



# PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## School calendar

7<sup>th</sup> May - School Class photographs  
 12<sup>th</sup> May - Open Class 2:45 - 3:15pm  
 20<sup>th</sup> May - Penhaligan friends whole school walk  
 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  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jul - Open Class 8:40 - 9:10am  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jul - Whole School Show 2pm  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jul - Whole School Show 6pm  
 21<sup>st</sup> Jul - Leavers Assembly 2pm

## Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Safeguarding and the wellbeing of our children is a top priority at Portreath School. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please report them as soon as possible.

Mrs Carr, Headteacher, is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the school. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Miss Clarke (Assistant Head) and Mr McCarthy (SENCo). Our Safeguarding Governor is Matt Leech.

Thank you for helping us to keep all of our children safe.



## Message from Mrs Carr

What a lovely first week it has been at Portreath School. The sunshine has certainly helped (even if it's still been a little chilly!), but I'd particularly like to thank everyone—children, families and staff—for making me feel so welcome. I've really enjoyed being on the gate at morning drop-off and afternoon collection and having the chance to meet families. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better over the coming weeks.

It has also been great to continue getting to know the staff and children. I've enjoyed popping into lessons and have seen some super learning—story maps retelling How the Elephant Got Its Trunk, prototypes of moving pictures in DT, and fluent, expressive reading of The Iron Man. I've also spent some time watching tadpoles swimming and enjoyed children coming to visit me in the office to share their work and ideas. Across the school, I've been really impressed with the children's learning behaviours and their positive attitudes to their work. A particular highlight was sharing a story with the whole school in assembly.

I'd like to let you know about a new date for the diary. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding a whole school walk to raise money for Penhaligon's Friends. Many families may remember that each year the Trust Pupil Parliament organises a vote, and last year children across the Crofty schools chose to support this local charity, which works with children and families experiencing bereavement. We hope you will be able to support us in raising money for such an important cause. Further details will follow soon. Thank you again for the warm welcome—I'm very pleased to be part of the Portreath community. If you would like to get in touch, please feel free to speak to me on the gate, pop into the office or contact me at [Portreathhead@croftymat.org](mailto:Portreathhead@croftymat.org).

# Weekly Achievement Certificates

## Certificate of Excellence

- Barnaby - For being a star learner in Maple class  
 Logan - For a super start to the summer term  
 Mimi - For conducting amazing research at home to find out more about Kenya  
 Callum - For a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards all his learning.  
 Izzy - For a positive start to the term  
 Caleb - For starting the term off with a positive attitude.

## Star Writers

- Oliver - For working independently in his writing  
 Chloe - For confidence and enthusiasm  
 Arina - For a wonderful story map based on a fable from a different culture.  
 Is - for using cracking conjunctions in his writing this week  
 Billy - For neat presentation and using joined up handwriting  
 Isla.E - For researching and writing an excellent point for our space debate.

## Portreath Leaves

- Llocryn - For having really creative ideas for questions  
 Arthur.M - For gratitude  
 Noah - For always being so kind and considerate towards others.  
 Connor - For being creative when solving maths problems.  
 Bea - For being courageous, when being the summariser in her talk trio  
 Kade - For gratitude and politeness, always remembering to say please and thank you.

## Sports Star

- Louis - Well done for working hard during PE. Remaining focused and following instructions.

## Maths Wizard

- Jack.L - for earning 9 gems.

## This week house winner is - Enchanted Wood

### House team scores

- 100 Acre Wood = 459  
 Enchanted Wood = 461  
 Farthing Wood = 360  
 Forbidden Forest = 343



## Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class - 96%

Rowan Class - 94.8%

Sycamore Class - 91.7%

Birch Class - 95.2%

Hazel Class - 95%

**Cherry Class - 96.5%**

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is: 95%



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS



BE CURIOUS



We have had a fabulous first week back. We have started our new topic 'What am I?' The children were very excited to see that lots of the tadpoles had grown back legs, some had grown front legs, and we also had a few froglets. The children thought the froglets were very cute! We released them all into our pond to finish growing. After reading the Hungry caterpillar we found 5 of our own which we are going to look after. Finally, we took delivery of some eggs. They all looked slightly different, and we had a lovely discussion about what they might be, but also if what might hatch will all look the same.

