

Welcome to The Grove Primary School



Mr Stuart Woodburn – Headteacher



Our EYFS Team



- Mrs Jessica Fish (Class Teacher and EYFS Lead)
- Mrs Sharon Gingell (Class Teacher)
- Mrs Julie Hill (TA)
- Miss Massey Touray (HLTA)
- Newly appointed today!

The ABCs of Starting School

A



... is for achieving. Stickers, certificates, rewards and praise celebrate good behaviour and positive efforts in all aspects of school life. At The Grove, we want children to achieve their full potential and make the most of their lovely characters, talents and skills.

A



... is for attendance. School starts at 8:40am and finishes in EYFS at 3:10pm. Every day of school is important in your child's development. There is a dedicated school Absence Line for reporting sickness.



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:

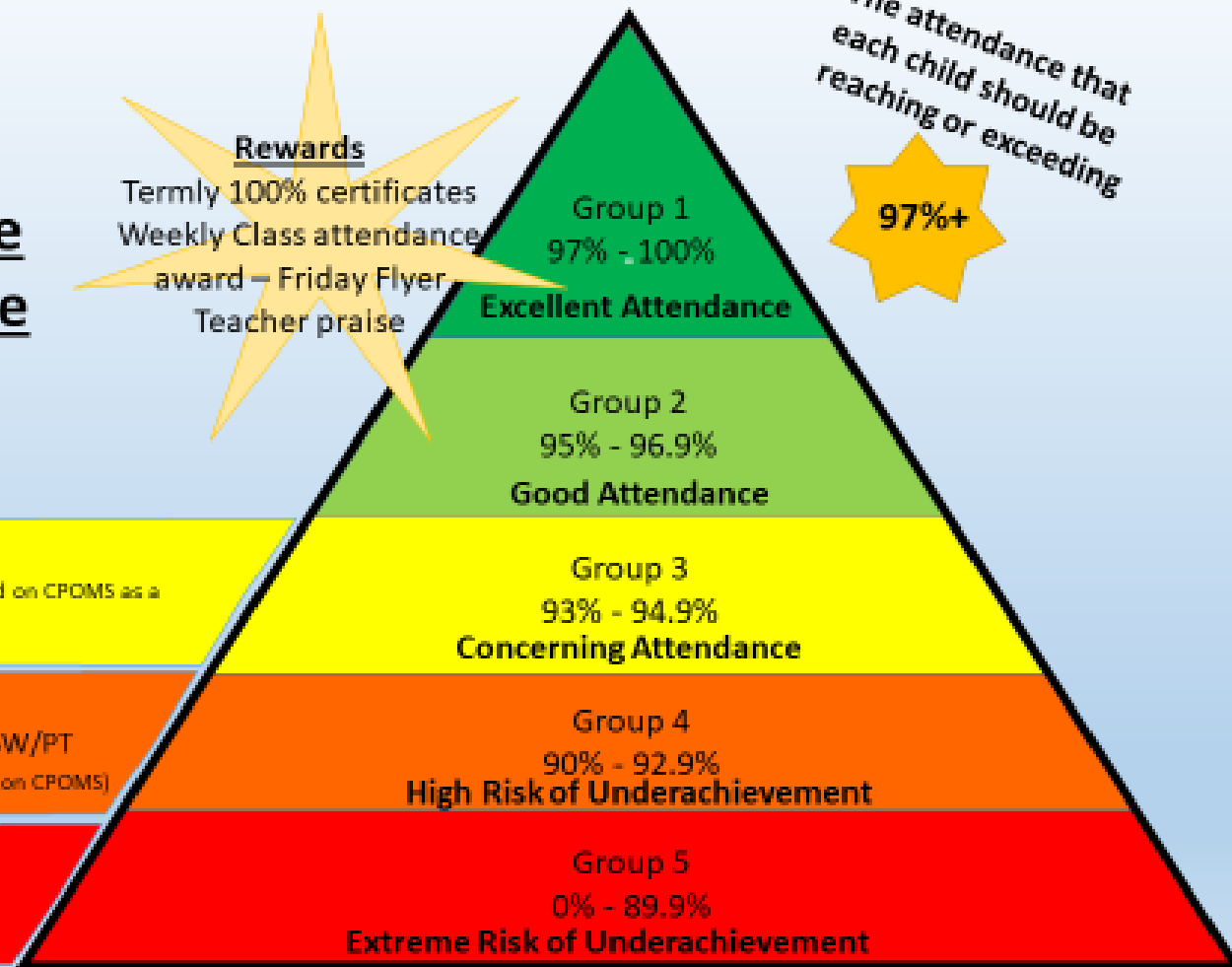
A conversation with the class teacher (recorded on CPOMS as a drop in attendance by attendance support team)

