.06.23	Daisy	97.5%
19.06.23	Speedwell & Primrose	97.6%
26.06.23	Honeysuckle	97.7%
03.07.23	Speedwell	98.8%

This half term we have seen a big improvement in attendance. **THANK YOU** for your support in ensuring your children attend school each day!

A new term means a new lunch menu...

BUT

It hasn't been finalised yet!

So, we will share it with you as soon as we can.

One thing we do know, though, is that it will be delicious!!!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a strict School Uniform Policy. Please ensure your child is dressed in the following named school uniform:

Daily Uniform

Grey tailored trousers/shorts/skirt/dress
Red Summer checked dress
White polo shirt
Red school cardigan/jumper/fleece
Black shoes (no boots or trainers)
Black tights or white/black/grey socks
Red school book bag

PE/Sports Kit

Red T-shirt
Black shorts
White socks
Plimsoles or trainers
Black jogging bottoms
Black sweatshirt
PE bag

All items are readily available from high street stores or their internet shopping websites. Sweatshirts/cardigans/book bags/PE bags/water bottles with the school logo are available from Screens. We have a large range of new & used school uniform items available at no cost in our school hall – please pop in and take what you need.

Jewellery, hair & make-up

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school except plain stud earrings and/or an inexpensive watch – these must be removed for P.E. Extreme haircuts or colouring are not permitted. Hairbands & clips should be discreet designs in colours compatible with school colours. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn.

WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website as we update this regularly.

The address is:

www.groveprimaryschool.org

You can also follow us on:



Twitter: @groveprimaryCC



Facebook: Grove Primary School



Instagram: groveprimaryschool

CONTACT DETAILS

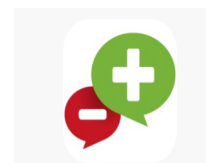
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

We MUST have two contact telephone numbers in case of an emergency.



PARENTMAIL

Please ensure you sign up to ParentMail, this is how you will receive ALL means of communication.



Please speak to the school office, if you have any problems – paper copies may be available upon request.

ALLERGY INFORMATION

As you will already be aware, we are a nut-free school – we have children who have allergies to a variety of different nuts as well as peanuts – and ask that parents check the ingredients of items in packed lunches, avoiding anything that states it contains nuts.



Reading



Summer is fast approaching and it can be a time when it is challenging to keep your children occupied. One of the hardest things can be keeping them interested in reading. Here are some ideas of how to keep your children interested in reading over the summer holiday.

Keeping children reading over the summer

1. Keep a loose schedule: Keep a regular time for getting up in the morning and going to bed (even if it is slightly more relaxed than during school time) and set aside 15-20mins a day for reading time.
2. Don't present reading as a chore: Reading shouldn't be something your child has to do; it should be something they want to do. As a parent you could model being an active reader and show your child that reading is fun to encourage them to join in. For example, you could share why you loved some of your favourite children's books or read aloud with your child somewhere nice outside, you could also read a favourite grown-up book next to your child whilst they read their own book.
3. Go outside: reading doesn't have to be at a desk. Go somewhere where there is no TV or computer to distract so your child can really focus and be comfortable as they read.
4. Role reversal: You might typically read aloud to your child before bedtime. Try occasionally reversing roles and getting your child to read the story to you.
5. Make Summer reading a shared family experience: One of the most effective ways to get your child into the swing of summer reading is by getting everyone involved. You may even find your own joy in the books they're reading. Some of the richest, sweetest, and most challenging stories are middle grade stories written for primary age children.
6. Dive into a series: there are plenty of great book series out there and as your child reads them they will build their background knowledge and have a better understanding of plot, setting and characters.
7. Try a summer reading challenge. The library service runs an excellent reading challenge every year and it is very easy to get involved online or at the library.



The summer reading challenge is free to sign up for and lots of fun. You can sign up and find out more information here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online **At your library**

- 1. Sign up**
Click 'Join now' to create your account.
- 2. Read books**
Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review.
- 3. Earn digital rewards**
Unlock special online badges and a certificate to print at home when you reach your Challenge goal!*

*Physical rewards like medals are only available when taking part at select libraries.