## Maple Class



## Rowan Class



We've had a super first week in Rowan Class. We have launched our new topics, including our geography topic about the weather and our science all about the four seasons. We focused on Winter and made our own crystals and snow. In English, we've been planning setting descriptions of the forest in different seasons in preparation to write them next week. In Maths, we have started our unit on multiplication and division by learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

What a wonderful first week back! We are really enjoying our new geography learning focusing on Kenya and have been busy learning about what life is like there. In Maths, we have been learning about temperature and measuring in litres and next week we will begin our new topic on fractions. In our writing lessons we have been looking at a range of different fables (including some based in Kenya) to identify the key features they contain including animals as characters and finding the moral of each short story. In computing this half term, we will be focusing on photography and in science we have been looking at labelling the different parts of plants and flowers.

## Sycamore Class



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY



GRATITUDE



We have loved being back at school and have thoroughly enjoyed our learning. One of the highlights of the week has been our computing lesson where we have been learning to create computing coding to make a 'sprite' move across the screen. We have many future app designers in our class. In music this week, we listened and discussed 'Blackbird' by The Beatles. We were curious about the lyrics so undertook some research and we discovered that it was written to capture the struggle of black Americans in the 1960s and 1970s. This led on perfectly to our geography learning where we have been learning about our European neighbours. Challenge us to name some of the 44 countries that make up Europe.

## Birch Class



## Hazel Class



It's been a fantastic first week back and the children have made a brilliant start to the term. We were lucky enough to participate in a LIVE lesson from the Eden Project 'One Big Rainforest Do', we reactivated our previous learning about Rainforests and then through discussion thought about ways we can give back to our community, which ties in beautifully with Christianity this half term. We have launched our new topic on rivers, which has already inspired some lovely learning across the curriculum. In English, the children wrote their own free verse poems about a river, using vivid imagery and descriptive language. In Geography, we explored what a river is and began to understand its key features, while in science we learnt about where rain comes from as part of the water cycle. Tying in with this, we had the wonderful Nataliia in creating river masterpieces using pastels. In DT, we have started designing our own moving pictures—of course, with a river theme. It's been a great start, and we're looking forward to building on this learning in the coming weeks.

We have had a very busy first week of term! Our history unit for this half term ties in with our residential to Bristol by looking at the life and legacy of Isambard Kingdom Brunel; as part of our first session some of us dressed up to look like the great engineer himself! In science we started off our new topic by getting stuck into a practical session all about the circulatory system – did you know that your heart is approximately the same size as your clenched fist?

## Cherry Class



What a great first week back. The children have enjoyed getting started with their new PE topics. Maple, Rowan and Sycamore have started with their balls and rackets unit. Birch, Hazel and Cherry have started with Tennis and Communication and Tactics Units.

In Rowan class they started using a range of balls and rackets to move them around the playground avoiding the cones and keeping control. In Hazel and Birch, the children started with a game of human noughts and crosses, where one child from each group leads their team to play, then they practiced their forehand serve and finished with mini games. In Cherry class we started with some mini noughts and crosses games then moved on to human noughts and crosses. Then played some code games, seeing which team could crack the code. In Maple the children enjoyed using balloons to practice their skills using their hand to bat the balloon and keep it off the floor, we then played mini games with a partner. The children finished the lesson with some mini balloon tennis games.

## Sports News



## Thought of the week

"Keep your face to the sunshine  
and you cannot see the shadows.  
It's what the sunflowers do."  
- Helen Keller



### TERM DATES

Bank Holiday - 4th May  
Half Term - w/c 25th May  
Last Day Summer Term - 22nd July

### INSET DAYS

1st Jun 2026  
23rd Jul 2026

### PE DAYS

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

## Wraparound Clubs

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	Games with Mrs Barnes and Miss Cafe
Tuesday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe Sewing club with Mrs Barnes KS2 (Y3+) Football with Mrs Seary
Wednesday	Craft club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe KS2 (Y3+) Netball with Mrs Seary
Thursday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Lego club with Mrs Chiplin
Friday	Wraparound club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chevill