

NEWSLETTER

I was delighted to hear that we have won new sports kit for the school. Huge thanks to Mrs Seary for making sport such a central part of our school. Today the basketball team had a great time at the Crofty competition.

Christmas is fast approaching, and we have a variety of things happening in the coming weeks. Hopefully you found the Christmas plans letter helpful. The ginormous tree has arrived and thanks to Mark and his team it is up! Thanks to the PIC for providing it. Don't forget we would love any homemade decorations for the school Christmas tree. Do keep an eye on the diary dates on the newsletter and messages on Dojo for any updates.

I loved 'Open Class' this afternoon. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents in to celebrate the children's work. I was impressed with all the work I saw. I can see that the children are taking real pride in their work.

Cassie Pamplin

At times this week there has been the distinct sound of Christmas coming at school with carols, songs and performances being practiced! However, the staff and children remain committed to their daily learning and as I popped into different classes through the week I was struck by the quality of the work the children were producing in all their lessons.

On Wednesday this week, Miss Tonkin and I took part in some fantastic training for oracy provided by Voice 21. Oracy is best described as "learning to talk and learning through talk". Although speaking and listening is something that is at the heart of our curriculum oracy is something that we are very keen to develop and promote further within our school.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our open classroom this afternoon. Through the year we hold open classroom on different days and at varying times of the day to accommodate different work patterns with the hope that parents and carers are able to attend at least one during the year.

Lucie Clarke

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

SPORTS STAR



Maple Class: Trent - For always being ready to learn and doing his best.

Rowan Class: Daniel - For being a hard working and enthusiastic learner.

Sycamore Class: Nelly - For a fabulous start in Sycamore class.

Birch Class: Lochie - For always being positive and always trying his hardest!

Hazel Class: Mila - For a focused and resilient attitude towards her learning.

Cherry Class: Frankie - For having a fantastic growth mindset and always working hard.



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STAR WRITERS

PORTREATH LEAVES

MATHS WIZARD



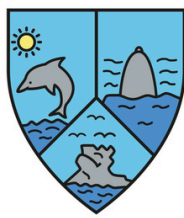
Hamish
Lamorna
Freddie
Harry
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Rosie



George
Esmee
Hallie
Paige
Isla
Konan



Ernie



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

As we continue to experience unusual and changeable weather conditions, we want to ensure that all pupils remain safe, comfortable, and ready to learn throughout the school day. Your support in helping children come to school prepared makes a big difference, and we appreciate your cooperation.

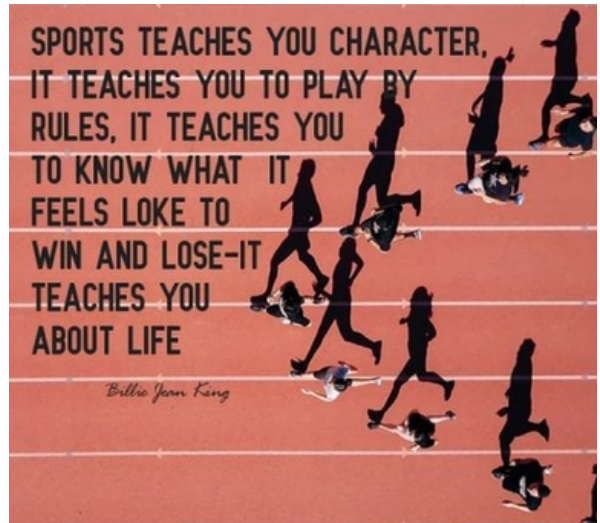
Recently, we have seen a mix of cold mornings, sudden rain showers, and occasional windy conditions. To help pupils stay warm and protected, please ensure your child comes to school wearing a suitable waterproof coat, ideally with a hood, as well as warm layers that can be adjusted as temperatures change. Hats and gloves are also recommended for colder mornings.

Please also ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be easily returned if misplaced. We encourage pupils to bring a spare pair of socks in their bags, especially if they walk to school or enjoy outdoor play, as wet feet can quickly become uncomfortable and cold.

During break and lunchtime, pupils will still have outdoor time when safe to do so, as fresh air is important for both wellbeing and learning. Staff will monitor conditions closely and adjust plans if weather becomes too severe.

If your child is unwell or showing signs of weather-related illness such as a persistent cough or fever, please keep them at home and inform the school office.

Thank you for working with us to keep our school community healthy and safe.



House Winner this Week is: Forbidden Forest

PE News

In PE this week we have been using the apparatus to continue to develop our gymnastic skills. In Hazel, the children have been working on creating sequences, to include a range of movements and jumps. The children have then developed these to include jumps and changes in direction on apparatus. In Rowan class, they have been working on combining wide, narrow and curled movements into sequences. In Birch class, the children have been making bridges, counter balance and counter tension movements with partners.

This week I received a prize for school, we have been gifted a new football kit, coaches kit, kit bag, balls, ball bag, bibs, cones and match day ball. Thank you to Gift of Kit with Starling for selecting us.





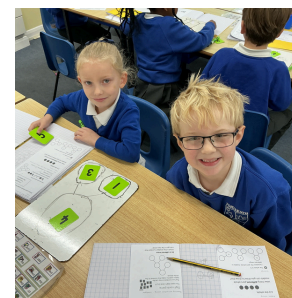
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Maple Class



What a busy week we have had! Our focus this week has been learning about Thanksgiving. The highlight of the week was having some buddy time with our year 6 buddies. We taught them all about the first Thanksgiving and then they helped us make our own Thanksgiving Turkey's. They enjoyed helping us, so we then helped them to make one as well!

