

# NEWSLETTER

We have had such a super week at Portreath School. All the children have been demonstrating lots of curiosity linked to their new topics in the different subjects. I am pleased to see how hard everyone is working and so many children are trying to do their very best. There is a lovely atmosphere around the school. The children are also playing wonderfully in the playground together. I am particularly proud of Maple Class who are doing brilliantly. They are getting used to the new routines and loving all the learning and playing. Thanks to all the older children who are looking out for them on the playground.

We have decided to have an earlier 'open class' this half term so it can be used as an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher if you haven't managed to yet. It is a good time to ask any questions you might have and look at your child's work. This will be for Year 1+. Mrs Forsdick will be holding a meeting for Maple parents to explain how we teach reading and answer any questions about phonics. Parent consultations will be just before half term so you can discuss how your child has settled into their class. Then there will be an open class for all classes in November. We have set provisional dates for key events throughout the year, as I know how helpful it is to have dates in advance. Miss Hawkins will send them out on Dojo. She has put the dates to February at the end of the newsletter.

This week in assembly, we have found out more about this half term's composer Johann Strauss (Junior). We have been listening to 'The Blue Danube Waltz', which he composed. As it is designed to be danced to (rather than just listened to) the whole school had a go at twirling around the hall to it on Wednesday!

Miss Clarke has created a beautiful display of different tree leaves linked to our class names in the 'Curiosity Cabinet'. Can you match the leaves to the correct name? Do take a look at the photographs later in the newsletter.

**Cassie Pamplin** 

### CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Oliver - For being an absolute superstar all week!

Rowan Class: Jack - For always approaching everything with a smile!

**Sycamore Class:** Ella.G - For always contributing to class discussions. Your ideas are wonderful!

**Birch Class:** Elsa - For making such a positive start to year 3! **Hazel Class:** Tyga - For a brilliant approach towards his learning.

Cherry Class: Lowen - For a fabulous start in Cherry Class

### STAR WRITERS



Albie Flsaac Leo Charlie Arlia Frankie

### **PORTREATH LEAVES**



Hope & Layke Azhar Florence Eadie Esme Konan







### Safeguarding and Health and Safety

If you have a safeguarding concern please report it to:
The Designated Safeguarding Lead: Cassie Pamplin,
headteacher
The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Lucie Clarke,
assistant head
The safeguarding governor is: Matt Leech







### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"CREATIVITY IS SEEING
WHAT EVERYONE ELSE
HAS SEEN, AND
THINKING WHAT NO
ONE ELSE HAS
THOUGHT."

ALBERT EINSTEIN

## House Winner this Week is: Coming soon

#### **PE News**

What a brilliant first full week back.

Each class has started their new topic for the first half term. In Rowan and Sycamore, we are working on ball skills using our feet and hands to move the ball. In Birch, Hazel and Cherry we are working on team skills in a range of different sports.

Cherry and Hazel class are also working on leadership skills. This week they really impressed me; we had class discussions about what makes a great leader. We made posters of a leader and what skills they should have. We then put these leadership skills to work in some of our games in PE.

Don't forget to sign up for sports clubs on ParentPay (choose multi-sports club).

Tuesday - Football Club - 3:15 - 4:15pm - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Thursday - Netball Club - 3:15 - 4:15pm - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

These clubs are free to give children more opportunities to get active.

# **Curiosity Cabinet**

In the main walkway of school, we have our "Curiosity Cabinet". This is an area where we love to share and display items which are wonderful, weird and interesting! At the moment it houses a selection of branches, leaves and seeds from the eight trees our classrooms are named after: cherry, hazel, birch, sycamore, rowan, maple, oak and willow, with the challenge for children to try to identify which is which. The children are encouraged to bring in objects to loan for this display; items brought in previously include birds' nests, xrays, pottery dug up from the garden, a megalodon tooth, an old map and an old nail found on the way to school. We would love you to encourage your child to bring something in to share, it literally can be anything! Items can be given to the class teachers or straight to Miss Clarke.







# Maple Class













What a busy week! The children have been getting used to their new routine and playing with new friends and old ones! The tortoises are pleased to be back with the children. They happily came out on the carpet for some strokes! We have begun learning their sounds and have had a real good go at writing them using the correct letter formation. Their first PE session with Mrs Jose was a hit too.

