

# NEWSLETTER

On Monday Mark and Rosalie led an assembly about Guatemala, where they used to live. They explored things such as popular foods, clothing, the national flag and bird. They showed us some beautiful pictures. They also showed us pictures of some of the places the poorest people lived. They told us about the work that they did with the street children in Guatemala. The children asked some excellent questions. Mark and Rosalie still have contact with the charity they worked with, and the children are keen to get involved with this and help the children. We were also impressed when they spoke to us in some Spanish! We are hoping to learn more about Spanish speaking countries, as Spanish is the modern foreign language that we learn.

On Monday we had our governors' meeting. I am delighted to announce that Matt Leech has been re-elected as the chair of governors. This week a parent survey from the governors has been sent out via a link on Dojo. We are keen for as many parents as possible to complete this. If you need a paper copy then do let us know.

Sycamore and Cherry Class have both been lucky enough to have trips this week. Birch visited 'Screech Owl Sanctuary' linked to their science work and Cherry went to 'Kresen Kernow' linked to their history work. Both classes had a fantastic experience and learnt lots! Both places were also impressed with the children and how much they knew!

This year a Crofty parliament has been set up. This week there was a vote across all 16 Crofty schools. We joined the other schools online to hear what they were getting to vote on. The children could choose between a Crofty choir being set up or the children in Crofty schools choosing a charity for us all to raise money for. Both ideas being put forward by the members of the pupil parliament. The children all then completed their ballot papers. They are being counted today so we should find out the result next week!

**Cassie Pamplin**

## CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

Maple Class: Azhar - For excellent maths work.

Rowan Class: Matthew - For approaching all that he does with a smile.

Sycamore Class: Eadie - For always making a positive contribution towards her learning.

Birch Class: Billy - For being a general superstar everyday!

Hazel Class: India - For always working hard, in all lessons and doing her best.

Cherry Class: Genevieve - For thoughtful contributions to our WW2 workshops this week.



## SPORTS STAR

Grover



## STAR WRITERS



Daniel  
Ivy  
Molly  
Skye  
Esme  
Daisy

## PORTREATH LEAVES



Perran  
Maren  
Bligh  
Albie & Tyga  
Beth  
Lowen

## 20 READS STARS

Martha & Maren



## MATHS WIZARD

Volodya





## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

### Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Netflix's *Adolescence* has just pulled back the curtain on something every parent, educator, and mentor needs to know—the hidden language of emojis and the 'Incel' movement. On Dojo I will send out a useful summary for staff and parents/carers on 'Incel' and the hidden meaning which can lie behind emojis. Online, young people are communicating in ways that most adults completely miss. What looks innocent could have a much darker meaning. Raising awareness of this is important.



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Mahatma Gandhi

## House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

### PE News

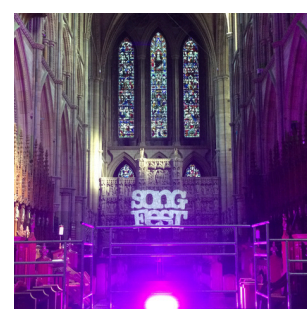
Well done to Freddie, Gladys, Bea and Evelyn for getting into the finals for Cross Country, only 10 students from the whole Crofty Trust got through. They attended the finals this week in Newquay.

Well done to Year 5 and 6 football team for our 12-2 win on Tuesday night against Illogan. Player of the Match this week goes to Sam for his hard work on the pitch and for encouraging his teammates.



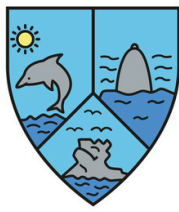
### Portreath Leaves

Some parents have asked what the leaves which are awarded each week are. I thought I would share the display. Each teacher chooses a child who has been curious, creative and courageous or shown one of our values: kindness, honesty, empathy, gratitude and inclusion. Their name is written on a leaf and added to our tree.



