



Grove Road Community Primary School

13th March 2026

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17th March
3:30-6pm
Parents' evening in school

Wednesday 18th March
1pm-6pm
Parents' evening in
school- BRIGHT CLASS
ONLY

Thursday 19th March
3:30-6pm
Parents' evening in school

Friday 20th March
Red Nose Day

School closes Friday 27th
March at 3:15pm

School reopens Monday
13th 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.

Comic Relief Day

A reminder that Friday 20th March is Comic Relief and there are lots of exciting things happening in school.

Dress as you like

For a donation of £1, you can come to school dressed as funny as you like! This can be fancy dress (no inflatable costumes), with a red nose, in colourful clothing, with a hat or badge or just in your school uniform if you wish. It's up to you!

Class Joke Competition

Do you like to make people laugh? Then this competition is for you! Each class will hold a joke telling competition, with everyone in each class voting for their class winner who will win a prize! We will then share all the winning jokes in assembly in our 'Comedy Showcase'.

Bake Sale

Please send your delicious cake and biscuit donations into school on the morning of Friday 20th (no nuts please).

At the end of the school day in the bottom hall there will be a bake sale where you can buy some delicious cakes for a donation of your choice which will be shared between Comic Relief and School Council funds. Any amount will be welcomed.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held at school next week 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 18th March between 1pm and 6pm for Bright class. Booking can still be made online for all classes with the exception of Bright class. 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.

School Lunches

A gentle reminder that school meals must be paid for in advance via [ParentPay](#). Children may not be permitted to have a school meal if there are insufficient funds on their account. If you require any assistance with logging into ParentPay, do not hesitate to visit the school office who will be happy to help you with this.

Attendance

Please see below the attendance totals for each class- Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March.

Alborough	95.9%
Jeffers	92.2%
Bright	88.6%
Hendra	92%
Gray	89.6%
Pilkey	96.3%
Percival	96.2%
Morpurgo	97.7%
Taylor	99.2%
Reynolds	95.6%
Earle	97.3%

Safeguarding Update

Please find below this week's safeguarding update

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMING SERVICES

Streaming services are platforms that allow users to watch cartoons, documentaries and movies online immediately (often referred to as 'live' streaming video on demand). (Ofcom reported that children and young adults prefer streaming services to traditional TV. More than three of 10 households subscribing to at least one streaming service, parents must understand how to manage screen time, set age restrictions and ensure safe viewing.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- COSTLY**
Subscription services can be costly. As the most source of entertainment, most households have at least one streaming platform, and many parents have been created by subscription fee increases or changing rates for set-free viewing, or lower quality and resolution. Parents should encourage open communication. Don't be price conscious, but do be aware of the value of the service. Parents should consider whether they are subscribed to their old supported in 2025.
- EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME**
Excessive screen time contributes to sedentary behaviour and can negatively impact physical and mental health. Ofcom reported that 10-year-olds averaged 2.5 hours per day across all screen-time platforms, not including gaming. The vast range of content available, combined with features such as autoplay, makes it easy for children to watch for extended periods of time.
- BINGE WATCHING**
Platforms such as Netflix make it easy for viewers - especially young people - to consume watching episodes without a break. This can hinder learning and attention problems, work or homework, and social interaction. Binge watching can also lead to a lack of social interaction, lack of physical exercise, and often late nights and sleep disruption which impact their mental and physical wellbeing.
- HARMFUL STEREOTYPES**
Many platforms track viewing habits, user comments, and preferences, and generate recommendations to encourage binge watching. This can lead to a lack of diversity in their viewing. This can shape their beliefs, values, and understanding of the world from a young age without their realising it.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- SET UP INDIVIDUAL PROFILES AND ADD PINS**
If you're all streaming services offer users to set up individual profiles where each family member can have age restrictions put in place for the content they can view. Most profiles are set by parents through the use of PINs. Some services also offer parental controls. Parents should also consider setting up profiles for children and young people, and linking content based on age ratings.
- TALK ABOUT ALGORITHMS**
Talk to your child about how streaming services track what they watch, use their interests and recommendations to suggest content. Encourage them to regularly check what the recommendations are and discuss any content they don't want to watch. Encourage them to talk about what they watch and how this may influence their beliefs.
- MONITOR AND TALK OFTEN**
Discuss with your child what they are watching, find out which programmes are trending, and what their parents have also been watching. Encourage them to think about what they're watching, how platforms have been able to recommend content to them. Encourage them to think about what they're watching, and how this may influence their beliefs. If they suggest content you don't want to watch with your child, you should talk to them about it.
- SET TIME RESTRICTIONS**
Many streaming services offer the opportunity to buy movies, or add additional features to your subscription such as sports channels, or add on game channels. This can increase the amount of time young people spend sitting up to bed at the screen. Some platforms, (e.g. Netflix) allow you to set screen time restrictions. If the streaming service doesn't allow you to set screen time limits, set a family rule and stick to it.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety, consultant, educator, and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and worked with the Department for Education, comparing internet use and reading behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Warm Regards,

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