



# GROVE NEWS



## Summer Term (2) 2021

Dear Families,

It doesn't seem possible that we have reached the end of the academic year already. After another challenging year, this final term has been so jam-packed with activities and events that it seems to have gone by in a flash! Although we were unable to invite families to join us, we are so glad we were able to offer the children lots of fantastic opportunities both in school and in the local area, including a visit to Hundred River Farm, our whole school Fete Day and workshops linked to our learning. A big thank you to our PTFA for helping to organise and fund many of these and to the staff and parent helpers who enabled them to go ahead.

Thank you to everyone who completed the online parent surveys sent out this half term. We take your feedback very seriously and use this to help shape our thinking around key issues in school. Thank you also for the feedback given after you received your child's end of year report—we value every comment made as we are continually striving to improve.

The end of year offers a moment to reflect on and celebrate the many successes of the year but it is also a sad time as we say farewell to much loved members of our school community. Our wonderful Year 6 children enjoyed a super send off with their Leavers Assembly and BBQ. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and wish you all the very best in your High School. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Robson and Mr Wilkes. Mr Robson has successfully completed his teacher training this year and will be taking up his first post in a school in Ipswich. Mr Wilkes will be joining the team at SCITT who train new teachers as a Senior Tutor. We wish them both the best of luck in their new roles and thank them for all they have done for the children and team here at Grove..

We are also excited to share that there will be two Grove weddings during the Summer holidays. After many delays, Mrs Gill will finally be having the wedding she has been dreaming of and planning for so long. Miss Spry will also be getting married and will be returning as Mrs Kounnas. We would like to wish them and their husbands to be all the best for their big days and lots of love 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!

Stay safe over the summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 6th September**.

Mrs Aldous & Ms Creed



## Nursery & Reception

### Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful time learning all about food and the farm.

The children have been exploring fruits that Handa had left for them from the story of Handa's Surprise.



The highlight has been a visit from the chickens after reading the story of The Little Red Hen.



In phonics the children have continued to listening to rhyming words, listen to the first sound and begin to hear the syllables in words.

### Reception

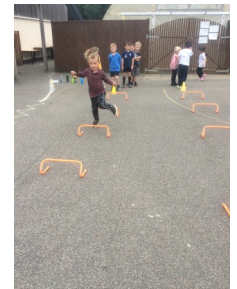
Reception have continued to have a fabulous Summer term! They have also been learning all about different stories connected to food and farming. We have had tasting sessions and also created transient fruit art.

In Phonics we have been focusing on blending sounds in words when trying to read.



The highlight of this term was our trip to a Hundred River Farm, where the children got to feed pigs, sheep, chickens, and ducks!

The EYFS Sports day was a fantastic success! All the children had such a wonderful morning and were all winners!



Thank you to all of the children and parents/carers for your continued support throughout this year! You have worked so hard and we are so proud of everything you have achieved!

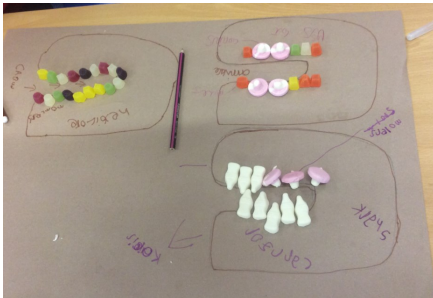


## Years 1 & 2

In Key Stage 1, we have had a fun filled last half term looking at the Greatest Inventions. We started our learning by finding a plane wreckage where we needed to redesign a plan with guidance from the Wright brothers' old plans. We have also looked at the development of the telephone over time and how this has impacted our lives.



In Science, we have been looking at groups of animals and their diets. We explored the teeth structure of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and made our own jaw models using sweets to represent teeth.



We thoroughly enjoyed our fete day where we got the chance to bounce to our hearts content on the amazing bouncy castles, enjoy a class party and take part in arts and crafts, all thanks to our PTFA!



## Years 3 & 4

This half term, Lower Key Stage 2 have studied the Romans. Our topic began with a Roman Day where the children took part in Roman activities such as making shields, mosaics, coins and wreaths. This really immersed us in the History.



We had the Time and Tide Museum pay us a visit from Lady Livia and an Iceni warrior. This helped us to understand what happened when the Romans grew their empire. In our instructions unit, we learnt how Romans built roads and why they needed them, then created our own edible version.



