



NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had this week! On Monday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all went to the Hall for Cornwall to watch Pirates Love Underpants. On Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 went to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter to learn about the Romans. Today Year 3 have visited Wheal Martyn and have learnt about Rocks.

DIARY DATES

October

Week beg 13th

October Parents evenings

16th October end of term

November

3rd November start of term

YEAR 5/6 EXETER TRIP

On the 7th October Year 5 and 6 went to Exeter Museum to take part in workshops about the Romans, which we have learning about in history. Even though it was an early start, we were all eager to get there. We learnt to write our names in Latin, about what the Romans ate, Roman baths and toilets and Roman money. We enjoyed making our own mosaic designs and looking at the pottery including handling a Roman pot.



I enjoyed decorating our own oil lamps.

I loved learning about the Roman artefacts.

I liked learning the history behind the Roman coins that were found.





I really enjoyed dressing up in the Roman clothes, even though they were scratchy.

I learnt that I knew more about the Roman Empire than I thought.



SCHOOL TRIPS - Autumn 2 trips

Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 – 7th November - National Maritime Museum

Year 3 - 5th December - Cornwall Museum and Art Gallery

Year 4 – 24th November – Cornwall Museum and Truro Cathedral

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

RECEPTION / KS1 TRIP TO THE THEATRE

On Monday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children set sail on an exciting adventure to the Hall for Cornwall to watch 'Pirates Love Underpants'! The performance was full of laughter, songs, bubbles and lots of cheeky pirates searching for the fabled pants of gold! The children were captivated from start to finish, clapping along and laughing the whole way through! On our return, the children in Year 1 and 2 said "It was the best show ever" and they "laughed so much". In Reception, the children talked about how they really enjoyed their first ever school trip – especially the bus journey. Many of them also said "Captain Eyepatch was my favourite!"



Star Learners



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

Reception – Lloyd for engaging in every single activity with a positive attitude

Year 1 – Bobby for fantastic independent writing

Year 2 – Preslie for putting in so much effort with her reading at home and at school

Year 3 – Rwby for working really hard with her learning, especially her writing and maths

Year 4 – Rhian-Rose for her independent work this week in all lessons

Year 5 – Penny for working to the best of her ability in every subject

Year 6 – Savannah for her excellent maths work this week on multiplication

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

Nursery Opening

On Thursday, we celebrated the official opening of our school Nursery. We were joined by parents, children and a range of people from the local community including Noah Law (MP) and Cllr Colin Hamilton (Elected Mayor).

Mrs Dunn made a fantastic cake – a huge thank you to her! Claire Clowes (our Prime Minister) and Zoe Haworth announced the opening and cut the ribbon with Noah Law (MP).



School Parliament Opening

On Thursday, we also held the official opening of our School Parliament. The ceremony officially introduced our new Year 6 parliament members who shared their visionary speeches for the year ahead. A huge thank you to Mrs Dunn for organising this!



ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Shackleton

Attendance this week

- Montessori (R/Y1) – 98.9%
- Jemison (Y1/2) – 95.3%
- Attenborough (Y3) – 93.3%
- Franklin (Y4) – 87.9%
- Shackleton (Y5) – 96.8%
- Queen Elizabeth (Y6) – 96.4%
- Whole School – 96.5% ↓

SWIMMING LESSONS Y5/6

During the week beginning Monday 17th November, children in Year 5 and Year 6 will go to Polkyth for daily swimming lessons.



NEW RECEPTION 2026 OPEN DAYS

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026, we are holding an open morning on Wednesday 5th November from 9.30 am and an open evening on Monday 10th November at 4.00 pm.



BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Elora for her tolerance of others and her kind nature

Year 1 / 2 – Rawan for always following the Golden Rules

Year 3 – Max for his tolerance of others

Year 4 – Siena for always following the Golden Rules

Year 5 – Jesse for always following our Golden Rules

Year 6 – Caleb for democracy in his role in the Parliament Opening and wanting to find out so much detail about the ceremony.

Well done to our British values champions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 13th October – BilinguaSing assembly for KS1

Tuesday 14th October – Year 5 / 6 Football and Netball match vs Tywardreath

Thursday 16th October – End of Term

Monday 3rd November – Return to school

SPANISH IN THE EARLY YEARS AND KS1

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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