

# THE GROVE Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM MISS SHAW

Dear parents and carers,

How amazing school looks with all the Christmas lights and decorations. My thanks go to all the staff and children for their creativity and to Mr Kingsford for putting up the lights and all of our trees. A big thank you also to the parent of one of our Year 1 children who kindly donated our real Christmas tree for the main school hall (pictured here on the right!). I hope that you enjoy seeing them at our open afternoon on the 15<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm.

As this term starts to draw towards its close, I need to update our community about some changes. We will be saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Fish at the end of the term. She has been a well loved member of our team for ten years, having started here as a swimming teacher. She has supported hundreds of children, not only in the swimming pool, but also as they started their educational journey. Mrs Fish is going to be missed enormously but has reassured us all that she will be a frequent visitor who is always happy to help out on trips, for example. I am sure that you will want to join me in thanking her but also wishing her the best for the future.

Mrs Kingsford will be moving into Ducking Class in January and we are currently looking to fill the vacancy created in Nursery. She has been spending time in Duckling Class getting to know the children; although many of them already know her well from their time in our Nursery.

Miss Golding will also be starting a new journey in January although she is staying with us. She will be joining Mr Cumberland and Puffin Class as a second class teacher. This is part of our transition towards opening our Enhanced Resource Base for Autism in 2026, which Mr Cumberland will lead later in the year. Puffin Class know Miss Golding well as they were all in Robin Class together last year.

As Miss Golding is moving into her new role, Mrs Cowe will move from Robin Class to Duckling Class on a Thursday and Friday from January. Mrs Cowe will be spending time this month getting to know Duckling Class.

We currently have quite a few "bugs" doing the rounds here. If your child has a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea, please can you keep them at home for a full 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. This is an advisory 48 hours which attempts to break the spread of the diseases. We are increasing our cleaning protocols further above our normal high standards whilst we have so many things going round. We also currently have Chicken Pox in our school community.

In other news, Premier Education, who run our lunch clubs here in school, are looking at setting up INSET Day holidays clubs at The Grove. Please find a link here to a parent survey. If you are interested, please fill this out so Premier can see whether a provision here is viable:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfT-sXmqf7fls6rjObXzLvJF5ES58jTB5wdpPZAXPIFMAWEa/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated items towards our Bag2School collection in October and also the Poppy Appeal in November. Your contributions raised £105 for the school via Bag2School and £99.73 for the Poppy Appeal. Our next Bag2School collection will be in in April.

Miss Shaw



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NEW DATES ADDED IN GREEN

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - 3:15pm EYFS cake sale outside school office

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** 15:30 - School choir singing at the Arbury Court Light Switch-on event.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Nursery Festive Singalong

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am** – EYFS and KS1 Nativity play (NEW DATE)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm** – Open Afternoon

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Trip for Reception to Year 6

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**– EYFS and KS1 Nativity play (NEW DATE)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – school closes for the Christmas Break at 2pm (Orchard closes at 4pm)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – children return to school

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026** - individual school photos

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026** – Bag2School Collection 9am

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026** – Y5/6 Residential Trip to Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust in Essex

**Thursday mornings** - coffee morning - see dates and details at the end of this newsletter.

## SCHOOL FACEBOOK GROUP

We have a school Facebook group, which you may wish to join to keep on top of school news and updates. To find the group, please use this link:

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/242356576132963/>

You will need to answer the membership questions, otherwise your request to join will not be approved.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Please do not put any nut items in your child's packed lunch or snack. We do have children in school with allergies. This includes things such as Nutella and other similar spreads.



**FESTIVE  
SWEETS & TREATS  
SALE  
MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 3:15PM**  
Outside main school office  
Cash only  
All proceeds towards Early  
Years Garden





## SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS

On Wednesday night our school choir sang at Jimmy's Cambridge Charity 30th Anniversary Carol Concert at Great St Mary's Church in Central Cambridge. The concert was raising money for Jimmy's, who support those in need during the Winter months with warmth, food and shelter. It was a great honour to be invited to sing at this event and was a first for our choir to perform in front of such a large audience.

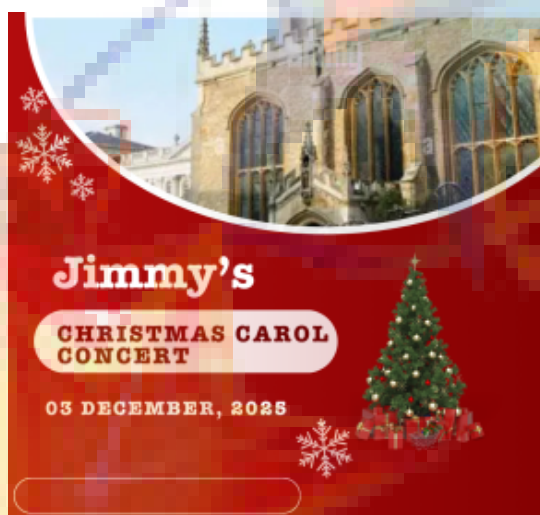
It was daunting to sing in front of over 400 people, but all the children overcame their initial nerves and sang beautifully; they even had the entire audience clapping along in the last song and giving a cheer at the end!

We were also the only choir performing to have a soloist (who was amazing)! We are so proud of you all.

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who supported us by bringing children to and from the concert and attending - Without you we could have not taken part in this event. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Next Wednesday, 10th December, the choir will be singing again at the Christmas Light Switch On in Arbury Court after school from 15:30. This is a public event and we would love to see you there.

