



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 16th October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

A huge thank you to all the parents who have joined us for Parents Evenings this week. It has been wonderful to be able to share the children's work and talk to you about how well they are doing.

YEAR 3

On Friday 10th October, Year 3 went on a very exciting trip to Wheal Martyn China Clay Museum. We had such a fun day learning about the history of China clay and how it has been used to make things all around the world, even toothpaste!

When we arrived, we met our guide who showed us around the museum. We saw lots of old machines and tools that were used to dig the clay. Some of them were enormous! We couldn't believe how big the wheels were on the trucks or how powerful the big sprays were that blasted the rocks.

We got to explore the old clay works and even walked up to see the massive pit. We were told that sometimes they use explosives to blow up the rock!

One of our favourite parts was making our own clay models. It was really squishy and fun to shape. We also did some activities that helped us understand all about different rocks and where they come from.

We all had a brilliant day at Wheal Martyn. We learned lots of new things, and it has made us think about how people worked in the past. Thank you to all the adults who came with us – and to Wheal Martyn for such a great trip!

DIARY DATES

October

16th October end of term

November

3rd November start of term



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.



Star Learners



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

Reception – Daisy-May for making a brilliant start to her learning at Pondhu by already following the Golden Rules

Year 1 – Nancy for being an independent learner and a wonderful friend

Year 2 – Abike for showing amazing progress with her reading

Year 3 – Anabi for working really hard in her learning and supporting others too

Year 4 – Olivia for her increasing confidence in class to answer questions in all lessons

Year 5 – Faith for her hard work and determination to always do her best

Year 6 – Jacob for always giving 100% sharing his ideas and answers and being a great playground leader

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

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 9.30am and an open evening on Monday 10th November at 4.00pm.



ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Franklin

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 97.5%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 92.1%

Attenborough (Y3) – 92.9%

Franklin (Y4) – 98.7%

Shackleton (Y5) – 98.5%

Queen Elizabeth (Y6) – 97%

Whole School – 96.5% →

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Emy for always showing respect for others by doing good listening

Year 1 / 2 – Scarlett for showing tolerance and respect to others

Year 3 – Luna for always following our Golden Rules and working hard

Year 4 – James for his kindness and consideration of his classmates

Year 5 – Valencia for always making great choices and following our Golden Rules

Year 6 – Mia for being a great Minister of Parliament



Well done to our British values champions!

SPORTS REPORT - Netball

On Tuesday, a group of enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Netball fixture at home against Tywardreath. Having only been playing together as a team for four weeks, the players were still adapting to their new positions and developing their teamwork.

The match began with a strong defensive performance in the first two quarters as the team worked hard to find their rhythm. However, from the third quarter onwards, they truly came to life. With renewed energy and confidence, they pushed forward into attack, scoring an impressive four goals in quick succession.

This attacking momentum continued throughout the remainder of the game. Although the final score was 4–10 in favour of Tywardreath, it didn't reflect the determination, skill, and teamwork shown by our players. It was a very promising performance, and with continued practice, the team is sure to go from strength to strength.

Well done to all involved – an impressive effort and better luck next time!

Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom



Please find this week's Virtual Classroom video links in the document attached to this newsletter. These links enable children in Reception to Year 3 to practise their reading skills with you at home. They directly link to the skills they have been learning during their daily Read Write Inc sessions. You should be able to just click on the hyperlinks within the document and be taken straight to a video clip. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each week, find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop, phone or tablet and praise your child as they join in with the lesson. Please see the diary dates for the upcoming parent information sessions where you can find out more information about Read Write Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3rd November – Return to school

Monday 3rd November – Y5/6 Dance Poltair

Wednesday 5th November – Open morning for New Reception 2026 @ 9.30am

Monday 10th November – Opening evening for New Reception 2026 @4.00pm

Thursday 13th November – Antibullying workshops KS2 'Stay safe'

PARENT CARERS CORNWALL



Parent Carers Cornwall are offering two fantastic workshops to help parents better understand and support their children's sensory needs. Introduction to Sensory Processing and the Impact on a Child's Functioning will take place on 14th November, followed by Understanding Whole Body Regulation to Support Your Child's Functioning on 3rd December. These sessions are a great opportunity to gain practical strategies and insights into how sensory processing affects children's everyday experiences. Please follow the link below:

parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/upcoming-events/

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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