

NEWSLETTER

Hopefully you received the letter today explaining that I am taking on a new role at Pennoweth School, as the acting executive headteacher. I will remain the headteacher at Portreath, but over the coming weeks will be spending more time at Pennoweth so I can get to know the staff and children there. Portreath School has a fantastic team, and everyone will work together to ensure all the children continue to thrive. I know Miss Clarke, with the support of Mr McCarthy and Mrs Forsdick will ensure everything continues to run smoothly. Mr Riches, who is the head of school at Pennoweth, will work across both schools to offer support. Whilst at Portreath he will be directed by myself to ensure that the leadership tasks required to keep the school running well are completed. This may include working with staff, children and meeting parents. I am very excited about my new role. I have been the headteacher at Portreath for 8 years and the school is in such a good place so feel it is a good time for me to progress in my career. I talk to the children all the time about being courageous and trying new things as that is how we learn and grow. This is my opportunity to practice what I preach!

Thanks to Jess, from Cornwall SEND services, who led an assembly about neurodivergent people with a focus on autism. Mr McCarthy is arranging and leading a range of assemblies this year linked to special needs. This is to help children understand other people better, help them to develop empathy but also to celebrate difference and see how special needs can also be like superpowers. Today Rev Mark brought in guests Lindsey and Steve, with their baby Elizabeth to our assembly. They live in Honduras and spoke about the children living there, often on the streets. They spoke about the charity work they do with children, and the ways they support them to go to school. Thanks to Clara and Is who took part in the activity that demonstrated inequality.

Thanks to all the staff and parents who wore purple, blue or pink to mark baby loss week today and to raise money for Luna's Fund. Luna's Fund is a charity that offers practical and emotional support to families who have experienced baby loss in Cornwall and Plymouth.

I was delighted to receive an email this week from the head at Lanner School. He was so impressed with our footballers, saying there was no one foul during the match at Lanner and he also said, "Their manners and spirit was spot on." I am very proud of them. I look forward to hearing how our cross-country team got on today at Pool.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Whole Class - For excellent behaviour at the Hall for Cornwall.

Rowan Class: Rudy - For trying hard to make good choices.

Sycamore Class: Arthur - For always trying his best in all of his learning.

Birch Class: Hugo - For having a great attitude towards his learning!

Hazel Class: Harry - For a brilliant hardworking attitude.

Cherry Class: Rosie - For working really hard in maths.

SPORTS STAR

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STAR WRITERS



Barnaby
Jacob
Maren
Elsa &
Molly
Penny
Eddie

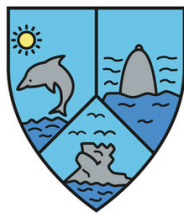
PORTREATH LEAVES



Lowenna
Chloe
Matthew
Maddie
Jake
Arlo

MATHS WIZARD





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Caring for a child or young person can be hard. We're here to help you make sure they can thrive.

From running services across the country to providing useful online guidance and support, there are lots of ways we can make your role as a parent or carer a little bit easier.

Link for the Barnardo's website:

[I'm looking for support with being a parent or carer | Barnardo's](#)

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

"Growth means change and change involves risk, stepping from the known to the unknown."

Save the date - First SEND parent coffee morning Thursday 06.11.25 9:00-10:30am

The first speaker will be Vicky Brewer from Autism Team.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about Autism, strategies to support children and connect with other parents.

House Winner this Week is: Enchanted Wood

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site. It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

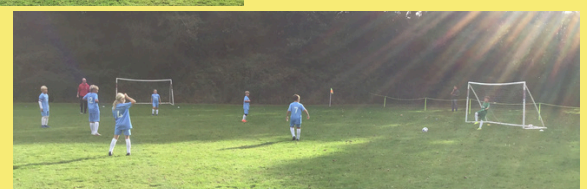
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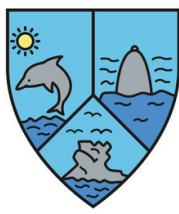
This week we had our first Crofty league football match against Lanner. Unfortunately, the result did not go our way, and did not reflect the hard work and amazing team effort put in.

I am extremely proud of every player for remaining positive, working hard and not giving up.

Lanner's headteacher said what a fantastic bunch they were and how proud we should be of their positivity and kindness. What amazing representatives for our school.

Well done to all the children who attended Cross Country trials at Pool Academy today. Results to follow.





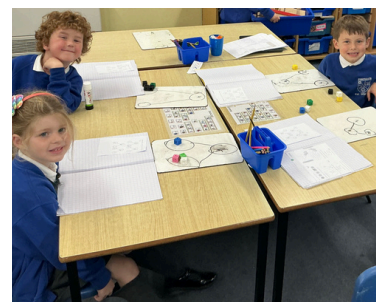
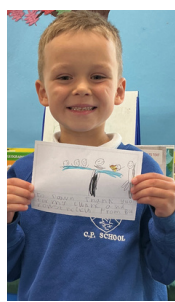
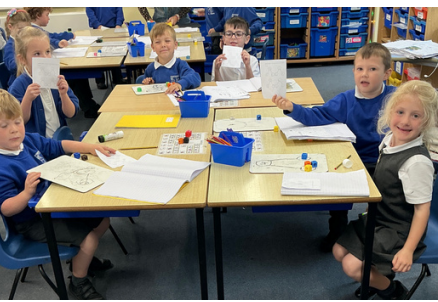
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Maple Class



Maple have had yet another busy week. Pirates Love Underpants was brilliant and all the children enjoyed the coach journey and the show. Their behaviour was impeccable. In drawing club, we have been listening to 'Albert Upside Down' which is a story about a tortoise. Much of our busy learning has been creating different parts of the story.

