

Grove Primary Newsletter: 12th September 2025

A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another fantastic week. We have begun lots of fantastic afterschool clubs and wider curriculum sessions this week! Make sure to ask your children what they have been learning!

Dance sessions with Chantal from Pioneer Dance began with **Year 3 (Beech Class)** and **Year 5 (Hazel Class)**.

Yoga sessions began with our new yoga teacher Kellie Ansell!

Music sessions started up again for all our classes in **Years 1- Year 6**.

Swimming began for children in **Year 6 Maple Class**.

Cricket sessions will begin for children in **Year 4 Cedar class** next Wednesday!

Computing sessions will also begin on Monday 22nd at Alleyns Secondary School for **Year 5 Hazel Class**!

Take a look at some of our photos of these exciting opportunities below.

Wishing our school community a happy weekend.

Leah Grant-Muller

Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.50 per day

After School club- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:
1 Hour £6.30

Full session (2 1/2 hours) £13.65

Snack will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book full week after school club and this is charged at £66.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+).

Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!

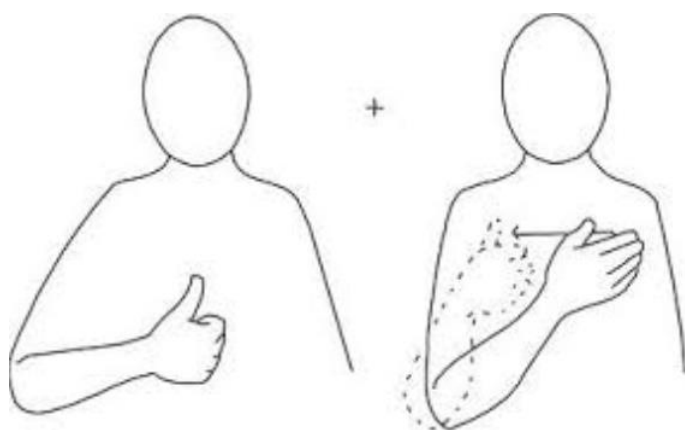
Club Donations

We would really welcome donations of games and jigsaws for our clubs! Please drop any off to the Office!

Makaton Sign of the Week

Every Monday the staff and the children will be learning a Makaton sign. Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school.

This week our Makaton sign was "Good afternoon". We use this in our assemblies and when answering the register. Please practice this at home too!



Stars of the Week



We would like to recognize the children who have been great examples of our School values and have shown a true commitment to their learning. Well done!

Caterpillar	River for settling into Grove Primary School beautifully. Arthur for settling into Grove Primary School beautifully. Valentina for settling into Grove Primary School beautifully.
Willow	Ava for working hard with her writing, staying focused and showing off her brilliant imagination. Ayesha for sitting beautifully, using her lovely manners :)
Elder	Yzabella & Aarna for a fantastic 'can-do' attitude to their writing. Keep it up!
Beech	Shyanna for showing a fantastic attitude to her learning this week Tobi for his kind and caring attitude towards his classmates
Cedar	Eliza for a great start to reading in year 4. Well done! Mzee for writing about the books you are reading and showing so much enthusiasm.
Hazel	Freddie for comparing and ordering 5 digit numbers using the correct vocabulary. Kawayne for good work on recognising the place value of each digit in a 2/ 3-digit number.
Maple	Idris for making a tremendous start to his new year at Grove Primary- Well done and keep it up! Zojen for using exceptional vocabulary in her written chronological report!

Yoga Club Sessions

Yoga sessions started this week run by Kellie Ansell. These sessions offer children the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills and flexibility and to support self-regulation.



Harvest Collection



This Harvest, we will be collecting items for City Harvest Foodbank to support families, ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry, especially as the colder months approach. We will be collecting until **Thursday 16th of October**. Please drop any donations into the Office.
Please see the following lists for suitable donations.

Cereal
Tinned baked beans
Tinned meat (no pork)
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned vegetable/ meat soup
Tinned vegetables (sweetcorn, peas)
Tinned fish
Tinned fruit
Tinned pulses
Toilet roll
Pasta sauce
Teabags/ Coffee
Jam

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Year 5 Learning

Hazel Class is learning how to write a myth in English. We are studying Beowulf which links with our history topic on The Vikings. The children had the opportunity to spend 2 days learning the story of Beowulf. They then got onto teams of 5/6 and performed it as a drama piece.