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)



B



... is for behaviour. In our school we call this 'Conduct' and 'Leading Ourselves Well' this covers areas of school life such as uniform, behaviour, attendance, punctuality, effort, homework. Currently staff are working hard on updating our behaviour policy. This will be shared with parents soon. We have also recently introduced our Pupil Passports where children record their hard work demonstrating our school values!

C



... is for communication. We believe that keeping in touch with you and providing regular updates and feedback is vital to the success and happiness of our whole school community – a key ingredient in how we work together. We do this in many ways through a weekly ‘Friday Flyer’ and termly newsletters, texts and emails, via the school website, via social media, the Parent Handbook, questionnaires....the list goes on!

D



... is for development. Please remember that all children develop at their own rate – physically, emotionally and academically. At this young age, months matter!

E



... is for EYFS which stands for Early Years Foundation Stage. The Early Years curriculum has seven areas of learning: Literacy, Maths, Communication and Language, Expressive arts and Design, Understanding the World, Personal Social and Emotion Development and Physical Development. The Early Years Curriculum looks at the whole child. On entering Year One they will begin the National Curriculum.

E

...EAL or English as an Additional Language. We have children from across the world at our school and love to celebrate their cultures and different languages. If your child is EAL speak to your class teacher about any support they may need. We also run an annual coffee and information evening for parents which is very popular!

F



... is for Family Link Workers – Mrs Morwenna Rutland and Miss Kirsty Brine. The areas in which she may support include attendance, liaison between outside services and the school, practical information and advice, signposting support, and generally providing a listening ear.

G



... is for Governors. Our Governors are a very busy group of people who help develop all aspects of school life. They meet each term as a Full Governing Body but also regularly for Safeguarding, and education meetings. They also spend lots of time in school, visiting classes and getting to know the children and all the staff.

H



... is for home visits. This involves two members of the EYFS team coming to your home for a chat and introduction. We feel it is important that we meet your child in their natural environment and this is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions. Research consistently shows that family engagement in pupil learning helps children succeed in school and in life. These visits will happen in either July or September and you will receive information about this during the induction visits.

Induction – Starting School

Dates	Events
May/June 2025	Pre-School and Nursery Visits
30th June 2025	Induction Visit 1 (Forest)
17th July 2025	Induction Visit 2 (Classrooms)
22 nd July, 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 8 th September	Home Visits
9 th September 2025	Phased Induction – short session
10 th September 2025	Phased Induction – short session
11 th September 2025	All Children 9:00am – 12:30pm
12 th September 2025	All Children 8:30am – 3:10pm
15 th September 2025 onwards	All Children Full Time

J



... is for subject in a jar. Classes have jars filled with key information that are used to help children embed their learning.

K



... is for the kindness. Personal, Social and Emotional Development plays a large part in our curriculum. We spend a lot of time helping children learn how to make relationships with peers and adults, to volunteer their own ideas and to listen to the views of others. We will not make final decisions about classes until we have got to know your children, their likes and dislikes and what friendship dynamics help them best with happiness and learning.

L



... is for lunch. Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools receives a free hot, nutritious meal at lunch time. A high quality hot lunch will impact on academic attainment and children learn from spending this time together. With a diagnosis from a doctor, we are able to cater for individual requirements and this will be discussed at a meeting with Mrs Beverley Clark (Catering Manager) and Tom O'Neill (SENCo).

