



The Grove Primary School

Parent Information Evening

September 2026

Welcome Back!!





Introductions



**Mrs Jessica
Fish
Sycamore
Class**



EYFS

**Mrs Sharon
Gingell
Laurel Class**



**Mrs Hannah
Goldsworthy**



**Mrs Amy Ball
Sycamore
Class**



**Mrs Julie
Hill**

**Mrs Rachel
Webb**



Resource Base

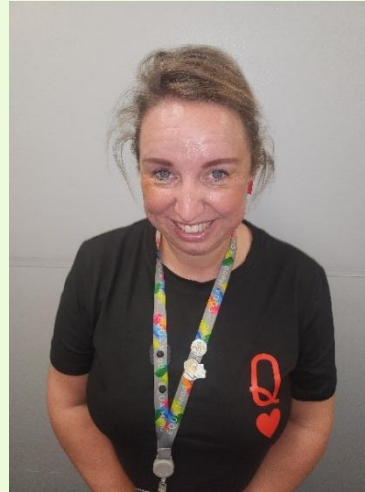
Mrs Louise Burrows

Pine Teaching Assistant



Mrs Kelly Baldy

Oak Teaching Assistant



Miss Samantha Milburn

Oak Teaching Assistant



Mrs Jo Lambert
Pine Class



Miss Lauren Bond
Oak Class



Mrs Asmae Negraj

Sakkal

Pine Teaching Assistant



**Miss Sian
Morris
Larch Class**



YEAR 1

**Miss Chloe
Williams
Silver Birch
Class**



**Mrs Sarah
Norris**



**Mrs Rachel
Webb**



**Miss
Gemma
Pryor**



YEAR 2

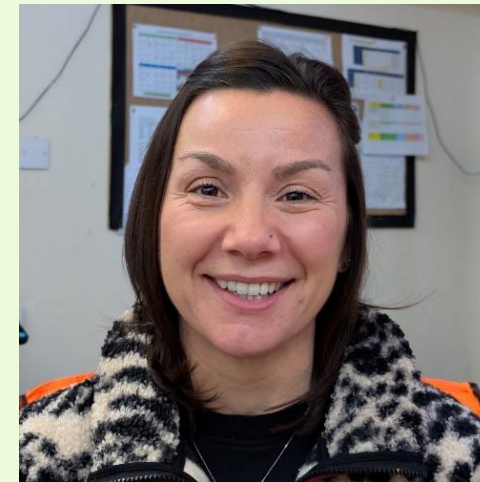
Mrs Margot Kelso
Hawthorn Class



Miss Laura
Haines
Almond Class



Miss Massey
Touray
Reading/KS1
Specialist



Mrs
Dilloway

YEAR 3

**Mrs Victoria
Marks
Lilac Class**



**Mrs Laura
Radwell
HLTA**



**Mr Clinton
Perry**

**Mr Daryl Ball
Alder Class**



Miss Sam Fairley
Maple Class



YEAR 4

Mr Benjamin Thomas
Beech Class



**Mrs Stevie-Jayne
Smith**
Reading Specialist



Mrs Marie Stanley
ELSA



Mr Stuart Roper
Willow Class



**Mrs Gemma
Hamlen**

YEAR 5

Mrs Rumi Bibi
SALT



**Miss Megan
Tate**
Cedar Class



**Mrs Kate
Bullimore
Hazel Class**



YEAR 6



**Mrs Gemma
Fobbester**
*Forest
School/TYP*

**Mrs Fran
Vowels**
First Aid Lead

**Mr Daniel
Murphy
Walnut Class**



HLTAs

**Mrs Laura
Radwell**



**Mrs
Morwenna Rutland**

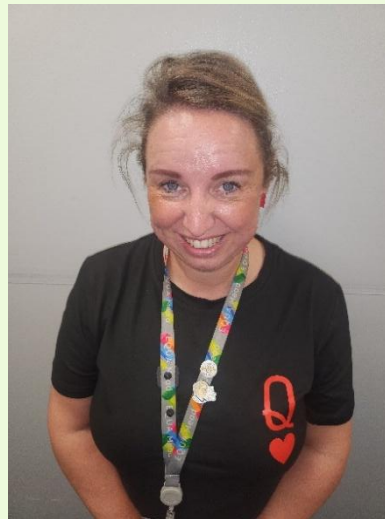


Mrs Stevie-Jayne Smith
Reading Specialist

Miss Massey Touray
Reading/KS1 Specialist



**Miss
Gemma
Pryor**



**Mrs
Kelly Baldy**
Resource
Base



Inclusion Team

**Mrs Emma
Morse**
