



GROVE NEWS

Autumn Term (2) 2021



Dear Families,

What a busy half term we have had – we have packed so many exciting things in to the last 7 weeks! We have had Parents Evening, Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Awareness, Remembrance Day, Storie Storie, Children In Need and of course our Christmas celebrations!



A huge THANK YOU to our PTFA for organising and supporting so many events this half term and to all our families for your ongoing support with fundraising events. We raised over £250 for Children In Need!

As in previous years, the Food In School Holidays (FISH) team, are providing **FREE hot meals to families** across Lowestoft again this holidays. This is a hot, 2 course meal, for the whole family. All you need to do is private message on their Facebook page to get booked in: <https://www.facebook.com/lowestoftfish>

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Bayfield and her husband welcomed the newest addition to their family, a beautiful baby girl, at the beginning of December. We wish Mr & Mrs Bayfield and big sister, Alice, all the very best as a family of four!

Sadly, Mrs Wilkes - one of our HLTAs - has decided not to return to Grove following her maternity leave so we wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

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 Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on
Tuesday 4th January.

Mrs Aldous & Ms Creed



Nursery & Reception

Nursery

In Nursery we have been learning about 'Into the Woods'.

We have read the stories, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the three bears and Leafman.

We have done lots of cooking, buns, flapjacks and jam tarts. We also tried the three bears porridge.

We have enjoyed going to the woods, we melted marshmallows, had hot chocolate and made our own stickman.



Reception

This terms topic has been 'Into the Woods'. We explored the woods, looking for animal footprints and had a Teddy Bears Picnic and a real bear came to visit!



We also had a trip to Hundred River Farm where we found out where Christmas dinner comes from and made our own Christmas wreaths to take home.



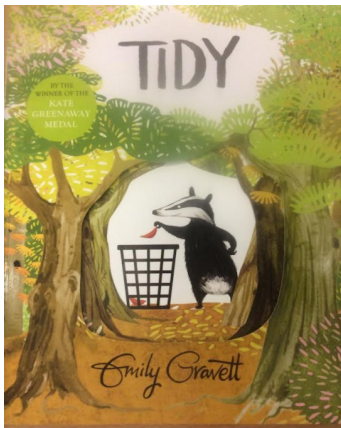
Our Christmas performance was a great success! We all enjoyed singing to you ! We wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe holiday time and Happy New Year!



Years 1 & 2

Key Stage 1 have had a fantastic half term learning all about Seasons and a very exciting count down to the celebration of Christmas. We have enjoyed learning new movements in Gymnastics and we have worked extremely hard on our phonics and reading this half term too.

We have been exploring the adventures the Badger in 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett and writing our own instructions for Mr and Mrs Claus.



We have been practicing our Christmas concert and loved being able to sing and dance together, we hope you enjoyed watching it. We have also enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch and of course Christmas jumper day.



We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Years 3 & 4



This half term, Lower Key Stage 2 have studied Ancient Egyptians. Our trip to Norwich Castle really was a highlight and the children behaved to an exceptional standard. The children learnt about mummification and created their own Egyptian style necklaces.



Our Year 3s have worked hard in their whole class ukulele sessions. They performed some Christmas carols which sounded fantastic. Keep working hard – we can't wait to hear what you play next term.

Morrisons came to visit us too to talk to us all about seasonal fruit - this linked into our DT learning this term.



On Christmas Jumper day, we enjoyed the Santa Dash to celebrate the day.. We have also been working hard on practicing our Christmas performance.



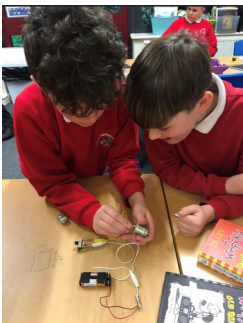
The whole of the Year 3 and 4 team wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Years 5 and 6

It has been a very busy half term for the pupils in Years Five and Six. They have experienced storytellers, an online Science production, a school visit to West Stow and not to mention all the wonderful festive celebrations that have taken place in school too. The pupils have been enjoying lots of wonderful learning across all curriculum areas which can be seen on our school Facebook page. Here are a few of our highlights...

