GROVE NEWS



Summer Term (1) 2023



Dear Families.

This half term seems to have flown by, especially with all the bank holidays, but we have packed so many fantastic learning opportunities in to the last six weeks!

We have enjoyed welcoming families in to school again for a number of events including our class share sessions. The children love having the opportunity to share their learning with you and the teaching teams enjoy being able to talk you through your child's progress and attainment as well as answering any questions you may have. Of course, you don't have to wait until these times to discuss how your child is getting on: teaching teams are available at the classroom door at the beginning and end of the school day but if you would like a longer conversation, please contact the school office and they will happily make an appointment for you.

We have also welcomed visitors from our Trust sponsors, The Active Learning Trust, who have spent time in classrooms talking to the children about their learning as well as meeting with members of the teaching teams and senior leadership team. We always enjoy these opportunities to share our wonderful school with people who don't get to see it on a daily basis and celebrate all the hard work taking place.

Our Mental Health Awareness Day was a huge success which saw the children and staff come to school dressed in green and take part in activities linked to promoting mindfulness and talking about our feelings. We also enjoyed lots of celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III—we had a special assembly, a street party style lunch and came in our best red, white and blue outfits. It was lovely to hear how the children celebrated over the bank holiday weekend.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 and Year 2 children who have all taken their end of key stage tests this half term. The resilience they demonstrated as they tackled each paper was truly impressive. We know that the test results do not define them and they are just one small part of their overall academic achievements but equally we know they worked their hardest to showcase their knowledge and the results will reflect this.

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 half break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 5th June

Mrs. Aldous, Ms. Creed & Mrs. Barnes









Nursery & Reception



Nursery and Pre-School

This half term out topic has been 'Farms'. We have been looking at the animals that live on a farm and reading both fiction and non fiction texts.

Our first book was 'The Three Little Pigs and we investigated the best materials to use when building a house. The following week we learnt about the life cycle of a chicken. We have been practising using different prepositions like 'under' and 'next to' after reading 'Rosie's Walk'. Our last two books were 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We used construction materials to make maps and build bridges deciding which materials were the strongest and how best to stop the troll from eating the goats.

We celebrated King Charles III coronation by dressing up in red white and blue and creating our own coronation flags. In phonics we have been blending, segmenting and using our voices in funny ways to make different sounds. In Maths we have explored shape and looked at how artists have used shape in their work. Nursery really enjoyed having the parents in for our 'Stay and Play' sessions, thank you to all the parents who attended.















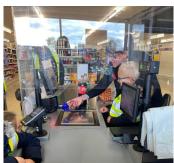


<u>Reception</u>

This half term our topic has been 'What's o Your plate?'. We have been looking at healthy lifestyles reading both fiction books and non fiction recipe texts.

The children were invited to a Teddy Bear Picnic by Bernie the Bear' who was hungry due to having just come out of hibernation. We read the text 'Daisy Eat Your Peas' and investigated our likes and dislikes when exploring our senses to touch, smell and taste different foods. The following week we read 'Oliver's Vegetables' to discuss how fruits and vegetables are grown. We looked at the lifecycle of plants and planted our own sunflowers, peas and peppers, discussing what they would need to help them to grow. Next we read 'Farmer Duck' and discussed why wee need farms and the things they produce, the children designed their own farms thinking about what foods came from their farm. Our final text was a non-fiction cook book. We looked at the features of a recipe and practised giving and writing instructions on how to make jam on toast.

Throughout our topic we have enjoyed trips to Co-Op to learn about where food comes from and how it is stored and sorted on the shelves. We also walked to Co-Op to buy our ingredients for the recipes we are making for our Teddy Bear Picnic. We can't wait for you to join us on Friday 26th at 2pm/













Years 1 & 2



Wow, what a busy first half to the summer we have had in Key Stage I. We have been busy working hard towards our debate court case with DI Clarke, where the boy was proven to be innocent of stealing the Penguin!!!





We have also been exploring food chains and animals diets using the terms—herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.







In Gymnastics, we have been practising our jumping and rolling to create sequences and working on our landings



Also, well done to Honeysuckle who celebrated winning 3 best weekly attendance awards with a delicious breakfast.



Years 3 & 4



This term we looked at Volcanoes and Mountains. To kick off the subject we had Eleanor Dunn—a volcanologist—join us online to tell us all about her work. We sent her some questions which she helped give us the answers to, she then set us a challenge to send her some of our work. We have done lots of practical activities to helps us explain how the earth, volcanoes and mountains are made up. We used polystyrene to explain how the tectonic plates of the earth move.





Thank you to the parents that came to our Mental Health workshop- we explored how Art can help us and looked at creating Andy Warhol style volcanoes. We then went outside to walk in the environment and talked to a variety of people we may not normally do. It was also great to wear green and get outside and promote the importance of good mental health.