Assistant
SENDCo /DDSL



**Mrs Morwenna
Rutland**
*Family Link
Worker/HLTA/
ELSA/DDSL*



Miss Kirsty Brine
*Pastoral
Manager/ DDSL*



Miss Helen Tapping
*Resource Admin
Assistant*



Senior Leadership Team



Mr Lee Gallagher
School Business Manager



Mr Stuart Woodburn
Head Teacher/DSL



Mrs Emma Morse
Assistant SENDCo/DDSL

**Mrs Charlotte
Thomas**
*Deputy
Headteacher/DDSL*



Catering Team

Rachel Gale
Catering Assistant



Helen Smith
Catering Assistant



Mrs Bev Clark
Catering
Manager

Debbie Andrews
Catering Assistant



Crystal Hams
Catering Assistant

SBM and Office Team

**Mrs Melanie
Needham**
Office Supervisor



Mrs Sophie Faint
Admin Assistant



Mr Lee Gallagher
*School Business
Manager*



MDSAs



Becky Fricker



Helen Prevett

Sam Lewis-Bell



Karen Mercer



Angela Francis



Site and Cleaning Team

Mrs Debbie Noutch
Cleaner



Mr Jim Talbot
Site Manager



Helen Prevett
Cleaner



The Grove Safeguarding Team



**Mrs Charlotte
Thomas**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Emma Morse



Miss Kirsty Brine

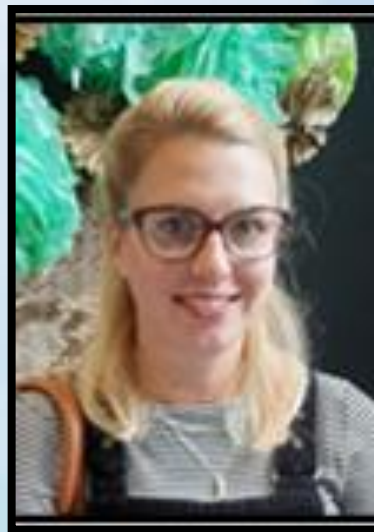


Mrs Morwenna Rutland



**Mr Stuart Woodburn
Designated Safeguarding Lead**





Sophie Miller
Chair of Governors



Ellie Alderdice
Vice Chair

Jen McMillan



Lesley Shellard



How are we getting on at The Grove?





- EYFS – Baseline and GLoD
- Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check
- Year 4 – Multiplication
- Year 6 - SATs





Year 6 National Tests



Expected Standard								
	Reading		Writing		Maths		Combined	
	The Grove	Nat	The Grove	Nat	The Grove	Nat	The Grove	Nat
EXS+	83%	75%	72%	73%	91%	75%	68%	63%
	+8%		In Line		+16%		+6%	



School Priorities for 2026/27

All school improvement priorities are underpinned by our two key strategic areas:

