



The Grove Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all. I hope you had a lovely summer and that you are looking forward to the year ahead. The children had a great few days. Thankfully the sun is shining so we will be using the field as much as possible; please ensure your child brings a named raincoat just in case as the weather is very changeable.

We have a busy term ahead and the dates for these events have been added to the end of this letter. This will be updated as soon as dates are confirmed.

Meet The Teacher

Wednesday 9th September will be our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. You will be able to find out more about this academic year, what your children will be learning and expectations for the year. The sessions will last about 30 minutes and are spaced out so that you can attend other year group meetings if you have children in different year groups. The teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have. The sessions will be held within the classrooms. Miss Urquhart and Miss Bunce will be on the playground to direct people to the specific classrooms.

4:00pm - 4:30pm for all Year 4 classes.

4:30pm - 5:00pm for all Year 5 classes

5:00pm - 5:30pm for all Year 6 classes

5:30pm - 6:00pm for all Year 3 classes.

The only gates that will be available for you to enter the school site will be the bottom gate by the health centre and the gate by the school office. Please only use the car park on Grove Road and not the staff car park. As there will be a number of parents during the meetings, we are sorry but we will not have the space for children as well. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Year 4 Swimming Meeting

A meeting will be held on Monday 7th September at 9am for any parent who would like to support the school with walking the children to and from swimming. Hopefully you have seen the email and have already spoken to your child's teacher about helping. Please come to the school office where Miss Urquhart will meet you.

New Staff

As we begin the new academic year, we are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to The Grove. Mrs Fogerty has joined our admin team and will be based in the school office from Monday to Wednesday. We are also pleased to welcome two new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Gray and Mrs Vipani, who will be supporting learning across the school. In addition, Miss Colman joins Magnolia Class as a Trainee Teacher and will be with us throughout the year. I am sure you will join me in giving them all a very warm welcome to The Grove team.

PTA news

Grove Schools wall planner

Last chance to get your order in for the 2026/27 calendars - perfect for children to be able to clearly see school days versus holidays/inset days, with room to add their own dates. Plus it comes with colourful stickers to add events such as birthday, party, sports day etc. [Order here](#) by **Sunday 6th September**.



Uniform shop

The preloved uniform shop is open most days before and after school, if you need extra uniform come and take a look, you can donate via the QR code on the doors or pop cash into the donation bucket. We are taking donations of good condition Grove branded uniform and PE kit, plus infant size girls' summer and grey pinafore dresses, please drop into the school offices. We have plenty of other non-branded uniform so please do not donate this. Ensure you label all uniform, we recommend [Stikins](#) labels, use our code 23152 and we receive commission.

School Lottery

Our school lottery has been running since February and so far it has raised £930 for the schools and £581 has been won by our supporters, some of whom have very kindly donated their winnings back to us. We'd love this to continue to grow, the more tickets sold, the higher the guaranteed weekly prize pot to be won by one of our supporters. There's also the chance to win the 25k jackpot by matching all 6 numbers, plus this month's super draw is a **brand new iPhone** - gain entries with each weekly ticket. Unlike many other lotteries, our tickets are only £1 per week, find out more [here](#).

Bentozo

If you are ordering takeaway on Tuesdays in September please quote Grove School when ordering. Bentozo are re-starting their local Tuesdays offer where they donate 10% from all takeaways this month.

Find out more

If you're new to the school, or would just like to find out more about the PTA and what we do, take a look at our [website](#). You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Upcoming dates

- Friday 16th October - School Disco
- Friday 13th November - Quiz Night
- Saturday 28th November - Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 1st December - Wreath Making Workshop
- Saturday 3rd July - Summer Festival

School Diary Dates

September

Monday 7th September – Meeting for Year 4 swimming volunteers 9:00am

Wednesday 9th September – Meet the Teacher session

Thursday 10th September – Year 4 Swimming starts at Aldwickbury

Monday 14th September – Year 5 trip to Hazard Alley

Monday 21st September -Year 6 Residential to Mill on The Brue

Friday 25th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning – hosted by the Infants

Tuesday 29th September – Individual Photos

October

Wednesday 7th October – Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony

Friday 23rd October – Nasal Flu Immunisations

Half Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

November

Monday 2nd November – INSET Day – School closed to pupils.

Tuesday 3rd November – Parents Evening 3:45pm – 6:45pm

Thursday 5th November - Parents Evening 3:45pm – 6:45pm

Monday 30th November – Year 5 Bikeability week

December

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th December – End of Term finish at 2pm

Have a lovely weekend



Miss Lorna Urquhart