

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear parent and carers,

There is a huge amount of excitement building around the corridors for our next school production of *Oliver!* next Wednesday and Thursday, for those of you who have children involved, you know that this will be a showcase of months of hard work - it would be really great to see as many of you there as possible to support our incredibly talented cast and crew.

I will also be sending a letter today to discuss the process of making Team Grove a phone-free school. This is a government initiative to remove phones from schools in the coming years - the parental voice that was conducted Trust-wide last year has informed the approach that we will undertake here, and where schools have taken this action across the region, they have seen overwhelmingly positive outcomes. It will be a journey that we will go on together as a school community over the next few months, but one that I am certain will make our students, your children, healthier in all aspects of their life - I thank you all in advance of the open dialogue that we will continue to have around this important step.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

*Mr Mitchell Allsopp*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Community & Family Hub Launch

You are all invited to the launch event of the new community & family hub. Set up to support the local community. The event runs from 10am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at the Festival Drayton Centre. For more information visit: [facebook.com/communityhubmd](https://facebook.com/communityhubmd).

**COMMUNITY & FAMILY HUB**  
Market Drayton and Rural Parishes  
*run by the community for the community*

**Launch Event**  
Wednesday 15 April  
10am - 5pm  
Festival Drayton Centre

**What is the Community & Family Hub?**  
A friendly, informal space where local people can:  
• Talk through concerns  
• Get guidance and practical signposting  
• Connect with others in the community  
• Access support in a relaxed setting  
*No referrals needed*  
*No judgement*  
Just conversation and connection

**Why We're Here**  
Accessing support may feel overwhelming. The Hub makes it easier — local, welcoming and community-led. We work alongside existing services — we don't replace them.

**Volunteers Welcome**

communityhubmd@gmail.com 01930 654444  
facebook.com/communityhubmd For more information

### World Book Day

Congratulations to runners up Macie Donnelly and Nancy Dykes and overall winner Ava Pollington for their brilliant potatoes, decorated as book characters for World Book Day!!!



### Calling all Year 11's



West Mercia police currently have a cadet's programme which operates out of Telford, Redditch, HQ & Hereford and application is open throughout March for any students who wish to apply. For more information visit: [Police Cadets | West Mercia Police](https://www.westmercia.police.uk)

### Allotment Club



We are excited to launch a new Allotment Club for Year 7 and Year 8 students, starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 3.00–4.15pm. The club will give students the opportunity to get outdoors, learn how to grow their own food, and work together to restore and maintain the school allotment. As part of the sessions, pupils will learn practical skills such as planting, composting, and caring for crops, while also exploring where food comes from and how we can reduce waste.

This initiative is funded by Veolias Envirogrant, facilitated by Shropshire Good Food Partnership with support from Garden Organic and Shropshire Master Composters. For more information contact Mr Shone.

## School Production

The cast and crew of *'Oliver! Jr'* have been working tirelessly since September, and next week their hard work will shine on stage. Our talented students cannot wait to share this classic musical with you, bringing its unforgettable characters and songs to life. Join us for an evening of storytelling, energy, and heartfelt performances. A show you won't want to miss! Tickets can be purchased from the school office or on Arbor Pay.

**The Grove School and Sixth Form**  
Presents  
**LIONEL BART'S**  
**Oliver!**  
**JR!**

**The Grove School Main Hall**  
Wednesday 18th March 2026  
Thursday 19th March 2026

**7pm**  
(doors open 6:30pm)

**Adults £5.00 Children £3.00**

Tickets available from  
The Grove School reception



### NEWS

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

18 & 19 Mar	School Production- 'Oliver Jr'- 7pm
19 Mar	Y12 & 13 Parents' Evening
26 Mar	Y 11 Parents' Evening
27 Mar	Last Day of Term
13 April	Summer Term Begins