We celebrated the coronation with a whole school assembly. We also did some activities within our classes to celebrate.





Years 5 & 6



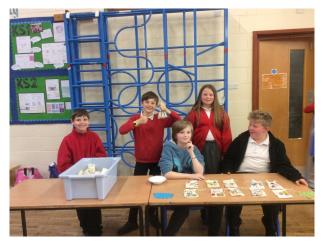
This term in Year 5 and 6 we have studied the Solar System, carrying out a variety of experiments to demonstrate our learning in Science. We studied the phases of the moon, learnt about planets and their orbital patterns.



Well done to the Year 6's for a great SAT's week. The Year 5's embarked on an enterprise week, making an assortment of crafts to sell to the school and the community.

They raised approximately £300!





We had a successful parent event where we created our own planets using pastels and chalks. This helped us think about art therapy on our mental health. We also got outside



in the environment to talk to another about how we were feeling.





Sporting Success



<u>Tournaments</u>

It has been a half term with lots of sports clubs well attended as well as some excellent

sporting events successes!

We had our UKS2 mixed orienteering teams experience a new opportunity within our sports partnership. UKS2 girls won their ALT netball event, winning every game and not conceding any baskets! Grove's first ever county finalists were amazing at their event, narrowly missing out on the semi finals. Well done to the mixed year 4 dodgeball team! Year 2 and 3 girls loved a Disney themed football event to raise their involvement. Year 6 boys a team won their ALT football event meaning they have qualified for the trust finals TBC. The B team finished 3rd. Year 6 boys futsal team were the schools second ever county finalists and they did well to finish 7th overall in the whole of Suffolk! Year 6 girls football team finished in 3rd at their ALT event. LKS2 mixed cricket team finished in 3rd place at their rainy ALT event! Year 5 girls finished 3rd at their ALT football event. KS2 all inclusive football team finished in 3rd place at their football ALT event. Good luck to the year 5 boys team who play on Wednesday 24th May.

<u> Upcoming Fixtures & Events</u>

Tournaments

We have confirmed a few 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.

Wednesday 7th June NSSP Years 5 & 6 Kwik Cricket
Thursday 15th June Years 5 & 6 Terry Butcher Cup
Friday 16th June ALT Sports Leader Tournament

Wednesday 21st June Dance Festival - Dancing through the Decades

Thursday 22nd June ALT Years 5 & 6 Cricket
Thursday 29th June ALT Years 1-6 Running Races

Sport Share Sessions

As we did last year, we would love to invite families to join us for our Sport Share Sessions.

Please see the dates & times for each year group below:

Monday 26th June 13:30—14:30 Years 5 & 6 Sports Share Tuesday 27th June 13:30—14:30 Years 3 & 4 Sports Share Wednesday 28th June 13:30—14:30 Years 1 & 2 Sports Share Thursday 29th June 13:00—14:30 Reception Sports Share 13:00—14:30 Reception Sports Share

Inter House Sports Events

On Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July, our children in Years I to 6 will represent their house teams in a series of sporting events which will see one of our House Teams awarded the school Sports Trophy for this academic year. Children will be invited to wear a t-shirt in their house colour: Ruby (Red), Sapphire (Blue), Emerald (Green) or Diamond (Yellow) for these events. If you are not sure which house team your child is in, please speak to their class teacher.

#BETHEBESTTHATYOUCANBE

YEAR 6 LEAVERS EVENTS

This time of the year is always filled with a tinge of sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 children but it is also a time of celebration as we look back on their time with us and all of the wonderful achievements they have had along the way. The children and staff are busily preparing a fabulous performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' as well as putting together their Leavers. Assembly. Their Leavers' hoodies have been ordered and plans are in place for their BBQ and games night. They will be sure to get the send off they deserve!

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS

Each high school organises their own transition events for the children who will be joining their Year 7 classes in September. For full details of their expectations for these days, (including timings & uniform) please contact the high school directly.

The children remain on our school roll until the end of August so it is important you contact us if your child is unwell or does not attend the transition day for any other reason, as well as letting the high school know. Children are expected to attend our school on days they are not attending their new high school until we close for the Summer holidays.

The dates we have been given are as follows:

Bungay High 28th & 29th June

Castle East 5th July

Orniston Denes 11th, 12th July

Benjamin Britten 12th, 13th & 14th July

East Point Academy 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th July Pakefield High 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th July

HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this half term are:

Diamond = 1056

Emerald = 1231

Ruby = 1031

Sapphire = 1170

Congratulations Emerald your house captains are busy organising your treat!

ATTENDANCE.

It's been a good half term for Key Stage I classes with Honeysuckle winning twice, the second of which was 100%. Rose had their first win and Speedwell were winners of the first week taking them to 4 awards.