**Mrs Starkwood**  
Choir Leader



## ATTENDANCE



### MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

DUCKLING	77%
ROBIN	85%
PUFFIN	73%
KINGFISHER	87%
FLAMINGO	92%
TOUCAN	84%
FALCON	91%

# ROSETTES



## FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

NURSERY	HARPER, REUBAN
DUCKLING	EVIE, EZRA
ROBIN	NAHZAN, ALEEZA
KINGFISHER	DAN, CHARLIE
FLAMINGO	ABID, FATIMA
TOUCAN	MEG, MIKEY
FALCON	ALBIE, DARINA

## FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

NURSERY	CAN, MYA
DUCKLING	ALFIA, GAIA
ROBIN	THEO, EDDIE
PUFFIN	INDRAJITH, SIYAMUL
KINGFISHER	ALICIA, AHMED
FLAMINGO	NOAH, CONNOR
TOUCAN	RENAYE, MICHAEL
FALCON	NAFISA, NABILA

## FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

DUCKLING	SHAHVEER, NUSAYBA
ROBIN	BERNADETTE, MARGERITA
PUFFIN	MAISIE, BOAZ
KINGFISHER	ABIGAIL, MURTAZA
FLAMINGO	NUSRAH, JOEL
TOUCAN	OLLIE, GABRIEL
FALCON	ELEVYN, LIA

## FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

NURSERY	SOFIA, MIRHA
DUCKLING	YAHYA, MILES
ROBIN	LUCA, MAISIE
PUFFIN	TAWHIDA, OHANA
KINGFISHER	MARIE, EVAN
FLAMINGO	MARCEL, DYLAN D
TOUCAN	MUSTAFA, AVA K
FALCON	ELL, MUSTAFA

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

**WE'VE  
LAUNCHED  
A LOTTERY**

**Play now to boost  
our fundraising!  
Tickets cost just £1**



### YourSchoolLottery

We are raising funds for the school via YourSchoolLottery. Weekly draws with a guaranteed cash prize for one Grove ticket holder every week. For every £1 ticket purchased, 40p is donated back to the school. More details and ticket purchasing can be found here:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-grove-primary-school-and-nursery/>

**Next draw -  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Dec at 8pm**

### MyNametags

For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, My Nametags will contribute 24% to our school. Please help us to return lost clothing and support your school's fundraising efforts by placing an order for labels with My Nametags.

Order at [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) and enter our school code 21845 at checkout.

An advertisement for 'MY NAMETAGS'. At the top left is a cartoon bear logo with the text 'MY NAMETAGS'. Below it, the headline reads 'NO MORE LOST ITEMS!'. The text describes the product: 'Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!'. It features a QR code and a photo of a child. Below the QR code, there are several icons and text boxes: '4.8/5 ON TRUSTPILOT', 'STICKERS STAY ON IN THE WASH', 'NO SEWING REQUIRED', 'QUEEN'S AWARD WINNER', and 'UK MARKET LEADER FOR 20 YEARS'. At the bottom, there is a red box with 'School ID: 21845' and a call to action: 'Order now on [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com)'. A small note at the bottom left says 'Mark with your school for your School ID'.

An advertisement for 'MY SCHOOL FUND'. It features a group of diverse children smiling. The text 'MY SCHOOL FUND' is at the top. Below it, it says 'In association with' followed by logos for 'Sainsbury's', 'Argos', and 'ESPO'. The main headline is 'You + Us = More'. Below this, it says 'Introducing My School Fund, an exciting new initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers in order to boost school budgets.' The website 'myschoolfund.org' is at the bottom right.

### My School Fund

We are part of 'My School Fund', which offers cash back to parents for online spend, as well as money for the school.

If you would like to sign up, visit [myschoolfund.org](http://myschoolfund.org) and search for 'The Grove'.



WWW.NCCP.ORG.UK



CHRISTMAS TREE KINDLY DONATED BY ALEX WOOD HOUSE

# Christmas Lights Switch-On

CAMBRIDGE ARBURY COURT  
10TH DECEMBER 2025 | ASSEMBLY FROM 3PM

- FREE EVENT FOR ALL
- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON BY MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE
- FREE HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA, COFFEE & MINCE PIES
- COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND
- FATHER CHRISTMAS!



Thursdays  
8.40 - 10am



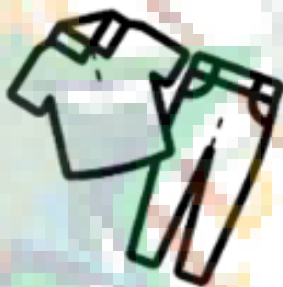
# 'Coffee with Kindness'

in The Grove School Community Room



A little **time** and **space** for Grove School parents to take a break, be themselves, and **connect** with each other.

Pre-school children are welcome with parents



Second Hand School  
Uniform available weekly

Suggested donation  
£1 per item





## CONNECTING TOGETHER COFFEE MEET



Cambridgeshire Virtual School in partnership The Grove Primary School would like to invite you to our Autumn 2025 Spring 2026 and Summer 2026 coffee mornings where you can drop in at any time to connect, share and chat with other adoptive parents and kinship guardians.

### WHERE AND WHEN?



#### Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 from 10am to 11.30am

#### Spring Term 2026

Tuesday 21st April 2026 from 10am to 11.30am

#### Summer Term 2026

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 from 10am to 11.30am

#### Address

The Grove Primary School  
Campkin Road, Cambridge CB4 2NB

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## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### Chesterton Primary School / NCA

There is to be a consultation process regarding Chesterton Primary being added as a feeder school to NCA and the consultation is open from Friday 14th November at 9am to Friday 26 December 2025, 5pm.

If you would like to participate in the consultation, you may fill out the form at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KbjZ4RaYVEydnK3i2OOqbqAT8Hn-lqZPt5OHcsgrFeRUQ1QzNVBRUEExS0IPMIJDQIM4TUo0QzVUOS4u>