

# NEWSLETTER

I know that we are now at the end of the second week but obviously we didn't get a newsletter out last week due to the storm so.... Happy New Year!

It has been a very busy start of term in school. I have really enjoyed visiting classes and seeing the children engrossed in their learning and enjoying the new topics. Class leaflets and knowledge organisers detailing the learning in each class have been, or will shortly be, posted on Dojo.

We were delighted last week to announce that the position of headteacher has been accepted by Mrs Alex Carr. Mrs Carr already works within Crofty as headteacher at Halwin School; we are looking forward to her taking up the position in the near future. Please have a read of the introduction that she has written further on in the newsletter.

The weather over the last two weeks has been throwing additional challenges in our direction! We managed to avoid most of the snow (although the whole school enjoyed ten minutes play in the falling snow on the first morning of term) but then the wind hit on the Thursday – thanks to all for being so adaptable and ensuring that everyone was able to stay safe.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Lucie Clarke**

## CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Albie - For always being ready to learn and giving everything 100%.

Rowan Class: Mason - For showing maturity and making good choices.

Sycamore Class: Mimi - Always trying her absolute best with all of her learning.

Birch Class: Seb - For excellent contribution while discussing our class novel.

Hazel Class: Bea - For a hardworking and enthusiastic approach towards all of her learning.

Cherry Class: Isla.C - For hard work and having a super start to term.

## SPORTS STAR

Eva,E



## STAR WRITERS



Levan  
Maurice  
Lilli  
Molly  
Clara  
Eva

## PORTREATH LEAVES

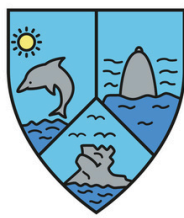


Lowen  
Bill  
Jack  
Charlie.St  
Reina  
Rosie

## MATHS WIZARD

George.D





# Portreath

## Primary School

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

#### **Safeguarding and Health and Safety**

Please remember that our school DSL remains as Mrs Cassie Pamplin and our DDSL is still Miss Lucie Clarke.

If anyone has any safeguarding concerns they can be reported to any member of staff.

**A MISTAKE**  
is an  
**OPPORTUNITY**  
**TO LEARN**  
not a  
**REASON TO**  
**GIVE UP**

### **House Winner this Week is: Forbidden Forest**

#### **PE News**

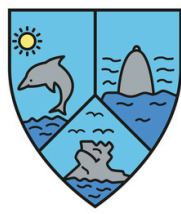
This half term in PE, Rowan and Sycamore are working on ball skills and teamwork. In Birch, Hazel and Cherry we are learning teamwork skills and using them in Netball and Basketball.

In Birch this week they practised their bounce pass and chest pass. Then worked in small teams to practise passing and defending skills. We finished off the lesson with mini games.

In Cherry class, we spoke about the different netball positions and rules. The children then had a go at practising those skills in a netball match, the children chose to make boy v girl teams. Well done to the boy's team who managed to win the game 2-0. Some great teamwork and defending skills. On Friday we are attended a Crofty Girls Football Event at Pool Academy, more details to follow next week.







# Portreath Primary School

## Maple Class



What a busy and varied couple of weeks we have had! The children were very excited to get out in the snow shower we had on our first day back. We don't get it very often, so it is nice to see their faces as it fell from the sky. We have started our new topic 'space'. We have looked at the phases of the moon and started to learn a song about the planets. A challenge to make space aliens was a great hit, but learning about craters and covering the classroom floor with flour was a highlight for everyone! On Wednesday we were greeted by a frozen outside area which led to some fun learning.

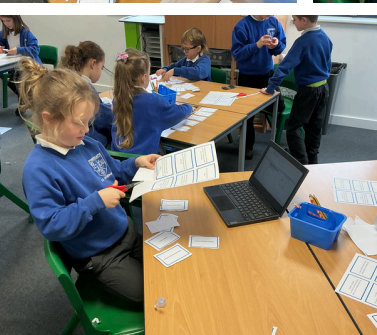
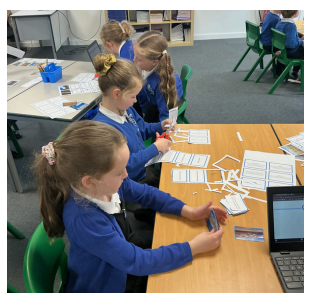
## Rowan Class



We have had a super start to the Spring term in Rowan class. The children have been absolute superstars and have shown resilience during the snow and storms – I am so proud of them all. We've started all of our new topics, including our Science unit about materials. We sorted different objects based on their material and went on a material hunt around the school. In English, we've been learning and retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man and our independent writing skills are improving every day. We have also enjoyed some painting in art.



## Sycamore Class



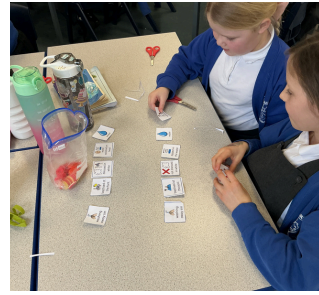
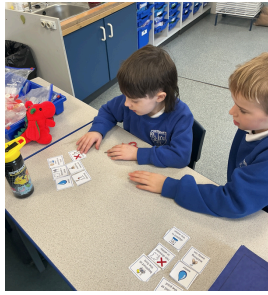
What a start to the term! We've had snow, storms and have still managed to get so much done! We have started our new topic focusing on the UK and have been learning about money in Mathematics. In our writing lessons, we have been writing a non-chronological report based on our learning on London including landmarks like the Tower of London and the London Eye. In science, we've been learning about different habitats around the world and in computing, we've been looking at giving instructions to robots and algorithms.