M



... is for music. To help the children develop their creativity, we try to fit in as many musical activities as possible! These include singing, keeping a steady beat, using a variety of musical instruments, and representing stories and events with sounds. We are really keen on Music at The Grove and there are many opportunities for your child to take part in performances or enrichment activities.

N



... is for Number 1 Programme.



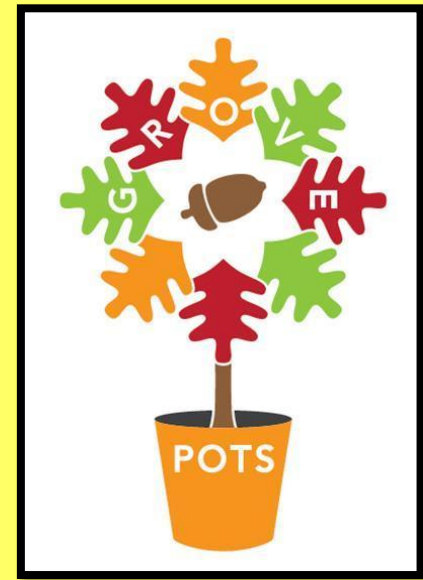
'I feel really proud to be at this school ...and the Number 1 Programme makes me work harder towards achieving objectives.'

O



... is for outdoors. We have a fantastic outdoor space which we make use of as much as possible. Children in EYFS spend time in the forest each week and the school has lots of activities that make use of our environment – Forest School, allotments, pond, outdoor classroom, sports etc.

P



... is also for P.O.T.S (Parents and Teachers of the School). P.O.T.S is a committee of parents and teachers who help run and organise school events such as discos and fetes. These events help us to raise money for the school. If you are interested in joining POTS and would like to know more about this committee, please speak to one of us.

Q



... is for questions! Asking your child about their day is a wonderful way to keep up with what is happening at school and helps your child reflect on what is going well after a big step in their lives. Try asking your child open questions that they cannot answer 'yes', 'no' or 'good' to.

R



... is for reading, which is such an important part of the school curriculum. Your child will be following Sounds-Write, a phonics programme to develop speaking, listening, writing and reading skills. At the start of the school year we will hold an important information meeting about this for parents. In the meantime, you can help at home by reading stories and, once your child has a school reading book, by encouraging him/her to read regularly. We have a wonderful school library that the children visit termly and we also carry out a trip to Trowbridge Library.

R



No Reading – 4622 words

1-2 a week – 63,570 words

3-4 a week – 169,520 words

Daily reading – 296,600 words

5 books a day – over a million words

S



... is also for School Council. At the end of Term 1, two children from each class will be voted by their peers to be members of the School Council. School Council starts in Reception since their opinions are valued as much as anyone else's.

S



...snack! Children are provided with a piece of fruit for their snack. They are also provided with a cup of milk. We do supply alternative milk such as soya and oat milk depending on children's allergies. If you wish you send in a snack, you are more than welcome but we request that this is a piece of fruit or veg.

S



... is for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). Mr Tom O'Neill is our SENDCo and Inclusion Lead and Emma Morse is our assistant SENCo. They are both the first point of contact for any children with SEND when they start at The Grove. See our website for lots of information about the school's support for SEND.

S



... is also for Safeguarding. Keeping all our children safe is really important to us. We think about Safeguarding in lots of ways whether through Child Protection, Health and Safety (risk assessments), our procedures (emergency and general organisation), staff training, awareness of all members of our community, anti-bullying and online safety. Please visit the Safeguarding section of our website for lots of information about our policies and practice.

T



... is for Topics. Each term we introduce a new topic for your children to ensure that our curriculum is exciting and engaging for all! Topics in EYFS begin with *Marvellous Me!* which is a great opportunity to find out all about the wonderful children who we have joining our school.

U



... is for uniform. The Parent Handbook informs you of the choices of uniform available. Sweatshirts are available to buy from Trowbridge Schoolwear (Stallard Street). There are also requirements for PE. Second Hand uniform is available to buy. There is a form for this in your pack.