Willow class also had a win taking them to 3 earning them a breakfast.

<u>Diary Dates</u>
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.

| Friday 26th May | Last Day of the half term | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Monday 29th May— Friday 2nd June | May Half Term Holiday | | | |
| Monday 5th June | Children return to school | | | |
| W/C Monday 5th June | Year 4 Multiplication Tests | | | |
| Friday 9th June | Non uniform day—donations for RSPCA EYFS & KSI Dance Workshops Years 3 & 4 RSPCA workshop | | | |
| W/C Monday 12th June | KSI Phonics Screening | | | |
| Tuesday 13th June | UKS2 Share Session | | | |
| Monday 19th June | EYFS Co-Op Workshops James Carter (poet) workshops | | | |
| Tuesday 20th June | UKS2 Hautbois Hall Trip Nursery & Reception new parents welcome evening | | | |
| Friday 23rd June | Non uniform day (wear red & blue) —donations to GPA & GOSH | | | |
| W/C Monday 26th June | Sports Share Afternoons—please see Sporting Success page for dates & times for each year group | | | |
| Monday 26th June | LKS2 Roman Day | | | |
| Wednesday 28th June | Year 4 Royal Norfolk Show Performance | | | |
| Friday 30th June | Year 3 Ukelele Festival | | | |
| Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July | Inter House Sports Events | | | |
| Friday 7th July | End of year reports sent to parents 14:00—15:00 Year 6 performance 15:30—18:00 Year 6 Leavers' BBQ | | | |
| Monday 10th July | 9:00-10:00 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly | | | |
| Thursday 13th July | KSI Transport Museum Trip | | | |
| Friday 14th July | Nursery Pirate Party & Reception Beach Party | | | |
| Monday 17th July | Children spend the day with their new teacher | | | |
| Tuesday 17th July | 12:00—13:00 Whole School Picnic Last Day of Term—school finishes at 13:00 | | | |
| Wednesday 6th September | Children return to school | | | |

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have another fantastic range of clubs available from Monday 5th June. You can sign your child up via Parentmail but if you have any problems doing this, please contact the school office.

Summer 2 Clubs 2023 P.E SHED/ SCHOOL STAFF

| Day | Lunch 12:00pm - 1pm | After School 3.15pm – 4.15pm | | | | |
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| Monday | Music and Meditation Library drop in | Year 6 production & design club (UKS2) - Mr Bessey and Miss Fayers Craft club (KS1) - Miss Bayes 10 children Woodlands - (LKS2 16 children) - Mr Fisher (PE Shed) and Ms Williams | | | | |
| Tuesday | Tuesday Construction Library drop in Construction Golf - (KS2 16 children) Mr Fisher (PE SHed) | | | | | |
| Wednesday | Computing and Coding Library drop in | Rock Choir Tag Rugby (UKS2) -LYRC Give it a go (Year 2 / 3 - 16 children) - Mr Fisher (PE Shed) | | | | |
| Thursday | Film club Library drop in | Rounders (KS2) - Mr Rough Maths year 4 invited children French Club - Y6 Only (High school prep) Mrs Welch Football (KS1) Miss Bayes and Mr Fisher (30 max) | | | | |
| Friday | Mindfulness Library drop in | ₩ | | | | |

A reminder of this half term's lunch menu...



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.

<u>Jewellery, hair & make-up</u>

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:

/ou can a

Twitter: @groveprimaryCC



Facebook: Grove Primary School



👩 Instagram: groveprimaryschool

PARENTMAIL

CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure we have your up to date

contact details. This includes current

We MUST have two contact telephone

address and telephone numbers.

numbers in case of an emergency.

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



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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



Exciting news! James Carter, who is a brilliant poet, will be visiting Grove in the Summer term.

—on Monday 19th June to be precise!

He is a very experienced writer and has done hundreds of school visits. He has written lots of books and it should be very entertaining and inspiring visit for the children.

You can find out more information about him on his website: http://www.jamescarterpoet.co.uk/index.html



Advice for talking about books at home

We often advice parents to talk to their children about what they are reading to help them improve their comprehension skills. Here are some useful questions to ask younger readers. Before reading:

'What do you think might happen in this story?'

<u>While reading:</u>

'What word do you think should come next?' (It encourages observational skills)

Simple recall questions like: 'What was the characters name again?'

'What words do you think best describe this character?'

'Does anything in this book seem familiar to you?'

<u>After reading:</u>

'How might the story be different if it was told from a different character's point of view?' 'Can you make up a different ending to this story?'

500 words competition!