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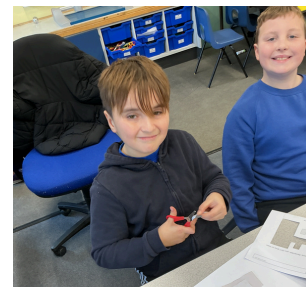
## Birch Class



We have been back with a bang! We enjoyed the very brief appearance of snow- it was too cold for Mr M! However, this has not stopped us enjoying our learning. We have really enjoyed our new class novel, The Mysterious Journey of Edward Tulane. We are curious to find out how the story develops and if the main character learns the error of his ways. In science, we enjoyed defining and sorting items based on if they were a solid, liquid or gas. We loved the expanding hand experiment – it was VERY messy!



## Hazel Class



We have had a tremendous week learning all about Greece! We have journeyed around the Greek islands and learnt some fascinating facts about the geography (location, islands, sea, weather), culture (food, traditions, language), history (ancient Greece, buildings) and attractions (beaches, landmarks). In science we are learning all about space! As scientists we were curious about the question.....How does the Moon move around Earth? We had great fun using torches and balls to create a simulation. In English we are at the beginning stages of creating our own persuasive leaflet. We began the unit by looking at local leaflets and assessing how successful they were.

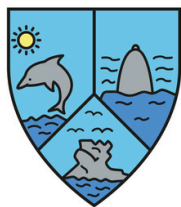
## Cherry Class



We have had a very busy “back to school” couple of weeks! We dived into our new term’s learning and started our geography topic all about volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes with a lesson about the structure of the Earth. We are already loving our science topic on evolution which we kick started with a fascinating lesson on fossilisation. Also, we have really enjoyed reading and writing poems on the theme of “Winter”.







# Portreath Primary School

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 Lego 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 HELP OF THE CROSSING PATROL LADY.

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 - 95.1%

Rowan Class - 96.3%

Sycamore Class - 95%

Birch Class - 94.3%

Hazel Class - 93.8%

Cherry Class - 96.3%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95.2%

## PE DAYS

**Maple - Thursday**

**Rowan - Monday**

**Sycamore - Friday**

**Birch - Tuesday**

**Hazel - Monday**

**Cherry - Wednesday**

## DATES

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  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Yr 5 Life Skills workshop  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar - Birch Class Assembly 2:45pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Mar - Hazel Class Assembly 2:45pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Mar - Cherry Class Assembly 2:45pm  
week 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar - Parent consultations  
1<sup>st</sup> Apr - Yr 5/6 Science Fair  
6<sup>th</sup> May - School Class photographs  
12<sup>th</sup> May - Open Class 2:45 - 3:15pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Jun - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1:30 - 3:00pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Jun - KS2 Sports Day 1:30-3:00pm

## INSET DAYS

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Jun 2026

23<sup>rd</sup> Jul 2026

## TERM DATES

First Day Spring Term - 5<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term - w/c 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Last Day of Spring Term - 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Bank Holiday - 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
First Day Summer Term - 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Bank Holiday - 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term - w/c 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Last Day Summer Term - 22<sup>nd</sup> July





Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

I am really delighted to be writing to you as the incoming Headteacher of Portreath School. I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to the children, staff and families for such a warm and friendly welcome when I visited this week. It was a real pleasure to spend time in school, meet so many of you, and get a feel for the wonderful community that makes Portreath such a special place.

I am Cornish and feel very lucky to now be bringing up my own family here in Cornwall. Like many of you, we love spending time outdoors and making the most of everything Cornish life has to offer — especially the beach! As a family we enjoy cycling, geocaching and exploring together, and I also love running and swimming to keep fit. I am particularly proud to have completed both the Hong Kong Marathon and, more recently, the London Marathon.

I have always loved reading and books, especially picture books, and I have built up quite a collection over the years. I am really looking forward to sharing some favourite stories with the children and celebrating a love of reading across the school.

Both my boys play football and it plays a big part in our lives — whether that's standing on the sidelines cheering them on, or supporting our local teams, Truro and Plymouth Argyle, as well as Newcastle United. You may also discover that I am a bit of a secret Strongman fan — I even met the Stoltman brothers this summer at the Gone Wild Festival — and I am very much looking forward to the new series of Gladiators starting this weekend!

I began my teaching career in Truro after studying for a BSc in Bristol, and I have been fortunate to teach in a wide range of schools, including international schools in the Middle East, China and Spain. Since returning to Cornwall in 2022, I have been proud to be part of the Crofty Trust and to work as a leader within the Trust. I enjoy learning and developing myself professionally, and I have completed my NPQH headship qualification and am currently finishing my NPQSENCO.

Mrs Pamplin leaves behind very big boots to fill, and I am excited about the opportunity to build on the strong foundations already in place.

Thank you once again for such a warm welcome.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Alex Carr