

Friday 11th September 2026

NEWSLETTER



Pondhu
Primary School



Rachel Cliff
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting start to the new school year we have had! This week, we have been busy preparing to warmly welcome the children who will be joining our school community in our new Specialist Base, and we are delighted to see everything coming together.

Our children have also made a fantastic start to the new term, working hard, settling into their new classes and impressing their teachers with their enthusiasm and positive attitudes. We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and look forward to seeing all of our children grow, learn and achieve wonderful things throughout the year!



STAR LEARNERS

Join us in celebrating children who have shone in their learning, effort and attitude this week



POTTER CLASS

CHIARA

for always being ready to learn and showing her great listening skills.

MRS RUNDLE | R/Y1



KAHLO CLASS

RILEY

for showing fantastic confidence and independence in his learning.

MRS VINE | Y1/Y2



GOODALL CLASS

AN

for fantastic maths learning and working hard in all lessons.

MRS NEWNES | Y3/Y4



EARHART CLASS

DAIVIK

for his continued effort to listen well and working hard independently.

MRS JOLLIFF | Y4/Y5



OWENS CLASS

DAISY

for working hard all week and showing great focus and determination in her learning.

MR DAWES / MR MARTIN Y6

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Join us in celebrating children who have demonstrated the British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance



POTTER CLASS
GRACIE-MAY

for being kind, helpful and respectful at all times.

MRS RUNDLE | R/Y1



KAHLO CLASS
CRYSTAL-PEARL

for being helpful, kind and a positive role model to everyone.

MRS VINE | Y1/Y2



GOODALL CLASS
MILLY

for being respectful and always following the golden rules.

MRS NEWNES | Y3/Y4



EARHART CLASS
ARCHIE

for being so kind and respectful to others in our class.

MRS JOLLIFF | Y4/Y5



OWENS CLASS
CHARLIE

for making such a fantastic start to his time at Pondhu, showing both respect to everyone and a great commitment to his learning all week.

MR DAWES / MR MARTIN Y6



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Coming up at Pondhu



Monday 28th September

Pondhu Harvest Festival



Monday 14th September

Reception Parents meeting



Monday 14th September

Penrice Rugby Year 5-6



**Monday 28th September -
Friday 2nd October**

Bikeability Y6 / Y4

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Saturday 17th October 2026 - Sunday 1st November 2026: Half-Term

Saturday 19th December 2026 - Sunday 3rd January 2027: Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 - Term Begins

Saturday 13th February 2027 - Sunday 21st February 2027: Half-term

Friday 26th March 2027 (Bank Holiday) - Sunday 11th April 2027: Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027: Term Begins

Monday 3rd May 2027: Bank Holiday

Saturday 29th May 2027 - Sunday 6th June 2027: Half-term

Friday 23rd July 2027: Final Day of Term

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Top Class for Attendance EYFS / KS1
Potter



Top Class for Attendance KS2
Earheart & Owens



Most improved Attendance
Kahlo

TARGET: 96 %



Whole School Attendance Snapshot
96.1%

Leave during term time

We understand that there are occasions when families need to request exceptional leave for their child during term time.

In such cases, it is essential to submit an absence form well in advance. These are available at the school office and on our website.

We will only authorise these requests in exceptional circumstances, and we will review each application on a case-by-case basis.

Please be aware that taking unauthorised leave may mean you become liable for a fine. To help you plan ahead, term dates are available on the school website.

Monday 28th September will be our school Harvest Festival. We are collecting food for the St.Austell Foodbank from Monday 21st September.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 110 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Harvest appeal

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Shopping list

Tinned meat

Tinned fruit

Pasta sauces

Small instant coffee

Milk (Long Life)

Biscuits

Fruit juice (long-life)

Tinned rice-pudding

Tinned soup

Jam

St Austell Foodbank
staustell.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Limited Company in England & Wales 1128866





Virtual Classroom Links for home practice

WB: 7.9.2026

Please use the videos below to practise the sounds your children have been learning this week with them at home. Your child will know which group they are in based on the colour books they are reading, and which adult leads the group. This will indicate which films they should be watching. If you have any questions about Virtual Classroom, please ask Mrs Vine.

Colour Group RWI Teacher	Sounds or skills	Links
Reception Mrs Rundle	Learn the pictures	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/EwFaSfDb/MA0NCsl6 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IQE4TFzS/vycCSknI https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/0r9GYngS/GvtelAd https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1TRvASjV/Ml0gChIR
Green Group Mrs Chappell/ Mrs Vine	ay ee red words	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CGxwiSub/aJ4ODhmj https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vX8QOvBi/gIahV3L6 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GHRgZWxS/b9D1pLNW
Pink/Orange Group Mrs Hackworth	ea oi ew word challenge	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NQxQG2Nj/RAAcleiW https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NzShyyKY/rVOLuSDI https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/L446fIWu/Q0fkqrRm https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Rji4x9oR/hrQxFLqL
Yellow/ Blue Group Mrs Morley	ea/ ee oi /oy speeding up word reading	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Ps0mkEia/K5sQ.V478 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TB6PXiqK/BjNCy.bG0 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/W7wBqedG/iO4unBrT
Grey Group Mrs Bailey	ea/ee oi/ oy speeding up word reading	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Ps0mkEia/K5sQ.V478 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TB6PXiqK/BjNCy.bG0 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oqJ25kc4/3jeAxEcY



CORNWALL
Youth Choirs

CORNWALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CCC aims to nurture ensemble singing by exploring vocal techniques, introducing basic part-singing, and building performance confidence within a choir setting. Open to children in **KS2** from across Cornwall.

- Twice monthly session in a carousel of venues in St Austell, Falmouth, Truro, Redruth.
- Performance opportunities and social events throughout the year.

FREE Taster sessions in the first two weeks of each term.

For more information, visit

www.cornwallyouthchoirs.co.uk or email

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4.30PM TO 7.30PM

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