**Strengthening the
Curriculum**

&

**Ensuring All
Children Keep Up**



The Grove Primary School



Challenge

1. We want **ALL** children to feel supported and be able to keep up in their learning and personal development

2. We want

ALL

children to achieve well and be confident in their writing

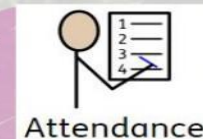


Writing

3. We want

ALL

children and families to be responsible for their punctuality and attendance



Attendance

The Big 3



Parent Version



The Grove Primary School The Big 3 Priorities

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
What?	To further strengthen the curriculum and the teaching and learning across the school to ensure all needs are met.	To enhance pupil leadership and aspirations across the school through the development of the leadership passport – 'Leaders of today and tomorrow'.	To raise further awareness around the importance of attending school and reduce the number of children that are persistently absent, late and taking term time holidays.
Why?	Strengthening the curriculum and enhancing teaching practices can significantly benefit students' development and success. It addresses diverse learning needs by offering individualised and inclusive education, improves academic outcomes, and prepares students for the future with 21st-century skills and global competence. It also enhances a positive school environment by increasing engagement and social - emotional learning, and builds trust and involvement with parents and the community.	Improving leadership skills and raising aspirations can significantly benefit students and the school community. It helps develop essential life skills like confidence, communication, and collaboration, encourages responsibility and accountability, and fosters a positive school culture. Additionally, it prepares students for future opportunities, promotes inclusivity and diversity, enhances academic performance, and builds a lasting legacy of leadership. This comprehensive approach cultivates confident, responsible, and capable leaders ready to make a positive impact on society and the world around them.	Good attendance is crucial for several reasons. It ensures academic success by promoting consistent learning and improved performance, supports social and emotional development through building relationships and providing emotional stability, and helps develop good habits like punctuality and responsibility. Additionally, it reduces risks such as dropout rates and unsafe activities, encourages parental and community engagement, ensures legal and policy compliance, and offers long-term benefits like better future opportunities and essential life skills.
How?	- Professional development for all staff on up-to-date strategies in the classroom - Review and update curriculum to fit with the needs of students - Rigorous pupil progress meetings + review of intervention programmes - raise expectations around classroom environments, books and routines - professional development around supporting SEND - develop a robust pupil premium strategy.	- Creation of a leadership passport for each student - map out all leadership opportunities across the school - update PSHE curriculum and wider curriculum around being 'Leaders of today and tomorrow' - invite in different professionals to inspire students (map these out over the year) - link the passport to the behaviour system (silver awards etc) - have a graduation ceremony at the end of Year 6.	- raise awareness through increased communication to parents about attendance and the impact of poor attendance on children and their outcomes - create a robust approach to each category of absenteeism - run parent workshops, with specific aim at disadvantaged and SEND students - look at support parents with non-term time holidays - improve teaching and learning to engage more students.



Leaders of today and tomorrow

Leadership Passport

NAME: _____

Keep your Leadership Passport safe, you will need it!

