



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week at school we have been pleased to celebrate Children’s Mental Health Week, a special time dedicated to helping our children understand the importance of looking after their minds as well as their bodies. Throughout the week, children have taken part in a range of activities focused on this year’s theme of belonging. We have had a special assembly to explore what it means to feel part of a community and how we can support one another to feel safe, valued and included.

Our school was filled with sunshine as pupils and staff came dressed in yellow to mark the start of children's mental health week– from tops and hairbands to dresses and even bee outfits.

Creativity also played a big part in our learning. Year 6 are working together on a class mosaic celebrating individuality and togetherness, while in Reception and Year 1 the children enjoyed reading “Mopsy is Happy.” They discovered how the colour yellow represents happy feelings and talked about different emotions such as happy, sad, angry and calm. The children loved sharing times they have felt each emotion and created their own paper plate faces to show different “Mopsy moods.”

Helping our pupils understand and talk about their feelings builds confidence, resilience and kindness.

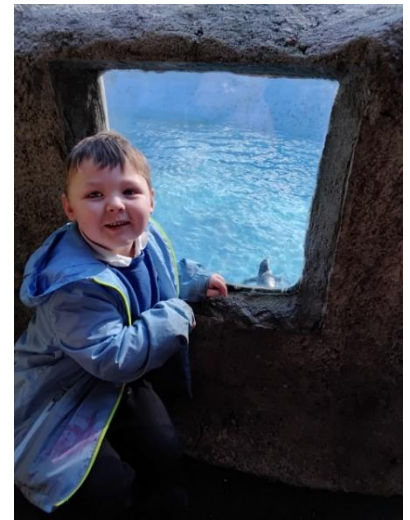


SCHOOL TRIPS

As we come to the end of a busy first half term, we want to celebrate the range of trips our children have enjoyed so far this year funded by the **Clore Duffield Foundation**. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been to the theatre, the National Maritime museum and Newquay Zoo.

Newquay Zoo Visit

Last week, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Newquay Zoo. During the visit, the children took part in an exciting penguin workshop where they learned lots of interesting facts about these fascinating animals. It was amazing to see the children's faces light up as they explored the zoo and discovered each animal along the way. A memorable day full of learning, curiosity and smiles!





Year 3 have visited Wheal Martyn, Cornwall museum, the National Marine Aquarium and Plymouth Theatre Royal.

Year 4 have visited Geevor Tin mine, Truro cathedral, Cornwall museum, the National Marine Aquarium and Plymouth Theatre Royal.

Year 5 have visited the National Maritime museum and St.Mawes castle, the Royal Albert Memorial museum in Exeter and Paignton Zoo.

Year 6 have been Bodyboarding in Newquay, visited the Royal Albert Memorial museum in Exeter and Paignton Zoo.

What fantastic experiences all of our children have had already this year! We are so grateful for the funding we have received from the Clore Duffield Foundation.

Everyone is looking forward to the remaining trips of the year. We have planned the following:

Reception/Year 1/ Year 2 – Lanhydrock House, Screech Owl Sanctuary and Heligan

Year 3 – Tregullas Farm, St. Michaels Mount and Eden Project

Year 4 – Penlee House, St.Michaels Mount and Dartmoor Zoo

Year 5 – Bath, Tamar Bridge and Box museum and Minack theatre

Year 6 – Bath, National Marine Aquarium Plymouth and Minack theatre

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Recently we have noticed some children are not wearing the correct school uniform. Please ensure that children only wear PE kit and trainers on their PE days. On days where they don't have PE, they are expected to wear school uniform including school shoes (not trainers).

School uniform:

- white polo shirt
- blue sweatshirt/cardigan (available to purchase from the school office)
- black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- grey or white socks, black or grey tights
- black shoes – no trainers
- optional - school fleece
- optional – blue/white check summer dress for Easter to end of October

Most of our school uniform can be purchased (without logos) from local supermarkets. Items branded with the school logo (e.g. jumper, cardigan, tracksuit), these can be purchased from the school office.