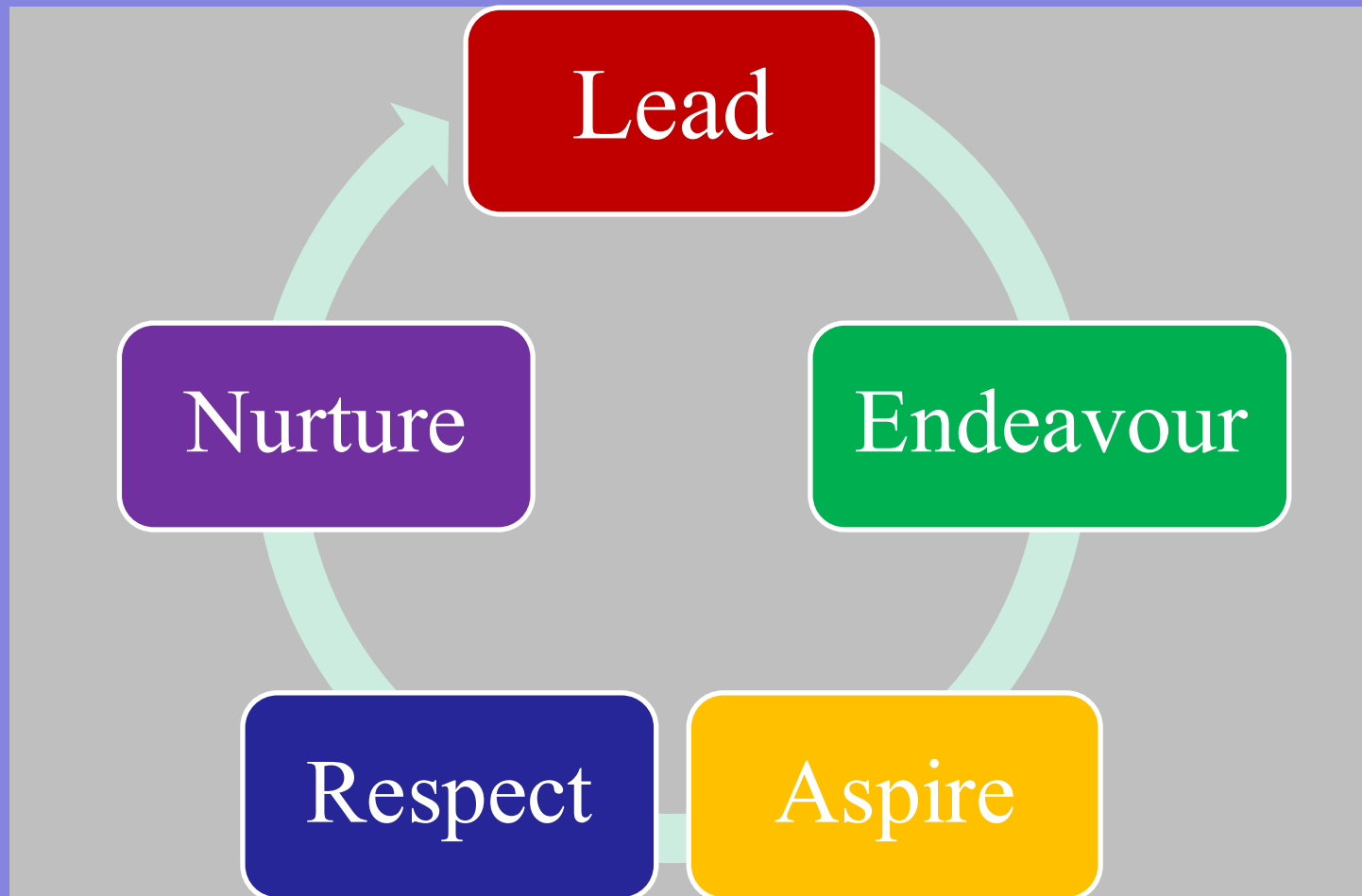
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... is for Values. At The Grove, we have a core set of Values which guide us in all that we do.