Rowan Class



We had a fantastic time on our first trip of the year, to the Hall for Cornwall, to watch Pirates Love Underpants! The children represented our class and the school wonderfully. In RE this week, we have been learning about how Christians show gratitude during Harvest. We created "thank you" notes for the people who made our lunches and either delivered them to Dawn or hid them in our lunch boxes for our grown-ups at home to find! We have also been continuing to learn about addition and subtraction in Maths, using tens frames to help us grasp the concept of number bonds.



Sycamore Class

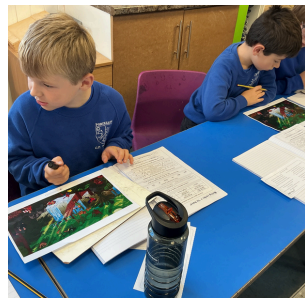


This week we went on our first class trip to the Hall For Cornwall to watch Pirates Love Underpants. We had a fantastic time and the children behaved superbly. In English, we have been learning about adjectives and the features of fables and next week we will be writing our own animal friendship stories involving squirrels! In mathematics, we have been looking at adding up to three numbers at once using our number bonds to 10 to help us. In PSHE, we have been considering what our individual 'communities' look like and making posters to reflect this.

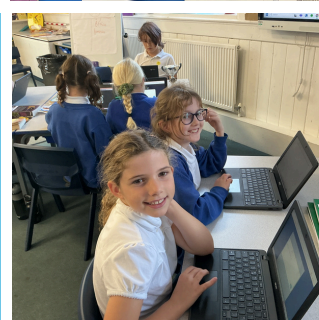


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Birch Class



It has been wonderful to see so many smiley and happy faces all week. We have really enjoyed getting to grips with the technical side of the English language during our grammar lessons. We had lots of fun experimenting with different verbs and their effect on the sentence. In maths, we have been getting to grips with applying number facts to solve number sentences and spotting patterns. We also applied our maths skills in science when plotting a graph from the data we collected on food labels. This week, we have finished out colleges in art - we have loved creating our own scenes using various mediums. We loved our music lesson, when we got creative with glockenspiels.

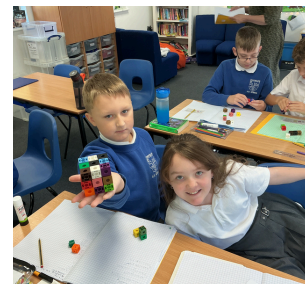


Hazel Class



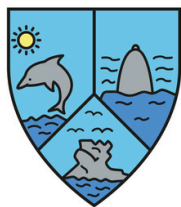
This week in guided reading, Hazel have created their own "aged" maps using the skill of retrieval to find the relevant information to help them plot certain landmarks. In geography we learnt all about deforestation and the children were horrified of them impact it has on our environment. Science saw us learning about how pollination and fertilisation play a crucial role in the life cycle of a flowering plant.

Cherry Class



We had fun in maths this week investigating square and cube numbers and their factors – at the moment we have a giant 10 x 10 x 10 cube growing in our classroom! In English we finished writing and editing our rescue stories and we are very proud of them. Also, as part of our science and geography learning we joined a live lesson hosted by the Ocean Conservation Trust.





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Primary School

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	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 CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY WITH THE CROSSING PATROL LADYS HELP

PLEASE COULD YOU SEND A COAT INTO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD AS THE WEATHER IS NOT PREDICABLE

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 99.6%
Rowan Class - 99.3%
Sycamore Class - 94.3%
Birch Class - 98.4%
Hazel Class - 95.3%
Cherry Class - 93.8%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 97.1%

PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday

Rowan - Tuesday

Sycamore - Thursday

Birch - Tuesday

Hazel - Monday

Cherry - Wednesday

Outdoor learning on Tuesday for Rowan & Birch

DATES

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
11th Dec - KS2 Concert in Church
16th Dec - Xmas Party Day
23rd Jan - Maple Class Assembly 2:45pm
30th Jan - Rowan Class Assembly 2:45pm
06th Feb - Sycamore Class Assembly 2:45pm
week 2nd Feb - Scholastic Book Fair
2nd Feb - Open Class 8:40 - 9:10am
25th Feb - Yr 5 Life Skills workshop

TERM DATES

Half Term - w/c 27th Oct
Last Day 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
Half Term - w/c 25th 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

Portreath Primary School, throughout the year, distributes fliers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not endorse these services.