Reading Reward – author visit Nigel Lungenmuss – Ward

As the children in UKS2 have been reading a lot at home, they filled their reading tube for the third time this term. This meant that on Monday 13th December, we welcomed local author Nigel Lungenmuss – Ward into school for their reading reward. Last year, Nigel, along with his son, Robbie, published a book 'Freddie's Impossible Dream'. The children really enjoyed hearing from Nigel about what inspires him and how to be a good writer.



Our Design and Technology project

This half term, the children have been planning and designing their own controllable toy car. They have gone through the design process and have had the chance to use saws both safely and responsibly. They evaluated their final product against the design specification and will try them out to see which design is the most successful.



Visit to West Stow

The children have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons during their History lessons this half term. To further their understanding of this time period, the children visited West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village. Here they were able to explore the site of an early Anglo-Saxon village, occupied from AD 420-650, over 400 years before the Norman Conquest. It



is a reconstructed village that the pupils explored with a number of buildings, including a farmers house, a weaving house and the main hall building. The children were very engaged and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!



Have a great break with your families.



Look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Sporting Success

During this half term, we have not been able to participate in as many tournaments as normal—the weather & Covid restrictions have been against us! Despite this, the teams put their all into the games they could play and we look forward to many more sporting opportunities in 2022.

ALT Tournaments

Our year 4 boys football team took part in the latest ALT tournament at Red Oak. Everyone played brilliantly and it was so good to see them work together as a team! They came 3rd and received bronze medals!



Sports Clubs

This half term was very busy with a large number of lunchtime and after school sports clubs on offer. All clubs had a full register with at least 5 children on the waiting list! It was great to see so many children joining in and keeping active.



Upcoming Fixtures

We have 3 confirmed tournaments for next half term and are hoping to add more to the fixtures list as they become available. We will, of course, keep families updated and endeavour to include as many children as possible in these events.

Friday 28th January	15:45-17:30	UKS2 Quicksticks	Red Oak
Wednesday 2nd February	15:00-17:30	Year 6 boys 3v3 basketball	EPA
Friday 11th February	15:45-17:30	LKS2 girls football	Red Oak

#BETHEBESTTHATYOUCANBE

Diary Dates

There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!

Friday 17th December	Last Day of the half term
Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4th January	Children return to school
Thursday 6th January	Year 6 Height & Weight with School Nurse
Thursday 13th January	Assemblies with PCSO Winn
Tuesday 18th January	James Campbell author visit
Thursday 20th January	Happy Smiles workshop
Thursday 17th February	Last Day of the half term
Friday 18th February	SCHOOL CLOSED – Additional Bank Holiday
Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 28th February	Children return to school

HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this half term are:

Ruby = 1,362
Sapphire = 1,357
Diamond = 1,165
Emerald = 1,035

Congratulations Ruby, your house captains are busy organising your treat!

ATTENDANCE

Each week, our office team calculates the attendance for each class and the winner is announced in our Celebration assembly.

It's been a tricky half term with the nasty sickness bug striking but almost every class has managed to stay above 90% attendance and UKS2 have managed to stay above 96%

Well done everyone!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have had a fantastic range of lunchtime and after school clubs available for the children to enjoy this half term, including:
Christmas crafting,, sewing, and chickens.



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

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

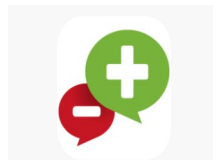
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

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.

SEND NEWS



Meet the team!

Let me introduce myself... I am Mrs Kate Grey. I have worked across Norfolk and Suffolk schools for the past 18 years. I have lots of experience teaching many subjects and key stages – leading a variety of subjects. I trained as a science specialist and also support the science team across Westwood and Grove. Having three children of my own and a variety of animals, any free time I have is spent relaxing with family and friends. Please reach me on kgrey@westwoodprimary.org.