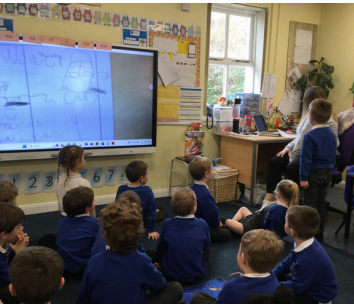
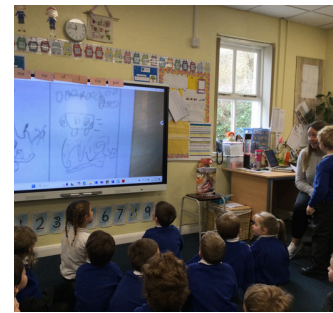
### Songfest 2025

Here are our wonderful singers at Songfest last week at Truro Cathedral



# Portreath Primary School

## Maple Class



This week we have been busy doing lots of writing. We have innovated the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears to George and the Three Bunnies. We have also had fun with The Naughty Bus in Drawing Club and the children came up with their own ideas as to what the Naughty Bus did next!

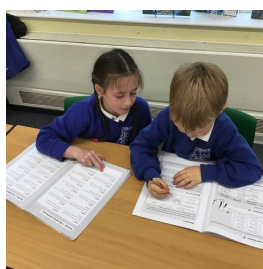
## Rowan Class



We've had a super busy week in Rowan class. The children worked so hard to finish off their independent, innovated versions of Cinderella in English before we moved on to start writing a biography of King Charles III. In history, we read "The King's Hats" where we learned all of the different jobs King Charles does. We also created some fantastic self-portraits in preparation for our final pieces in art next week.



## Sycamore Class



This week we have loved creating artistic stormy masterpieces!!! We have used the techniques of layering and collage to make stormy scenes! Following this theme we have begun to write our own stories about smugglers!!! We have finished our mathematics unit on multiplication and division and have all done fabulously in our end of unit assessment!



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## Birch Class

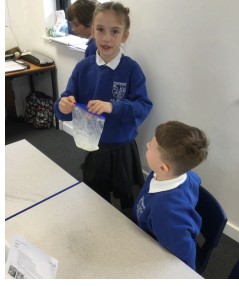


What a wonderful week we have had! The highlight of the week has to be our trip to the Owl Sanctuary. We were so lucky to have so many hands on experiences packed into our day. Our behaviour was impeccable!

In English, we have been getting started on writing our own defeating the monster tales. In history, we been looking at the impact of the Angol Saxon invasion and their legacy. Finally, in DT we have really enjoyed exploring CAD before designing our own packaging.



## Hazel Class



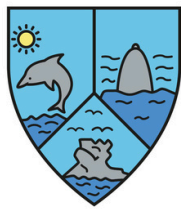
We've had a very practical week this week! As you might already know – in science, Hazel learnt about the change of state from a liquid to a solid through the process of freezing. They made ice cream...that was sadly inedible! In DT, we've been practicing different embroidery stitches ahead of making Maya-inspired embellished, fabric squares. In history, we have been learning about the religious beliefs of the Maya and learnt about the different gods.

## Cherry Class



This week we have immersed ourselves in all things to do with World War Two. On Tuesday we took part in an amazing workshop which told us the story of the war from both the British and German perspective – it was great for helping us to feel “empathy for the citizens of the time” which is one of our golden threads for history. Then on Wednesday we visited Kressen Kernow (Cornish Studies Library) where we used both primary and secondary historical documents to help us to find out about life in Cornwall during the war.





# Portreath Primary School

## NEW CLUBS

PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB MUST NOW BE BOOKED & PAID IN ADVANCE ON PARENT PAY. Breakfast by 9pm night before and After School Clubs by 12pm on the day.

After School Clubs are now until 4:15pm or 5pm.

Outdoor Rangers is now twice a week (children can only attend 1).