Jewellery, accessories and hair

- children should not wear jewellery to school; children who have their ears pierced should wear a pair of small studs that must be covered with tape during PE lessons
- children may wear a watch to school; we encourage the use of analogue watches to practice the skill of telling the time, but if digital watches are worn, they should have no additional features or functionality (e.g. messaging, calling, photography, gaming)
- smart watches are not allowed in school
- make up, nail varnish and fashion jewellery are not considered acceptable or appropriate for school
- long hair should be tied back. Hair bands / small ribbons etc. should be blue/ black / brown

- very short hair with 'tram lines' is not appropriate. Hair should be a natural colour.

PE DAYS

PE lessons this year will be on the following days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5	Y6	Y4	Y3	Y1/2
Y3	YR/1	Y5	Y6	Y4

On PE days children can wear their PE kits to school. I would like to remind you about what we expect children to wear on PE days.

PE Kit

White t-shirt

Dark tracksuit bottoms or shorts

School jumper or fleece

Trainers

Alternatively we have new school tracksuits which can be ordered on parent pay or with a pupil premium form.

TABLE TENNIS

On Monday, a group of Year 5 children took to the table tennis tables for the St Austell table tennis tournament where they would compete against other school. Playing hard all afternoon and putting into practice all that they had learnt previously, they managed to get through to the finals and earned a well-deserved certificate.





Star Learners



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

Reception – Gracie-May for being a very engaged and motivated learner all week

Year 1 – Seth for putting in lots of effort with his maths and trying to work more independently

Year 2 – Noah for a positive attitude to all of his learning

Year 3 – Theo for having a much better attitude towards his learning

Year 4 – Jago for working hard on his geography assessment and being a kind member of the class

Year 5 – Josh for a very positive week filled with hard work and excellent writing in his Geography, History and RE synoptic tasks

Year 6 – Isaac for being kind, respectful and working hard

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING



The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide campaign designed to inspire more people to make reading a regular part of their lives. From national moments to local reading weeks and literacy festivals, there's something happening everywhere during the National Year of Reading 2026.

We are asking parents to complete the quick survey on this link

[CELT Family Reading Survey - January 2026 – Fill out form](#)

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Jemison

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Attenborough

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 93.4%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 94.5%

Attenborough (Y3) – 99%

Franklin (Y4) – 91.8%

Shackleton (Y5) – 98.5%

QEII (Y6) – 95.5%

Whole School – 95.2%

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Abel for being kind and helpful to others

Year 1 / 2 – Crystal-Pearl for showing kindness and support to other children

Year 3 – Ava for improved tolerance of others and school

Year 4 – Leah for being a respectful and tolerant class member

Year 5 – Izzy for being such a supportive and helpful friend and talk partner

Year 6 – Matthew for being kind and respectful to all members of the school community



Well done to our British values champions!

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.

SPRING 2 TRIPS

Thursday 19th March Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Lanhydrock

Friday 27th March Year 3 trip to Tregullas Farm

Tuesday 31st March Year 4 trip to Penlee House

Wednesday 1st April – Thursday 2nd April Year 5 and 6 trip to Bath and the Roman baths

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are excited to let you know that we have been invited by the Department of Education to become an Early Adopter for their breakfast club offer.

Pondhu plans to provide a free breakfast club offer for 30 mins each day from 8.05am – 8:35am from the start of the summer term – **Monday 20th April**. The children will be able to enjoy a healthy breakfast and take part in activities such as games, colouring, reading, time to complete homework and exercise. The Government's aim is for all interested families to be offered a place. However, whilst we arrange the start-up of the initiative, we may need to limit the number of spaces provided depending on the number of staff we have available.

To aid our planning we would be grateful if you could complete the link below by **Monday 23rd February 2026** to ensure that we can allocate adequate space, staffing and food.

[Early Adopter Breakfast Club – Fill in form](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 23rd February – Cross country

Wednesday 25th February – Penrice Farm visit to Reception and Nursery

Friday 27th February – National Child Measurement Programme

Have a lovely half-term break. See you all back at school on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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