I am Caroline Bardsley. I have worked at Grove for 3 years now. In this time, I have worked across all key stages. I lead the learning in the Pod and thoroughly enjoy that no day is the same. I am currently working towards my SENDCo qualification. Please reach me on c.bardsley@groveprimaryschool.org



JARGON BUSTER (What does it all mean?)

The areas of identified need.

SEMH- Social and emotional and mental health- The SEMH needs of individual pupils may present in a variety of ways, including: being withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging or disruptive behaviour; being anxious or low; difficulties with attachments, difficulties with attention.

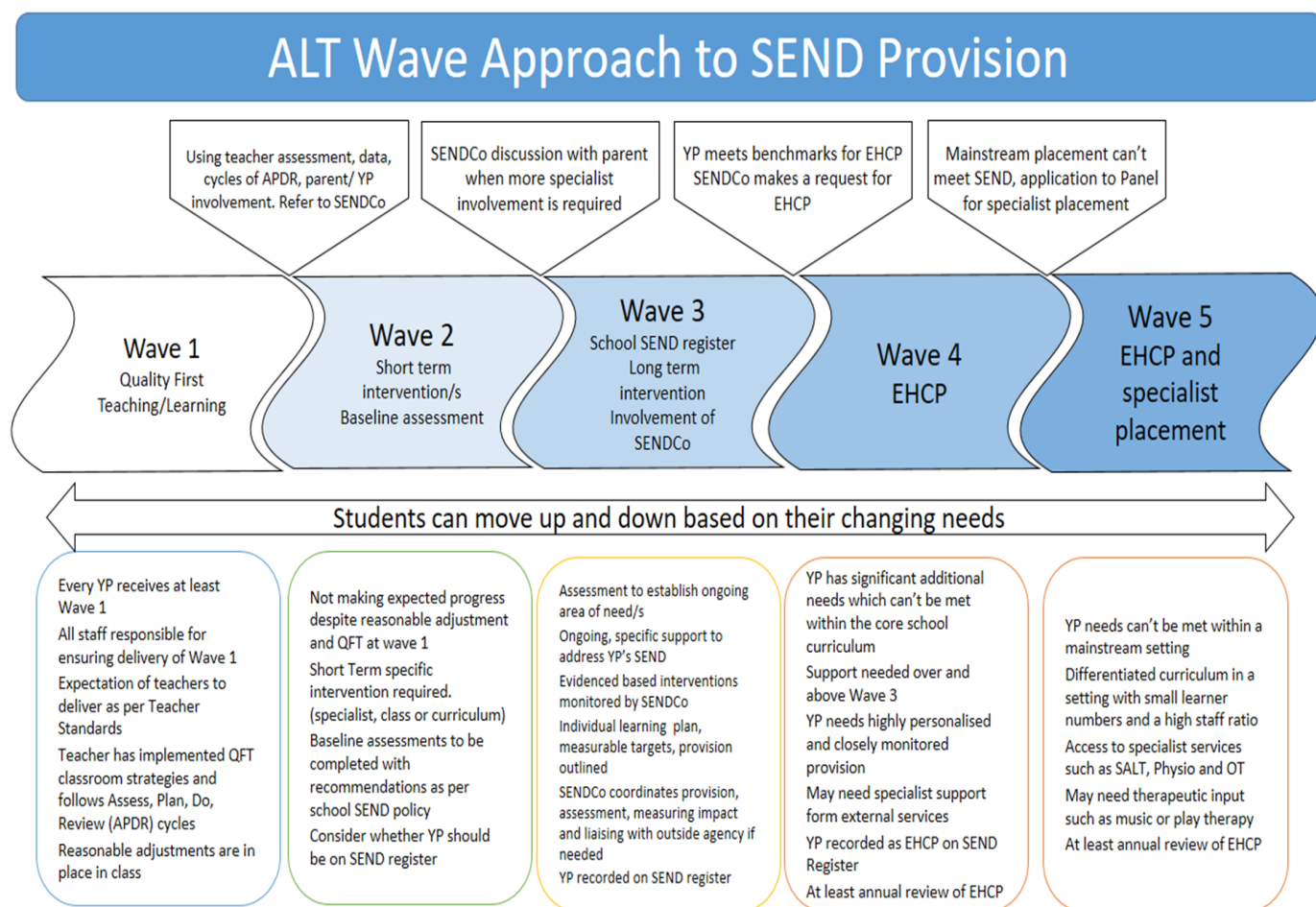
C AND I- Communication and Interaction- Difficulties with social communication and making or maintaining friendships, understanding and regulating emotions, difficulties around inflexible, thinking, difficulties communicating effectively with others.