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities



Inclusion Quality Mark



Over the past 4 years, we have worked tirelessly to embed inclusivity into our practise, including the incorporation of the No Outsiders programme, which celebrates diversity and inclusion.

This project has culminated in our school being given an Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) and being named a Centre of Excellence.

The assessor spent a day at Grove undertaking a tour of the school validating the comprehensive report submitted. The assessor spoke with members of staff, completed informal observations, had conversations with parents and carers and spoke to the children and staff throughout the days.

Comments from the report:

'There is a promotion of high self esteem and high aspirations for every child. Everyone at the school has high expectations for behaviour and strong, consistent routines are in place. These have been developed with staff and explicitly taught. Low level disruption is rare and classrooms are calm and purposeful. Children are keen to learn, take pride in their work and are engaged.'





Safeguarding & Mental Health



LOWESTOFT 2023 ACTIVITIES

ULTIMATE BOXING 8-16yrs
contact ultimateboxing@sky.com
or call 07889731717

Marina Theatre
12-16yrs book via
community@marinatheatre.co.uk

Suffolk Wildlife Trust 6-11yrs book on
<https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Catch22
Suffolk Positive Futures
9-16yrs
book in via 07717290573

Ipswich Town Foundation
6-12yrs book via
<https://www.participant.co.uk/itfcfoundation/searches/17593/791.aspx>

Suffolk Libraries The Blank Page Project
10-16yrs
<https://eequ.org/experience/3919>

Inspire 5-11yrs
Coville House
book via website
inspiresuffolk.org.uk

Topcats SEND Specialist Provision
5+yrs book via
annemarie@topcats.org.uk

This holiday period all schools have been asked to issue HAF codes to eligible children in order to access space on HAF activity. Please speak with your child/children's school in the first instance about gaining a HAF code



LOWESTOFT 2023 ACTIVITIES

Leading Lives 13-19yrs (learning difficulties/autism) book via
yp.referrals@leadinglives.org.uk

Everyone Active
5-11yrs Waterland Leisure Centre
phone 01502 532540 to book

YMCA childcare provider book 01502 585882

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Abbycroft Leisure family
cooking sessions 5+yrs book
via HAF ac@leisure.com

Suffolk Libraries The Blank Page Project
10-16yrs
<https://eequ.org/experience/3919>

Re-Utilise Arts n crafts
5-15yrs 209 Wapload Rd,
book admin@re-utilise.com

The PE Shed, 6-12yrs
Grove Primary School book via
info@thePEShed.co.uk or
07964094433

Offshoot Foundation Theatre & activities
8-13yrs Carlton Coville book via
<https://www.theoffshootfoundation.com>

All schools in Suffolk should have received HAF codes in which they've been asked to pass them onto those receiving free school meals in their school. These codes will be requested when booking onto programmes. If you have any questions around HAF codes, please contact HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk

GOOD REASONS to put down your PHONE



SUFFOLK DOMESTIC ABUSE FREE 24/7 HELPLINE

0800 977 5690



Having difficulties with your mental health?

NHS



Call 111
Option 2

Mental health advice available in Welsh, Urdu & Punjabi
available 24/7 to all ages via NHS 111



Beach & Open Water Safety Tips

Many of us travel to the beach in the warm weather - how fun! Make sure to follow these tips to ensure that everyone stays safe near the beach and/or ocean!



- 1 Never leave kids unsupervised near ANY body of water, and ALWAYS ensure there's a Water Watcher on duty.
- 2 Remind children they're NOT to go near any body of water without permission from an adult.
- 3 DO NOT rely on water wings or any other inflatable flotation device to save a child in a water emergency.

- 4 Have children wear a properly-fitting life jacket if needed.
- 5 DO NOT allow your children to engage in any horseplay, breath-holding games or dunking in the water.
- 6 Only swim in designated areas with a lifeguard present, and avoid areas with high waves or rip currents.