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We are working with Chantelle this half term in Dance. We have been learning some dance moves to a type of music called 'Afro beats'



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In music, Year 5 have been learning about musical patterns and using instruments to play a piece of music.



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Dates for your Diary

17/09/2025	Open Morning @ 10:00 Mary Seacole
19/09/2025	Jeans for Jeans Day
1/10/2025	Black History Month begins
17/10/2025	Last day of term
20/10/2025 - 31/10/2025	School Closed for Half Term
31/10/2025	Secondary School Application Deadline
3/11/2025	School Begins

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Free Children Piano/Keyboard Taster Available Now

- Weekly 1 hour lessons available Monday to Sunday for children aged 5-13
- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
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COMENZANDO
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CHARLA PRESENCIAL

viernes 12 sept
4:30-6pm

Claudia Lopez-Prieto de Saint Gabriel's College dará una charla presencial en IRMO sobre la transición entre la escuela primaria y secundaria en **Londres**.

Esta charla es para personas con niñxs que actualmente están en su último año de la escuela primaria (**Year 6**) y/o nacieron entre **01 SEPT 2014** y **31 AGOSTO 2015**.



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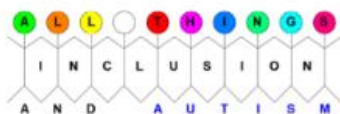


For children in **year 6** - session in Spanish about transitioning to secondary (year 7).
Session is this Friday, 12th at 4:30 pm.

You need to register here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWLMHCSu9QxfqVJPZGY6ZyM1PIQv5OG2XbFIMi6xG0L83LIw/viewform>

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<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Autumn term 2025

<p>All things visual strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? Thursday 23rd October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support Monday 10th November 2025 9.30 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person</p>
<p>All things communication and play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together Tuesday 4th November 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p>	<p>Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 13th November 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>
<p>All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Tuesday 7th October 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p> 	<p>All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs Wednesday 26th November 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p> 

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<p>All Things Toileting Exploring the challenges around toilet training for autistic children and practical strategies to support them Friday 17th October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p>Gestalt Language Processing How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners Tuesday 18th November 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>
<p>All Things Mealtimes Looking at the challenges around food and eating for autistic children and practical strategies to support Tuesday 4th December 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p>ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them Tuesday 25th November 2025 10-11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>
<p>Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them Thursday 2nd October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p>Promoting positive mental health in young children Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Tuesday 11th November 2025 9.30 am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p>

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

*Penny Noble – Senior Specialist Children's Community Occupational Therapy and
Rebecca Hoffman – Children's Occupational Therapist*

NHS TRANSITION FROM CAMHs TO ADULT SERVICE

*Danielle Ashley – Clinical Nurse Specialist for Adolescent Health & Transition and
Bridget Nichola – Designated Clinical Officer for SEND in Southwark*

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025. 10am until 1pm

VENUE: The Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Rd, SE16 3HF

TOPIC – WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT) AND HOW TO ACCESS IT *plus* AUTISM SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Occupational Therapy is often thought of as a service that helps with a "physical difficulty", this is true, but it is so much more than that. Their role is to help children and young people develop the skills needed to participate FULLY in school and everyday life. This can include fine and gross motor skills, sensory integration, and self-care skills, as well as addressing emotional regulation and social skills.

The Occupational Therapists will explain the ways they can help and how you can access their service plus how to reapply if you have previously had support.

Penny and Rebecca want to hear your experiences to help identify gaps in support for autistic children and their families throughout their journey from pre-diagnosis to post-diagnosis.

They want to hear from families on how the Occupational Therapy Service can improve their offer for autistic children and their families.

TOPIC – FAMILIES EXPERIENCES OF MOVING FROM CAMHs to ADULT SERVICES

Danielle and Bridget want to hear your experiences of your child's transition from CAMHs to Adult Services. Did you feel informed and supported? What were the barriers you faced? Do you think there is support during this period and once your child leaves CAMHs? Do you know what happens once your child reaches 18?

Refreshments available – please note our events are for adults only

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