

Pondhu Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school for the start of our Autumn 2 half term! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and is ready for another exciting few weeks of learning and adventure. This half term promises to be a busy one, filled with engaging topics, creative projects, and plenty of opportunities to shine. Our children can look forward to building new skills in the classroom, taking part in our upcoming trips, and making a splash as swimming lessons begin for Years 5 and 6! As the days grow shorter and the leaves continue to fall, we can't wait to see all the wonderful learning and achievements that this half term will bring.

DIARY DATES

November

19th – R/Y1/Y2

National Maritime museum

17th – 21st Y5 and 6 swimming

24th Y4 Cornwall museum and Truro cathedral

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.



SCHOOL TRIPS - Autumn 2 trips

Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 – 19th 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 – Zeenat for making good choices with her behaviour all week.

Year 1 – Riley for working hard in maths to do careful counting and improve his number formation.

Year 2 – Scarlett for building her confidence with her reading.

Year 3 – Ava for having such a great attitude towards her learning and making such great progress in her work.

Year 4 – Leah for always contributing to class discussions and providing great answers in her writing.

Year 5 – Charlotte for well thought out and detailed contributions to learning.

Year 6 – Kyla for her amazing attitude in maths, showing resilience and determination.

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Attenborough

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 99.3%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 95.5%

Attenborough (Y3) – 99.5%

Franklin (Y4) – 98.2%

Shackleton (Y5) – 95.6%

QEII (Y6) – 93.9%

Whole School – 94.6%

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Evelyn for always showing respect to everyone.

Year 1 / 2 – Ollie for being respectful and kind to others.

Year 3 – Jackson for showing mutual respect and supporting his friends.

Year 4 – Eloise for being a respectful member of the class.

Year 5 – Evie for being consistently kind and helpful to others.

Year 6 – Eloise for being so kind at the dance.



Well done to our British values champions!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday, we will be holding a Remembrance Day assembly. If any children attend clubs where they wear a uniform e.g. Cadets, Cubs, Brownies or Rainbows, we are happy for them to wear it to school on Tuesday if they would like to.



Remembrance Day Display 🌸

As we approach Remembrance Day, we are proud to share a beautiful tribute created by Mrs Dunn, who has lovingly crocheted an incredible display of poppies now decorating our school. Each poppy has been handmade with care and respect, serving as a touching reminder of those who have served and sacrificed.

Pupils and families still have the opportunity to purchase poppies and other remembrance items such as wristbands, with all proceeds going to support the Royal British Legion.

We are so grateful to Mrs Dunn for her time, creativity, and dedication in helping our school community honour this important occasion. ❤️

BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be held daily after school from 3.20pm starting on the 17th November for that week. More information will be sent out next week.



CHILDREN IN NEED



Next Friday (14th November) we will be raising money for Children in Need by a bake-sale and non uniform day. Children can come to school in non-uniform or anything Pudsey/Children-in-Need related but we do ask that they bring in £1 for a donation to this very worth while charity. Please may I ask that if you can, could you also kindly bring in some cakes to help with the bake sale. Thank you

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

Monday 10th November - Year 3/4 Dance Poltair

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

Friday 15th November – Children in Need Day

Friday 15th November - Year 5 Netball Penrice

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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