

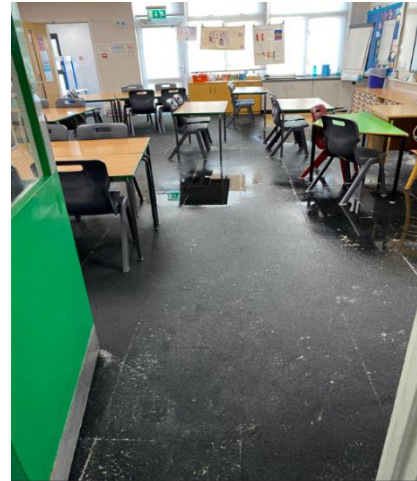


The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break across the festive period.

Thank you for your support with our closure on Friday 5th January. As you will be aware from my previous communications, we suffered a flood in school on the Thursday between Christmas and New Year. This was due to a faulty connection between two hot water pipes in the roof cavity, which dates back around 10 years. My thanks go to Mr Kingsford for acting so quickly; to Matt Hiles (PCM) and Paul Bennett (P Woods Contractors) for coming out to help us start to clear up the mess so quickly on the Thursday, but also for sorting out contractors to immediately repair the pipe. As always, The Grove Team pulls together.



We have had a visit from a loss adjuster and we are now waiting to hear from the insurance company. In the meantime, we have de-humidifiers in place, thanks to Mr Hiles and Mr Bennett, which are helping to dry out the area. I suspect that this will take quite a while and then there will be the repair work so I am planning on the current organisation to be in place until Easter at the earliest. I will keep you up to date with how things progress.

Elone

Mrs Rowe

CALLING ALL PARENTS – DO YOU WORK FOR AN ORGANISATION THAT MIGHT GIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS?

Our school pool area is desperately in need of extensive renovation. If any of our parents/carers work for an organisation that might have a community grant scheme, then we would love to hear from you. Examples might be Anglian Water or Cambridge Building Society – to name just a couple.

If you think your organisation might be able to help, please do let us know – either by email to office@grove.cambs.sch.uk or come and have a chat with Clare in the school office.



Many thanks!



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The Grove Nursery

We control our own admissions into nursery (unlike the school which is controlled by the local authority). We accept children from age two years and six months old until school age - regardless of whether they are part funded, fully funded or paying their own bill.

In April 2024 the Government have proposed a change to funding for children who are aged two. Children will qualify for the funding the term AFTER their second birthday.

We are therefore expecting the demand for two year old places at the Grove Nursery to be higher going forward and we have therefore already opened our waiting list for spaces commencing September 2024 and January 2025.

You can usually get 15 hours of funded childcare if both the following apply:

- your child is 2 years old or will turn 2 years old before the term begins
- You are working 16+ hours or if in a couple, you are both working, you earn at least £8,670 a year and less than £100,000 a year adjusted net income, which is your income after some tax reliefs and deductions. If you are a couple, then you will both need to earn between these amounts.

If you already get 15 funded hours of childcare from the government due to being means tested, you can't get these hours as well. You can get the 15 hours of funded childcare at the same time as using Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit for childcare.

The funding does not cover meals, snacks, consumables or extras such as nappies, wipes or sunscreen. The Grove will continue to charge for these via our School Gateway and Family app. Details can be obtained from the nursery manager.

How to claim the new two year old funded childcare.

Parents need to get a code for the funded hours to give to your childcare provider. For your child to start in September 2024 you have until 31st August to get the code needed (remembering nursery will be closed from mid-July until early September).

If you are working, then you need to [apply for free childcare on GOV.UK](#).

If you have any questions please speak to Sarah, our nursery manager, on 01223 577017 (extension 3), email nursery@grove.cambs.sch.uk or attend our open morning on Saturday 9th March 2024 from 10am to 12 noon.



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The Grove Nursery OPEN DAY

Saturday 9th March 2024
10 am to 12 noon

Meet the staff, register your interest and ask any questions you have.

Now taking applications for September 2024 through to September 2025 start dates.

Funded for 2, 3 and 4 years old or paid places.

We accept children aged 2 ½ to 4.

Please email nursery@grove.cambs.sch.uk if you wish to pre-register your interest, or just turn up on the morning!

The Grove Nursery at The Grove Primary School
Campkin Road, Cambridge, CB4 2NB





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Attendance



Class Name	% attendance from Monday 8 th to Friday 19 th January 2024
Gosling	90%
Wren	96%
Flamingo	94%
Ostrich	92%
Kookaburra	92%
Kingfisher	95%
Toucan	97%
Hummingbird	91%
Whole School	93%



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Rosettes at achievement assembly have been presented to:

Friday 12th January

Hummingbird: Gracie, Lola

Toucan: Elena, Yahya

Kingfisher: Issac, CF, Mohammed H

Kookaburra: Layla, Harshan

Ostrich: Jake, Aalimah

Flamingo: Evie, Halima

Wren: Dolly, Seb

Gosling: Seren, Elijah

Nursery: Mieszko

Rosettes at achievement assembly have been presented to:

Friday 19th January

Hummingbird: Jayne, Calan

Toucan: Shahzad, Charlie

Kingfisher: Jheneah, Begzad

Kookaburra: T'ella, Layla

Ostrich: Renaye, George

Flamingo: Aaron, Willow

Wren: Freya, Hanna

Gosling: Bella, Lily

Nursery: Eric