Sports Day was such a success with all of the children trying their very best. Well done to all!



It was fantastic to have a Roman dance experience come in to visit us also. It was so impressive to see the creativity of the children really come to life..



It has been such an amazing year at Grove and we cannot wait for the fun that awaits us in September!



## Years 5 & 6

What a wonderful final half term it has been in Years 5 and 6!  
It has been full of great learning, enrichment opportunities and lots of fun.

### Grove CSI

In our Science learning, the pupils became forensic scientists. They found out what a forensic scientist does and why their job is so important. As part of their learning, they dusted for fingerprints, explored the prints and discovered the subtle differences between each set of prints.



### D.T. Fairgrounds



As designers, the children investigated a range of fairground rides, observed how they moved and identified the rotating parts. Next, they sketched a plan for their own fairground ride and created it using K'NEX. Once the structure was built, they included an electrical circuit with a motor to make the ride move. Finally, they evaluated their own and others' designs.



### Roman Dance Workshop



We had a brilliant workshop with Lorraine from Multicultural Dance based on the Romans, as part of our History unit. The pupils embraced the session and developed their own ancient Roman dances based on an image from



Pompeii. They all performed their dances at the end and Lorraine was really impressed with their interpretations and collaboration.

### Goodbye to our Wonderful Year 6 Pupils



Year 6 had such a memorable day on Friday as we marked their final day all together at Grove. There was plenty of dancing and singing during the assembly and all of the children received their Leavers hoodie, a trophy and their mini photo yearbooks.



In addition, they had so much fun at their Leavers event in the evening. They enjoyed a BBQ, music, dancing, playing in the woods, a photo booth, a visit from an ice-cream van, rounders, a big football match and the ultimate WATERFIGHT! They have been an incredible year group and we know they will go on to achieve some wonderful things in their lives. #proudtobegrove

## Sporting Success

We have been having lots of fun at our ALT sports tournaments. Everyone that has participated has represented the school brilliantly showing our Grove manners and sportsmanship.

Highlights this half term have been seeing our UKS2 Panathlon team win their competition in a closely fought curling shootout against our Westwood friends after drawing with them! Well done Westwood.



We have also had some running competitions and our year 4s were champions of both their events! They won the 4 x 300m and 4 x 75m relays!

We have also had some cricket this half term with our UKS2 team winning this event after demonstrating some excellent teamwork when fielding.



It has been pleasing to see everyone so active during school hours in our sports clubs and we have been really grateful for the support from our Grove families in supporting the tournaments since their return. We are looking forward to having them back more regularly come September!

## Diary Dates

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

Friday 16th July	Last Day of Term - everyone finishes at 1pm
Monday 19th July – Tuesday 31st August	Summer Holidays
Wednesday 1st September Thursday 2nd September Friday 3rd September	PD Days – staff only in school
Monday 6th September	Children return to school
Monday 27th September	Individual School Photos
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half Term Holidays

### WEBSITE

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

The address is: [www.westwoodprimary.org](http://www.westwoodprimary.org)

You can also follow us on:



Twitter: @GroveprimaryCC



Facebook: Grove Primary School



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### CONTACT DETAILS

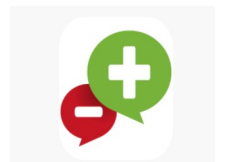
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

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.



## 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



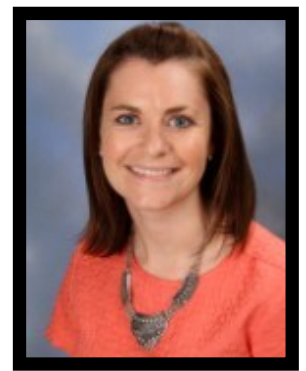
*Mrs Danielle Gillings*  
Assistant Headteacher  
EYFS Lead



*Miss Beth Jones*  
Assistant Headteacher  
KSI Lead



*Mrs Rachel Kounnas*  
Assistant Headteacher  
LKS2 Lead



*Mrs Kelly Hough*  
Assistant Headteacher  
UKS2 Lead



*Mrs Sarah Bayfield*  
SENDCo



*Mrs Anna Ball*  
Parent and Pupil  
Support Advisor



*Mrs Jackie Cutchey*  
Chair of Governors



*Mr Stephen Clarke*  
Safeguarding  
Governor