The UK's most successful children's writing competition, 500 Words, will relaunch this September, supported by BBC Teach with BBC Breakfast hosting the initiative for 2023. There are two categories, 5-7 and 8-11 year olds. The children are encouraged to write about whatever they like; there is no need to worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar, just brilliant story content.

If your children love reading and love stories this is a great thing to get involved with. More details can be found here.

New books to look out for:

Looking for something new for your child to read? Here are some recommendations:



Younger readers



Year 3 and above



For more recommendations try looking at the Book Trust website.

Year 5 and above



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities



Transition



Moving to a new year group or a new school is a very challenging time for children.

It can cause a lot of anxiety and stress at home. In school, we work hard to prepare pupils for changes...

Class teachers will meet to discuss all children and share

important information.

- Pupils with identified SEN needs will be discussed with new class teachers to ensure smooth transition.
- Once new classes are organised; teachers will spend time dropping in and meeting pupils.
- A carefully planned transition will occur for all pupils and a detailed plan will be created for those who find change challenging.



Moving into year 7!

Moving school is a very big step and can cause periods of worry and anxiety for a lot of our pupils. We are busy organising extra transition for pupils who may require more support.

Please also support your child with transition by accessing the following fab online resources:

- BBC Newsround website for supporting your child on transitioning to Secondary schools.
 - Transitioning to secondary school BBC Teach
- Young minds website offers some useful tips and videos around transition.

Supporting school transitions | Resources | YoungMinds

Some Top Tips:

- If your child is concerned about the new canteen, take them to a café over the summer where they order and pay for what they would like to eat and drink
- Teach them how to make healthy food choices, allow them to cook at home and talk to them about what makes a healthy lunch
- Do a practice run of their journey to school so they feel familiar and confident enough to do it themselves- make plans to walk with a friend.
- Look at the school's website or handbook to check what equipment your child needs ahead of their first day
- Show your confidence in your child so that they believe in their own confidence. Avoid taking over tasks that they can do themselves it can sometimes be hard to hold back on the help!
- Make time to have conversations about worries.



Safeguarding & Mental Health



| MAY HALF-TERM 2023 | | | | | MENU | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| DATE | MEAL | TIME | VENUE | VENUE ADDRESS | MAIN | DESSERT |
| Tuesday 30th May | Lunch (Eat in AND Takeaway) | 12 noon sit in and for takeaways collection times will be advised when booking | ST LUKES CHURCH | 62 Homefield Avenue, Lowestoft. NR33 9BX | Jacket Potatoes with choice of two fillings from cheese, tuna or baked beans. Side Salad | Ice Cream Factory |
| Tuesday 30th May | Lunch (Takeaway) | Takeaway collection times will be advised when booking | PAKEFIELD CHURCH | Pakefield Church Hall, Sunningdale Avenue, Pakefield, NR33 7DB | Chicken Pasta Bake and Garlic Bread | Chocolate Crunch |
| Wednesday 31st May | BREAKFAST (Sit in) | 9.30 SIT IN | GUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH | Montgomery Avenue, Lowestoft. NR32 4DZ | Orange Juice, Bacon, Sausage, Beans, Bread, Toast, Tea | |
| Thursday 1st June | BREAKFAST (Sit in) | 9.30 SIT IN | WHITTON LIFE | 4 The Green, Whitton, Lowestoft. NR33 9AZ | Bacon Rolls, Cereals, Pastries and Toast | |
| Thursday 1st June | LUNCH (Sit in) | 12 NOON SIT IT | SGT PEPPERS | 167-168 High Street, Lowestoft. NR32 1HU | Chilli and Jackets, (Vegetarian Option - Vegetarian Chilli or baked beans) or Fish Fingers and Chips. PLEASE ADVISE OF CHOICE WHEN BOOKING | Pie and Icecream |
| Friday 2nd May | LUNCH (Sit in) | 12 NOON SIT IN | SALVATION ARMY | 9 Carlton Road, Lowestoft. NR33 0RU | Lasagne, Garlic Bread and Salad | Crumble and Custard |



What is this new viral challenge?

There is a very worrying new viral challenge circulating on TikTok using variations of the hashtag 'foopah'. This is a play on the phrase 'faux pas' (an embarrassing public act), the trend encourages users to upload blink and you'll miss it' nudity. It aims to get around the platform's detection and moderation by being hidden in plain sight. Using screens, mirrors and other reflective surfaces are just some of the ways people have taken part in the challenge.

Support • Advice • Action

Anglia Care Trust (ACT)

Anglia Care Trust provide support for domestic abuse across the county. This includes assistance with Housing, Community Safety, Advice and Guidance and Health Support. This service is accessible for Women, Men

and families.

County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:

























Young Minds is a website that offers support around mental health, directly for children and young people and also for parents and carers. In particular, it offers advice on how to have those more tricky conversations around mental health.

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 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