



# Grove Road Community Primary School

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
3:30-6pm  
Parents' evening in school

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
1pm-6pm  
Parents' evening in  
school- **BRIGHT CLASS  
ONLY**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
3:30-6pm  
Parents' evening in school

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Red Nose Day

**School closes Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
March at 3:15pm**

**School reopens Monday  
13<sup>th</sup> April 8:50am**

## Weekly Update

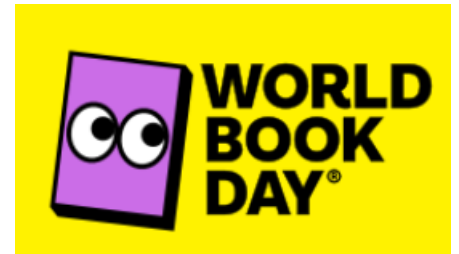
Welcome to our weekly update; we hope you find the information useful.

### Key dates and upcoming events

Please make a note of the key dates and upcoming events in the school.

### World Book Day

We had a truly wonderful World Book Day in school! The children looked absolutely fantastic in their creative costumes, and it was a joy to see so many favourite characters brought to life.



There was a real buzz of excitement throughout the day, with stories shared, activities enjoyed, and lots of smiles all around. Great fun was had by all.

Our School Council also enjoyed a special treat with a visit to Waterstones. During the visit, they listened to some wonderful stories and had the exciting opportunity to choose a book to take back with them. It was a lovely experience that helped celebrate reading and sparked even more enthusiasm for books.

A special thank you to our School Council for organising such a fantastic book swap in the afternoon. It was a huge success and a lovely way to share our love of reading with one another.

### Staffing News

This week we say a fond farewell to a valued member of our school staff, Miss Deakin. We would like to thank her sincerely for her hard work, dedication, and the care she has shown to our pupils and families.

Her contribution to our school community has been greatly appreciated, and she will be truly missed by staff and children alike. We wish her every success and happiness as they begin this new chapter.

### Parents' Evenings

A gentle reminder that booking for Parents' Evening is now open. Please log in to the system to choose your preferred appointment time.

Parents' evenings will be held at school on Tuesday 17th March between 3:30pm and 6pm and Thursday 19th March between 3:30pm and 6pm for children in Reception to Year 6 and on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March between 1pm and 6pm for Bright class. Booking can be made online for all classes with the exception of Bright class from 5pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February; a separate communication will be sent with details of how to access the booking system. Bookings for Bright class will be made directly with Mrs Bynoe as detailed in a separate letter sent to the parent/carers.

We encourage all parents and carers to make an appointment, as this is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements. We look forward to seeing you.

### Midday Supervisor

We are currently looking to recruit **Midday Supervisors** to join our school team. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in this rewarding role supporting our pupils during lunchtime, we would love to hear from you.

Please see the link below for full details and information on how to apply.

[Midday Supervisor Advert](#)

## Attendance

Please see below the attendance totals for each class- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Alborough	85.4%
Jeffers	93.2%
Bright	91.2%
Hendra	86.4%
Gray	94.8%
Pilkey	96.8%
Percival	93.4%
Morpurgo	97.7%
Taylor	90.3%
Reynolds	95.0%
Earle	92.6%

## Safeguarding Update

Please find below this week's safeguarding update

**10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators**  
**CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING**

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 33.7% enjoying it in 2023. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

- 1. VALUE ALL READING**  
When we think about reading, it's easy to picture a young person reading a traditional novel. However, reading is so much more than that. It can be anything that helps someone understand the world around them. From comic books to audiobooks, there are many ways to engage with text. Encourage your child to explore different formats and genres to find what they love.
- 2. WIDEN THE SELECTION**  
When we think about books for school, we tend to focus on the standard curriculum. However, there are many other books that can be read for pleasure. Encourage your child to explore different genres and formats to find what they love.
- 3. GIFT A BOOK**  
One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Using a book as a reward or gift can make it feel like a treasure. Consider gifting a book to a young person on their birthday or at Christmas. Let the young person choose a title of their own, and you'll be supporting their reading interests.
- 4. CONNECT WITH AUTHORS**  
Reading authors can help spark an interest in their writing. This might be through a video or a podcast. Encourage your child to explore different authors and genres to find what they love.
- 5. BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE**  
When we think about reading for pleasure, we often think of it as a hobby. However, reading can also be a way to learn about the world. Encourage your child to explore different genres and formats to find what they love.
- 6. TALK BOOKS**  
There are three ways to read aloud: to read to a child, to read with a child, and to read for a child. Reading aloud is a great way to share a love of reading with your child. Encourage your child to explore different genres and formats to find what they love.
- 7. RECOMMENDATIONS**  
As well as talking about the content of books, you can share what you are reading. This can be done in a variety of ways. Encourage your child to explore different genres and formats to find what they love.
- 8. GO DIGITAL**  
With so many digital reading options, it's easy to get lost in the digital world. However, it's important to encourage your child to explore different genres and formats to find what they love.
- 9. RECONNECT**  
There are many ways to reconnect with reading. This might be through a video or a podcast. Encourage your child to explore different authors and genres to find what they love.
- 10. LEAD BY EXAMPLE**  
Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, your child will see that reading is a part of your life. Encourage your child to explore different genres and formats to find what they love.

**Meet Our Expert**  
 Carl Patton is a literacy adviser and early reading expert at The National Literacy Trust. He has worked in the education sector for over 20 years, and is a regular speaker at conferences and events. He is also a member of the National Literacy Trust's advisory panel.

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Warm Regards,

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