C AND L- Cognition and Learning- Difficulties with reading, writing, and recording work, difficulties with spelling and phonics, difficulties with maths and counting, lower than age expected ability in specific curriculum areas or Topic work, moderate to significant learning difficulties, diagnosed medical conditions which may affect abilities to learn, difficulty with

ASD AND ASPERGERS- If you have concerns around these areas you will need to make an appointment with your GP. Teaching staff can provide a teacher contribution form to take with you.

What if my child has been identified as having SEND needs?

Our school's trust has a graduated response to SEND and follows a series of 'waves'. The diagram below summarises these.



What do I do if I am worried about my child?

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have concerns about your child.

Please book an appointment with a member of the SEND team by emailing directly or through the school office.

As a parent or carer of a child with identified SEND needs, you will have received a copy of their APDR cycle (Assess, Plan, Do and Review). This is a document that outlines the support your child will receive additionally in class with clear targets set.

Pupils may remain on this cycle until the identified need is no more. However, if after two cycles it is felt that more intervention is needed, your child may move to Wave 3/4 of the graduated response.

Wave 4 - At this point specialist support will be sought and referrals will be made by the SEND team with your permission.

Moving to Wave 4 may involve the writing of an individualised educational health care plan (EHCP). These plans set clear outcomes that your child will work towards.

Need independent support as a parent?

Contact SENDIASS for free advice and support.
<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/education/sen-support/>

Watch the following ypu tube video:
<https://youtu.be/9Zk129Rwpxs>

Problems with Speech and language?

Just One Norfolk 0300 300 0123
<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Who Can Help?



Mrs. Anna Ball is our Family Support Worker in school and is based in 'The Nest'.

She is available via email: a.ball@groveprimaryschool.org or by telephone: 01502 538527.

You may prefer to book an appointment to meet and discuss your needs in person.



Anna is able to support families with referrals for parenting courses, the Early Help Team and Child and Adolescence Mental Health service as well as supporting children directly with bereavement work. She is available for advice and guidance on behaviour management, children's mental health concerns and how to ensure you are safeguarding your child at home and online.

Safeguarding

We have a lot of really useful information on our school website.

Follow the 'Our school' tab and then click on 'Safeguarding'.

There are a number of links towards the bottom of the page which are full of helpful links, policies and videos.

There is also an area specifically for pupils.



Useful Numbers

Customer First	Reporting safeguarding concerns about a child	0808 8004005
Homestart	Self referral form	01473 621104
Waveney Domestic Violence & Abuse Forum	Support for those experiencing domestic violence & abuse in Waveney	01502 572143 07906245979
Domestic Violence National 24hr Helpline	Support for those experiencing domestic violence & abuse	0808 2000 247
Childline	A free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything.	0800 1111
Suffolk Police	Suffolk Constabulary	01473 613500
Health Visitor	Health Visitors are qualified nurses or midwives with specialist community public health training and can offer families with children aged 0 to 5 years	0345 607 8866 (alternatively you can contact your local children's centre)

YMCA

On a Thursday we have Gemma & Kayleigh from the YMCA in school.

They can work with any child in KS2 (years 3-6).







They are available for 1:1 work with children working on a variety of needs such as food phobias, anxiety & self esteem & can also offer small group work to help with friendships & social skills.

If you feel your child would benefit please speak with Mrs Ball.

They run a lunchtime club too which all pupils can attend.