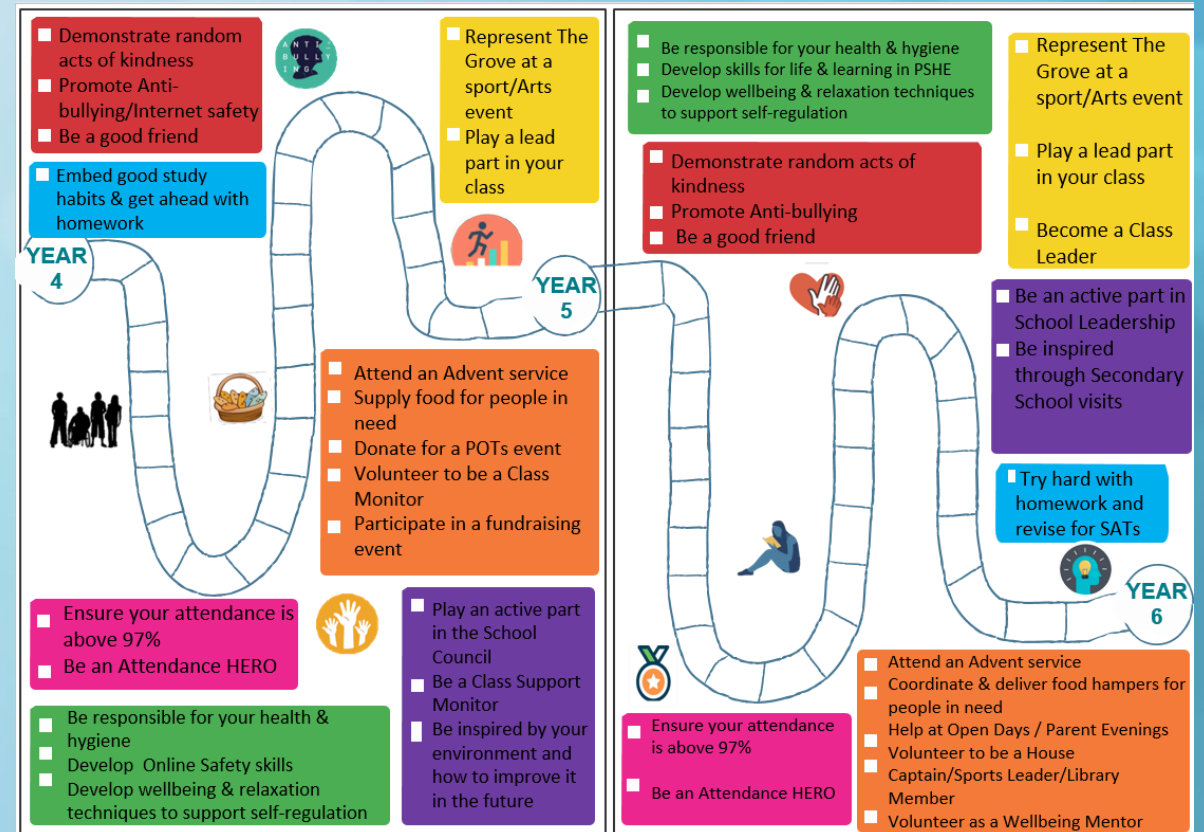
Throughout your learning journey at The Grove Primary School you will learn how to become a Leader for yourself every day and every tomorrow by understanding that Every Moment Matters.



HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR LEADERSHIP

PASSPORT: Colour in a section of your leadership passport journey as you complete one of the outlined achievements from that year. Each achievement is categorised into a set colour, see key below.

- Demonstrating acts of kindness/good behaviour
- Participation in a school/public performance
- Positive attendance
- Positive health & hygiene
- Community involvement/fundraising
- Academic goals
- Career focused & looking to your future





Some reminders...



The Grove Primary School

...every moment matters!

Proud to
Learn
Together
Grow Together

Our School Uniform

A smart uniform helps us feel part of our Grove family and ready to learn.



Navy sweatshirt
(with school logo)



Navy cardigan
(with school logo)



White polo shirt
(or white shirt)



Grey trousers, skirt
or pinafore dress



Blue gingham
dress (summer
option)



Grey or white
socks or tights



Black school shoes
(no trainers)



Waterproof coat
(for everyday use)

Our PE Kit

A comfortable PE kit helps us take part, be active and enjoy our learning.



Navy PE t-shirt
(with school logo)



Navy shorts



Navy tracksuit
(for colder weather)



Trainers
(for outdoor PE)



Please remember:

- ✓ All items should be clearly named.
- ✓ Children can wear their PE kit to school on PE days.
- ✓ Trainers are needed for outdoor PE.



...every moment matters!



Healthy Lunches/Snacks



**We are a
NUT FREE
school**



**KS2 Families
at
Lunchtimes**

The Grove Primary School



Healthier Packed Lunches for Children

What you need to know

Eating well is important: Children need to eat well as it will give them energy and nutrients to grow and develop and to be healthy and active.

A healthy, enjoyable lunch gives children the energy they need to learn and play at school.



Please use the information in this leaflet to help make your child a healthier packed lunch. Please support the school by following these food guidelines.



The Tree House Club



Our Wrap Around Care

I like all the different activities and playing outside with friends.

Pippa



I loved doing Fantasy Football – it was great fun!