- 7 Adhere to all posted rules, warnings and flags, which may indicate the presence of unsafe swimming conditions or deep water.
- 8 Enter the water feet first - DO NOT dive in!
- 9 Always swim with a buddy, who can signal for help if you need it.

britishswimschool.com/water-safety

Enjoy your kids!

THEY'RE PRETTY AWESOME

In the event that you are concerned that a young person is at risk of serious harm you should call Customer First on: **0808 800 4005** or call **999** to report your concerns to the police.

Other useful numbers:

Suffolk Police: 01473 613 500

CHILDLINE: 0800 11 11

Emotional Wellbeing Hub: 0345 600 2090

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

The Source: www.thesource.me.uk

CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

All of the above agencies have a website with other contact details on.

Stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the Internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems - they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Find out more at Childnet's website ...

www.kidsmart.org.uk

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People who can help

In addition to your child's class teacher, who should always be your first point of contact, the following people are readily available to help you with any issue, if needed.



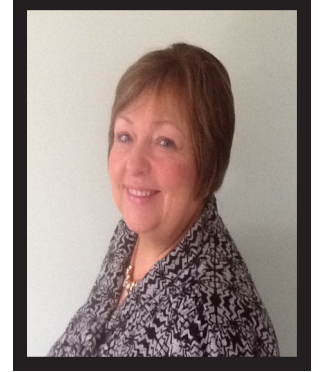
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Headteacher



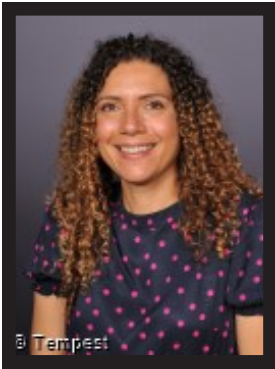
Ms Louise Creed
Grove
Head of School



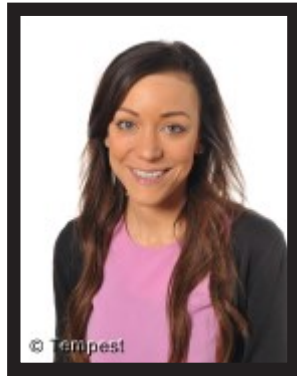
Mrs Lauraine Barnes
Westwood
Head of School



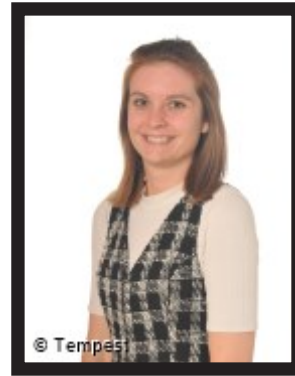
Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors



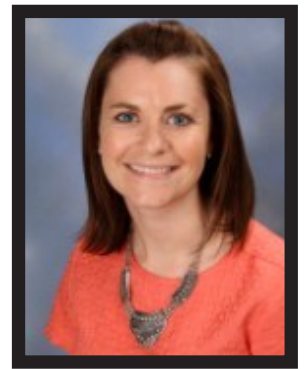
Mrs Danielle Gillings
Assistant Headteacher
EYFS Lead



Miss Beth Jones
Assistant Headteacher
KSI Lead



Mrs Rachel Kounnas
Assistant Headteacher
KS2 Lead



Mrs Kelly Hough
Assistant Headteacher
Staff Development



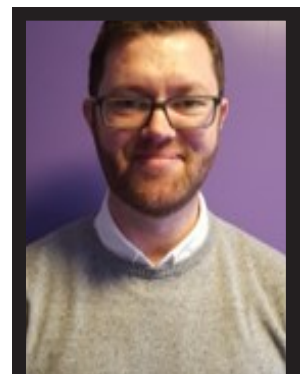
Mrs Kate Grey
Assistant Headteacher
Pastoral & SEND



Miss Shaneeka Daldry
Family Support Worker



Mrs Sarah Bayfield
SENDCo



Mr Stephen Clarke
Safeguarding
Governor