### **Rowan Class**











Wow – what a fab start we have had to Year I in Rowan Class! We have been so busy with our learning. Our English lessons have been based around The Lonely Sea Dragon, and we have written some fabulous sentences about the book. In Maths, we have been working on numbers 1-10. We have loved our new topics. In geography, we have been learning about the UK and maps. In RE, we went on a nature walk around the school and thought about the Christian creation story. We also had fun in science, where we have been learning all about the parts of the human body. We split into groups and drew around a member of the class, before labeling up the outlines of their body! Finally, we have even managed to squeeze in some free time to explore the classroom and outdoor area.



# Sycamore Class













What a busy and wonderful start to the year we've had in Sycamore Class. The children are so wonderful and have settled back into learning with such positive and enthusiastic attitudes. We have spent a lot of time outdoors for PE and outdoor learning and have been enjoying reading lots of new stories as a class. Our writing lessons have focused on common and proper nouns before beginning verbs today. In mathematics, we have been looking at partitioning numbers to 100, as well as reminding ourselves how to accurately use a place value chart. Our music lessons and geography lessons are linked this half term and we have been busy learning the Continents song which we are hoping to perform in a few weeks!



### **Birch Class**











What a lovely start to the year in Birch Class. The children have settled so well and are very positive. We have loved our new English unit- a wordless book. We have been generating powerful adjectives and verbs ready to write our own version. In math's, the children have excelled and really enjoyed the partitioning lessons so far. In science, we have been learning the names of the bones in our body and their jobs.



### **Hazel Class**













We have so enjoyed our first full week back at school. We started our class novel-The Explorer, which ties in perfectly with our topic The Amazon Rainforest. In IT we learnt about systems and recognising inputs and outputs. In English we wrote our own Kenning poems about animals found in the Amazon Rainforest.

# **Cherry Class**











We have had a really super week in Cherry Class. On Monday we started out science topic on classification of living things and one of the activities that we did as part of our learning involved classifying leaves from different trees. We also made a start on our geography topic which is all about how we can help to protect our oceans in a sustainable way; this topic links beautifully with our class reader "White Dolphin" which we are enjoying immensely.





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 until 4:15pm or 5pm.

Monday	Show & Shine with Mrs Barnes and Miss Cafe
Tuesday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe Drama club with Mrs Barnes KS2 (Y3+) Football with Mrs Seary
Wednesday	Craft club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe
Thursday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Library club with Mrs Chiplin KS2 (Y3+) Netball with Mrs Seary
Friday	Film / games club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chevill

### REMINDERS

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK, UNLESS YOU HAVE A BLUE DISABLED BADGE (IN WHICH CASE PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW)

### **Attendance**

This week's attendance is as follows:

Rowan Class - 96%

Sycamore Class - 99.3%

Birch Class - 98.4%

Hazel Class - 98.8%

Cherry Class - 94.4%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is: 97.7%

### PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday

Rowan - Tuesday

Sycamore - Friday

Birch - Tuesday

**Hazel - Monday** 

**Cherry - Wednesday** 

Outdoor learning Tuesday for Rowan & Birch. Thursday for Sycamore

#### DATES

26th Sept - Non school Uniform 'Children's cancer unit fund'

29th Sep - Nasal Flu Vaccines

1st Oct - Open Class 2:45 - 3:15pm

week 20th Oct - Parent Consultations

20th Nov - School Individual photographs

28th Nov - Open Class 2:45 - 3:15pm

08th Dec - Maple Xmas Show 9:30am & 2:00pm

9th Dec - Whole School to HfC 'Aladdin'

10th Dec - Xmas Day Lunch

10th Dec - KS1 Xmas Show 6pm

11th Dec - KS1 Xmas Show 2pm

16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Xmas Party Day

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - Maple Class Assembly 2:45pm

30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Rowan Class Assembly 2:45pm

06<sup>th</sup> Feb - Sycamore Class Assembly 2:45pm

week 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Scholastic Book Fair

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Open Class 8:40 - 9:10am

#### **TERM DATES**

First Day Autumn Term - 4th Sept 2025

Half Term - w/c 27th Oct

Last Dav Autumn Term - 17th December

First Day Spring Term - 5th January 2026

Half Term - w/c 16th February

Last Day of Spring Term - 2nd April

Bank Holiday - 3rd April

First Day Summer Term - 20th April

Bank Holiday - 4th May

Last Day Summer Term - 22nd July

### **INSET DAYS**

3rd Nov 2025

18th Dec 2025

19th Dec 2025 23rd Feb 2026

1st Jun 2026

23rd Jul 2026

Half Term - w/c 25th May