Dan

Before School Provision:

8:00am – 8:35am at £4.50 (breakfast not included)

After School Provision:

The end of the school day until 4.20pm at £4.50

The end of the school day until 5.30pm at £8:00

If you would like to find out more about Treehouse Club please contact:

thegrove@fdcdigital.com or call 07919443766

Bookings: [The Treehouse Club Essential Emails - FUNdays Club](#)



Parents Of The School (POTS)





Can you...

...wrap presents?

...cut out resources for craft events?

...help to organise events?

...help out on a stall?

...contact local businesses to request raffle prizes?

...do some heavy lifting at events?

...throw some moves on the dancefloor at a school disco?!

...put up a gazebo?!

If the answer is YES to any of these, please come along to our AGM - **Wednesday 14th October at 6:00pm**
We are looking for some new members to help to 'share the load'. You don't need to be able to commit to helping at every event but it would be great to have a longer list of people to call on!

We are a lovely team and our events are always good fun!

If you are unable to attend the AGM, but would still like to be involved, please email pots@thegrove.equamead.org

Please note - to help at school events, we will require you to have a DBS check from the school.

See you there!

Safeguarding



- Safeguarding Team – Mr Stuart Woodburn, Mrs Charlotte Thomas, Mrs Emma Morse, Mrs Morwenna Rutland and Miss Kirsty Brine
- Updates to Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (see website for policy);
- Data Protection;
- Medical needs;
- Uncollected children;
- Discussions with children;





On-line Safety





Anti-bullying

- Policy (see website);
- Information booklet for parents and children.





Attendance



We believe there are three main reasons why we should strive for maximum attendance and punctuality:

- Every lesson in school is important in ensuring that our children achieve their potential
- Wellbeing
- Attendance and punctuality are valuable life skills



Graduated Response to Attendance at The Grove

Rewards
Termly 100% certificates
Weekly Class attendance
award – Friday Flyer
Teacher praise

The attendance that
each child should be
reaching or exceeding

97%+

Group 3:

A conversation with the class teacher (recorded on CPOMS as a drop in attendance by attendance support team)

Group 4:

Attendance warning letter + phone call by FSW/PT
School Attendance meeting with SLT (recorded on CPOMS)

Group 5:

EWO/DART involvement
Penalty Notice (recorded on CPOMS)

Group 1
97% - 100%
Excellent Attendance

Group 2
95% - 96.9%
Good Attendance

Group 3
93% - 94.9%
Concerning Attendance

Group 4
90% - 92.9%
High Risk of Underachievement

Group 5
0% - 89.9%
Extreme Risk of Underachievement



Holiday during term time

Please note that holidays during term time can only be authorised if there are exceptional circumstances. Where there are no exceptional circumstances, it is important to be aware that the school position is clear. Holiday absence during term time:

- WILL affect your child's learning
- WILL put additional pressure on class teachers and support staff
- WILL impact negatively on the school during an Ofsted



Equally for families there will be an impact:

- WILL create ill feeling and general grumpiness with the school/system;
- WILL be liable for a penalty notice. Payment of £160 is required within 28 days of receipt of the Penalty Notice; this sum is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. If the penalty is not paid in full within 28 days the LA is required to commence proceedings in the Magistrates' Court for the original offence of your child's poor school attendance. **Penalty Notices are issued to each parent for each child and payment is required for each Penalty Notice issued.**



Homework



- Can be a contentious area – some parents love homework and would like more of it and others disagree with it and find it challenging to manage at home.
- It does support your child's progress and makes them more confident in class.
- The most important thing to remember is not to make it a battle:
 - Find a quiet time and space
 - All at once or little and often
 - Prioritise the essential basics – Reading, Spelling and Times Tables
 - Create a routine
- This will look slightly different this year and each year group will explain how they will be organising homework for the children in their cohort.



Communication



Friday Flyer
Termly Newsletter
E-mail (Class emails checked once a week)
Phone



Data Collection



- It is really essential, now more than ever, that we have the correct information for your child on our system as we are required to undertake a Data Collection update annually
- Details on how to update these was sent out via Arbor and you can log in at anytime to update your child's information.

