



NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We started the week on Monday with a fantastic Harvest Festival. Andy from St Austell foodbank came in and led our whole school assembly. The children learnt all about the foodbank and what it can do for our local community. They sang a great Harvest song and we had a fantastic donation of 40.2kg of food for the foodbank. A huge thank you to all of our families who made donations.



DIARY DATES

October

6th October- family and individual photos

9th October – Official Nursery opening at 2pm

Week beg 13th

October Parents evenings

16th October end of term

November

3rd November start of term

CONGRATULATIONS

While attending Wraparound Club, Piper entered a creative writing competition, and we are absolutely delighted to announce that her incredible work has been selected for publication in Monster Mini Tales – Marvellous Myths! They were hugely impressed by the standard of Piper's writing, and we couldn't be prouder of her achievement. We're all looking forward to reading her story when our copy of the book arrives at the end of this month. Well done again, Piper, what a fantastic accomplishment! 🌟👏





Star Learners



The children have been fantastic this week and they have been chosen for a variety of reasons.

Reception – Finley for his growing confidence and for doing some independent writing
Year 1 – Edan W for working hard in every lesson and consistently following the Golden Rules

Year 2 – Freya for working really hard on her reading skills and making lots of progress

Year 3 – Holli Rae for having such a good attitude with her learning

Year 4 – Artemi for her participation in all lessons and her can do attitude with all tasks

Year 5 – Piper for her excellent efforts in Maths and English

Year 6 – Claire for amazing writing, being an enthusiastic learner and a considerate class member

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

SCHOOL TRIPS - Autumn 1 trips

6th October – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 theatre trip to Hall for Cornwall

7th October – Years 5 and 6 trip to Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter

10th October – Year 3 trip to Wheal Martyn

These trips will all be funded by the Clore Duffield Foundation.

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Jemison

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER – Queen Elizabeth

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 97%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 100%

Attenborough (Y3) – 89.5%

Franklin (Y4) – 91.4%

Shackleton (Y5) – 95.2%

Queen Elizabeth (Y6) – 99.1%

Whole School – 95.8% ↓

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Roman for his tolerance of others
Year 1 / 2 – Jayden for being kind and respectful towards others
Year 3 – Ethan F for always following our Golden rules
Year 4 – Maci-Jane for her kindness and tolerance of others
Year 5 – Abundance for always following the Golden rules
Year 6 – Jacob for always being patient and tolerant of others



Well done to our British values champions!

School Photos

On Monday, we will be having the school photographer in to take individual and family group photos.

If you would like a family group photo taken with siblings outside of Pondhu, please bring the family to school at 8:00am

Family Worker drop in

Carla Whitehouse will be in school for the family Drop In on Tuesday 7th October at 9am. If you would like any support with anything, please pop in and see her.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 6th October – Individual and Family Group photos

Monday 6th October – Reception and KS1 trip to the Hall for Cornwall

Tuesday 7th October – Y5 and Y6 trip to Exeter museum

Tuesday 7th October – Family worker drop in @ 9am

Thursday 9th October – Opening of School Parliament @ 1pm and Opening of School Nursery @ 2pm

Friday 10th October – Y3 trip to Wheal Martyn

SPANISH IN THE EARLY YEARS AND KS1

This week, our nursery children had a special visit from BilinguaSing Cornwall! They had so much fun learning to say hello and goodbye in Spanish, singing, dancing, counting with instruments, and finishing with lots of bubbles. The session supported key areas of the EYFS framework through music, movement and language, while introducing them to the joy of learning another language in a playful, engaging way.



We are excited to announce that, after half term, Pondhu Primary will be hosting a brand new Spanish After School Club run by BilinguaSing Cornwall! The club will run on Mondays from 3:15–4:00pm for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This club will run for 7 weeks at a total cost of £38.50 (£5.50 per week), payment can also be made from Pupil Premium if your child is entitled. Children will learn Spanish through songs, movement and play in a fun and engaging way. Places are limited to 15, so we are currently opening a waiting list. To register your interest and be the first to know when bookings open, please visit bit.ly/pondhuspanish or email paige@bilinguasing.com.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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