Mental Health

Here are some ways you are able to help and support your children with their mental health:

 <h3>TALK</h3> <p>Talk with your children about their mental health. Make topics around mental health, stress, anxiety, fear and feelings common in your home and in your child's life.</p>	 <h3>TRUST</h3> <p>Trust your gut; you know your child best! If you believe your child is struggling or needs help, trust that feeling.</p>	 <h3>ROLE MODEL</h3> <p>Show your children it is ok to talk about and care for their mental health by taking care of yourself.</p>
 <h3>ASK FOR HELP</h3> <p>Get a referral to a mental health specialist, if needed. Provide your child with every opportunity to receive treatment and support - just as you would for a broken arm or a fever.</p>	 <h3>CONNECT</h3> <p>You are not alone; 1 in 5 children experiences a mental health condition. Connect with other families who can offer support, help and resources.</p>	 <h3>TEAM UP</h3> <p>Build a team with the professionals and child-serving systems involved in your child's life. An open and honest dialogue with teachers, coaches, doctors and others will give them the information they need to support your child.</p>

Online Safety

Keeping our children safe online can be a bit of a mine field.

If you are unsure how to manage the parental controls, blocks or filtering systems on your child's devices then please do ask for support.

Social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok and Snapchat are designed for children aged 13+ and because of this their content is not always appropriate for primary age children.

What they see can not be unseen!



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.



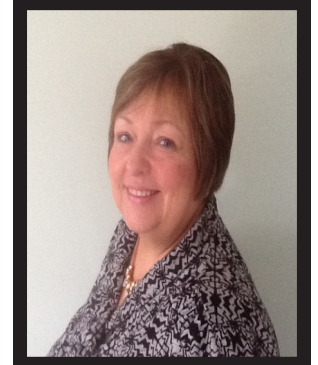
Mrs Rae Aldous
Executive
Headteacher



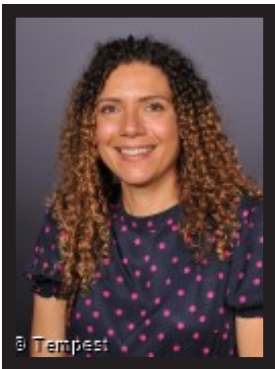
Ms Louise Creed
Grove
Head of School



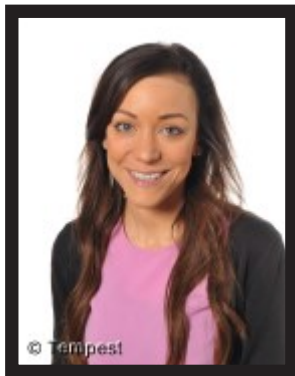
Mrs Lauraine Barnes
Westwood
Head of School



Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors



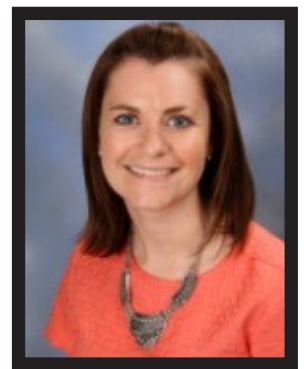
Mrs Danielle Gillings
Assistant Headteacher
EYFS Lead



Miss Beth Jones
Assistant Headteacher
KSI Lead



Mrs Rachel Kounnas
Assistant Headteacher
LKS2 Lead



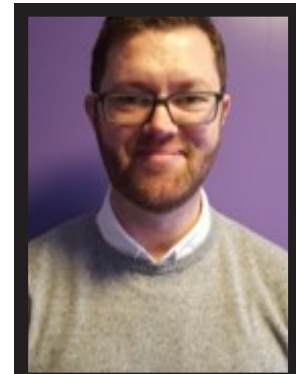
Mrs Kelly Hough
Assistant Headteacher
UKS2 Lead



Mrs Kate Grey
SENDCo



Mrs Anna Ball
Parent and Pupil
Support Advisor



Mr Stephen Clarke
Safeguarding
Governor