...Every Moment Matters!

LEARN



W

... is for Wrap Around Care.

Early Morning Club

Opens 8am

£4.29

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

Pippa, 6



The Tree House Club



After School Club

Until 4:20pm - £4.29

Until 5:20pm – £7.25

Until 6pm (5.45 on Friday) £13.05

I loved doing Fantasy Football – it was great fun!

Dan, 10

The Tree House Club



**Outdoor
Fun**



Games

**Mud
Kitchen**

Puzzles

Construction

Reading

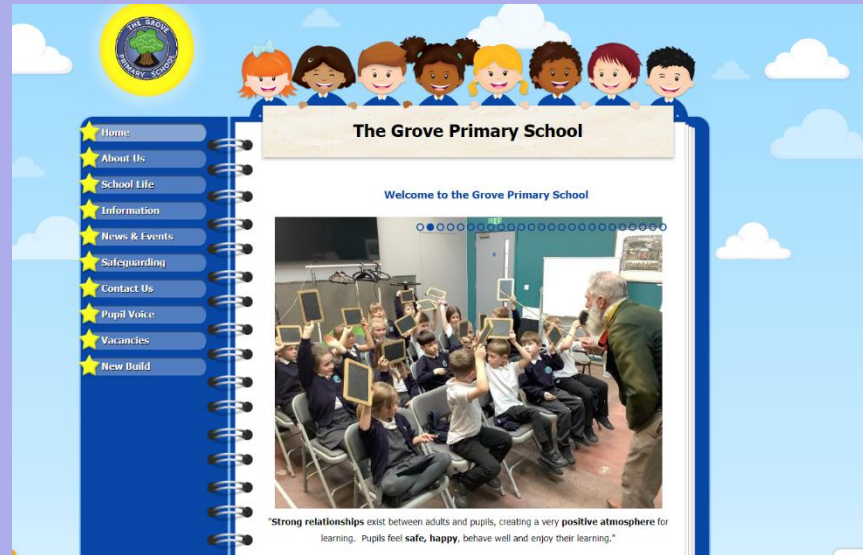
Lego

Role Play



**Arts &
Crafts**

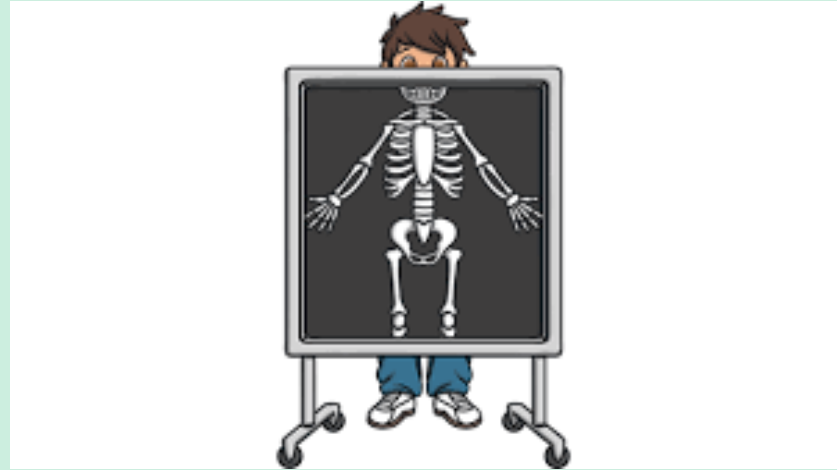
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... is also for website www.grove.wilts.sch.uk

You can access this presentation on our school website.

X



... is for x-rays - No! We don't have these at school but the school nurse will come in during your child's first year at school and check his/her height, weight and sight with your permission.

Y



... is for You! We value and need your support and partnership in the education of your child. You can volunteer, come in for 'Stay and Play' sessions, support with work at home, laugh with your child and enjoy their learning journey!

Z



... a good nights sleep will really help your child be successful during the school day. Be warned, they will come home very tired when they first start school!