Monday	Cooking Club with Mrs Barnes and Miss Cafe KS1 Multi sports with Mrs Seary
Tuesday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe Drama club with Mrs Barnes KS2 Multi sports with Mrs Seary
Wednesday	Craft club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe
Thursday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Lego club with Mrs Chiplin Netball yr5/6 - (high 5 version) with Mrs Jones & Mrs Whitford
Friday	Film club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Noble

## REMINDERS

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THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON LAST DAY 3RD APRIL BEFORE EASTER HALF TERM BREAK

**NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START AFTER HALF TERM**

## Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 90.7%  
Rowan Class - 84.2%  
Sycamore Class - 96.7%  
Birch Class - 96.6%  
Hazel Class - 95%  
Cherry Class - 98.6%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95.5%

## PE DAYS

**Maple - Thursday**  
**Rowan - Thursday**  
**Sycamore - Monday**  
**Birch - Tuesday**  
**Hazel - Tuesday**  
**Cherry - Monday**

Birch and Hazel will also do outdoor learning on a Tuesday

## DATES

31st Mar - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm (apart from Sycamore which is on 1<sup>st</sup> April)  
7th May - Class photographs  
12th May - SATS week  
21 May - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm  
9th Jun - Sports Day morning & lunch  
18-20 Jun - Yr 6 Residential trip  
30 Jun - Yr 5 Surf Day  
2-4 Jul - Yr 4-5 Residential trip  
7th Jul - Open Class 8:30-9:10am

## TERM DATES

Last Day of Spring Term - 3rd April  
Bank Holiday - 21st April  
First Day Summer Term - 22nd April  
Bank Holiday - 5th May  
Half Term - w/c 26th May  
Last Day Summer Term - 22nd July

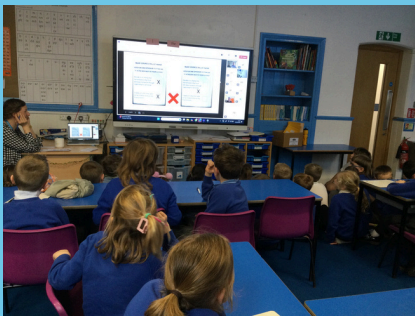
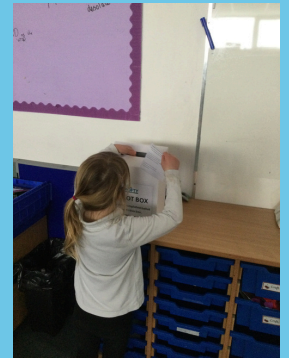
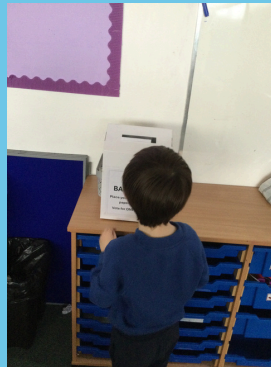
## INSET DAYS

4th April 2025  
23rd July 2025



## Election ballot voting

The whole school enjoyed yesterday's election day! The teams meeting was watched by every class and the voting in the afternoon was a fantastic experience for all the children.



## Assembly

Mark and Rosalie led an assembly about Guatemala



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Easter at Kresen Kernow

Inspired by our current exhibition on Cornish gardens, come and make your own colourful wet felted flower!

Tuesday 8 and 15 April  
10am-12pm



Fabulous felted flowers!



Free drop-in, no need to book!  
[www.kresenkernow.org/events](http://www.kresenkernow.org/events)



### Easter at Kresen Kernow

Join local author and storyteller Alasdair Hoswell for an epic Easter adventure where the legend of the Cornish dragons comes to life!

Thursday 17 and  
Saturday 19 April,  
10am-12pm



Storytelling with Alasdair Hoswell

The Legend  
of the  
Cornish Dragons



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### Easter at Kresen Kernow

Spring is here - so why not create your own flower from your imagination! Choose your favourite bits and bobs to create your own unforgettable flower, with artist Leona Campbell.

Thursday 10 April,  
10am-12pm



Spring flowers with artist Leona Campbell



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