Rowan Class



This week we have been reading and writing about the book Tyrannosaurus Drip by Julia Donaldson. We have written some character descriptions describing his appearance and personality. We are continuing to love our history topic about Mary Anning – lots of us have been bringing in some fossils from home to share with the class! We have also been consolidating our knowledge of addition and subtraction in Maths by doing some problem solving.



Sycamore Class

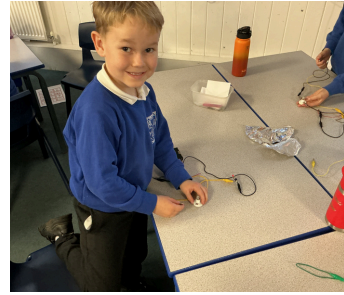
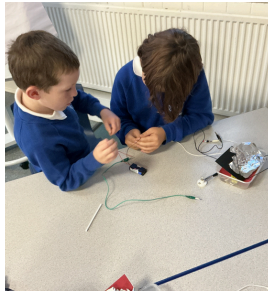
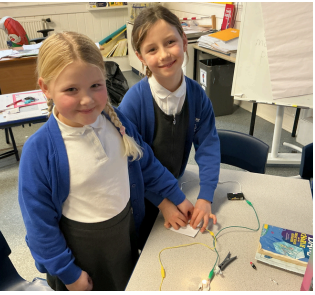


What a busy week we have had in Sycamore class. On Monday we became artists and sketched different parts of London. We always love to use our sketchbooks. On Tuesday we became journalists, taking our new jobs very seriously and we produced very dramatic newspaper reports about the Great Fire of London. We have also been working really hard in mathematics on our unit on shapes. We now know lots of facts about 2D and 3D shapes.



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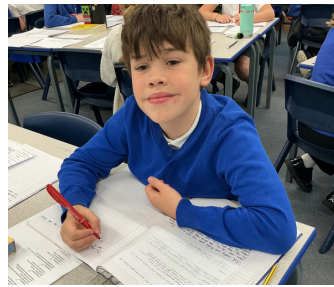
Birch Class



What a wonderful week we have had! We have been developing our comprehension skills while continuing to really enjoy *Stig of the Dump*. We even managed to watch part of the CBBC version and compared the book with the TV adaptation. In English, we have been getting to grips with the features of portal stories, acting out scenes to help us gather expanded noun phrases, ready for our story-writing week next week. In science, we didn't blow any bulbs this week—but we did blow Mr McCarthy's mind with our creativity when we made our own switches using everyday items!

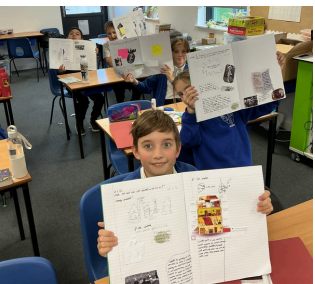


Hazel Class



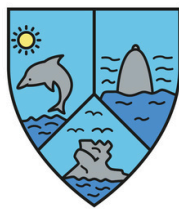
This week in English we have found inspiration from the story of *Aladdin* and have innovated our own tales, using fronted adverbials and prepositional phrases. In science we created our own circuits and added in switches and buzzers. In history we used atlases to locate the Caribbean and then used Google Earth to follow the route the *Empire Windrush* would have taken. In music we learnt the notes to play the chime bars to accompany the song *Three Little Birds* by Bob Marley. In IT we continued exploring the microbits and are now able to program them to create flashing Xmas lights.

Cherry Class



One of the things we have been working really hard on in Cherry Class is using our creativity in all subjects and we did this brilliantly this week when we created two-page-spreads to showcase our learning around the differences in daily life for "rich" and "poor" Victorian children. We also continued the Victorian theme in our English work as we researched and planned in preparation for writing a biography about Queen Victoria.





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PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB MUST 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 COULD EVERYONE BE CONSIDERATE WHEN PARKING & 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 CURRENTLY

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 92.8%
Rowan Class - 99.3%
Sycamore Class - 94.9%
Birch Class - 96.8%
Hazel Class - 95%
Cherry Class - 95.6%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 96.3%

PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday

Rowan - Tuesday

Sycamore - Thursday

Birch - Tuesday

Hazel - Monday

Cherry - Wednesday

Outdoor learning on Tuesday for Rowan & Birch

DATES

8th Dec - Maple Xmas Show 9:30am & 2:00pm
9th Dec - Whole School to HfC 'Aladdin'
10th Dec - Xmas Day Lunch & Xmas Jumper Day
10th Dec - KS1 Xmas Show 6pm
10th Dec - Choir singing at Pod Cafe 4pm
11th Dec - KS1 Xmas Show 2pm
11th Dec - KS2 Concert in Church 6pm
12th Dec - PTA Xmas Fair 3:30-5pm
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
6th Mar - Birch Class Assembly 2:45pm
13th Mar - Hazel Class Assembly 2:45pm

INSET DAYS

18th Dec 2025
19th Dec 2025
23rd Feb 2026
1st Jun 2026
23rd Jul 2026

TERM DATES

Last Day Autumn Term - 17th December
First Day Spring Term - 5th January
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

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.