



PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School calendar

20th May - Penhaligan friends whole school walk
 2nd Jun - Bag2School Collection today
 5th Jun - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1:30 - 3:00pm
 8th Jun - KS2 Sports Day 1:30-3:00pm
 10th Jul - Open Class 8:40 - 9:10am
 13th Jul - Whole School Show 2pm
 13th Jul - Whole School Show 6pm
 21st Jul - Leavers Assembly 2pm

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Many children spend time online through gaming, apps and group chats, so we would encourage all families to regularly check privacy settings, age ratings and who children are communicating with online.

Open conversations at home about online behaviour and staying safe online can make a huge difference in helping children navigate the digital world safely and confidently.



Message from Mrs Carr

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Open Classroom on Tuesday. There was a real buzz around the school as children proudly shared their books and talked enthusiastically about their learning. It was wonderful to see so many families able to attend – especially as we know this can be difficult for those who are working – and we really appreciate the effort you made to come along and appreciate your understanding with the minor changes from previous events.

A huge well done must go to our Year 6 pupils, who absolutely smashed their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and positive attitudes they have shown throughout the assessments. They truly rose to the challenge and should feel very proud of themselves. A special thank you must also go to Miss Clarke for all of the hard work, care and encouragement she has given the children in preparing for their SATs and supporting them so brilliantly throughout the week. We were also delighted to celebrate our Year 6 pupils receiving their leavers' hoodies and book gift in Celebration Assembly today – a lovely moment to recognise this important stage in their primary school journey.

I have spent quite a bit of time in Maple Class this week, completely mesmerised by the arrival of the new chicks! The excitement and wonder from the children has been lovely to see. A huge thank you to Mrs Forsdick, who works incredibly hard to bring this amazing experience into the classroom and provide such memorable learning opportunities for our youngest children. It was also a pleasure to join the choir at Treleigh on Wednesday as they rehearsed for their upcoming Songfest performance. The children sounded fantastic and are very excited to perform for parents on Wednesday 20th May. It promises to be a really lovely evening.

Next Wednesday, we will also be taking part in our whole-school walk along the Tram to raise money for Penhaligon's Friends. We are very grateful for any donations families are able to make via ParentPay, and we look forward to sharing the total amount raised with you next week.

Weekly Achievement Certificates

Certificate of Excellence

- Olive - For working hard in everything she does.
 Maggie - For a wonderful start in Rowan Class.
 Elowen - For always showing such positivity and enthusiasm towards reading.
 Harry - For always tackling learning with a great attitude and cheeky chapy smile.
 Harvey - For a resilient attitude towards maths.
 Whole Class - For courage, resilience and determination whilst completing their SATs.

Star Writers

- Jaxon - For working hard on his finger spaces.
 Logan - For an amazing fable innovation.
 Rowan - For excellent effort with his handwriting.
 Eadie - For a great newspaper article about the Iron Man.
 Esme - For a fabulous explanation text on The Water Cycle.
 Arlo - For great use of vocabulary in his balanced argument.

Portreath Leaves

- Lenny - For always thinking of others.
 Kylian - For creativity.
 Toby - For being really creative in our Art lesson focusing on Kenyan landscapes and animals.
 Lochie - For always showing kindness and empathy to others.
 Albie - For showing kindness towards a member of his class.
 Grover - For asking curious questions in science.

Sports Star

- Theo.R - Theo for a fantastic PE lesson. Show great focus and listening.

Maths Wizard

- Mason - For earning 6 gems.



This week house winner is - Farthing Wood

House team scores

- 100 Acre Wood = 242
 Enchanted Wood = 210
 Farthing Wood = 265
 Forbidden Forest = 198

Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class - 98.2%

Rowan Class - 99.7%

Sycamore Class - 90.3%

Birch Class - 96.6%

Hazel Class - 99.7%

Cherry Class - 95.3%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is: 95.1%



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS



BE CURIOUS



We have been absolutely buzzing this week in Maple class. Our eggs started to hatch, and we were even lucky enough to see a couple of them hatch whilst we were watching. The last one arrived over night on Tuesday and after a day of quiet I introduced them all to the children. We have Maple, Cherry, Hazel, Oakly and Willow, although Willow may need to change to humbug as she has a stripy back! The children had a little stroke today and this inspired lots of chick making and writing during busy learning time.

Maple Class



Rowan Class



We loved sharing our fruit kebabs with our grown ups for Open Classroom on Tuesday as part of our DT learning. The children worked really hard to make sure they followed their designs precisely. In Maths, we have started our unit on fractions, where we have been learning about finding halves of shapes and quantities. In English, we have been planning our non-chronological reports all about the weather and we are looking forward to writing them next week. In Geography, we learned about how animals adapt, migrate and hibernate in different seasons and we enjoyed our Dojo treat this afternoon which linked to this – watching the film, "Migration"!

Sycamore Class

This week we have been writing alliteration poems about African animals in our writing lessons. In Mathematics, we've been looking at equivalent fractions. In Science, we've been learning about the life cycle of a sunflower and in Computing, we've been reviewing photographs that we have taken to analyse how to improve them. In our Geography lessons, we've been learning about African animals and their habitats. We've been reading 'The Worst Witch' this week which the class have really enjoyed. Moving classes had its advantages and we've been making the most of having the library next door to us with lots of new books to read and explore together!



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY

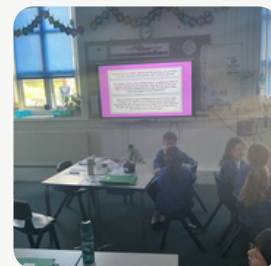


GRATITUDE



We have really enjoyed our computing unit this term and getting to grips with coding. We have learnt how to start an algorithm in different ways and make the sprite move a range of directions and paths. This linked very well into our visit to the opera - which was based on computing and coding. Thank you to the Hall for Cornwall for the free tickets. Even after taking part in these brilliant activities, we have also managed to find time to be creative in our learning but especially writing. We have enjoyed playing the part of a newspaper reporter while creating newspaper articles about the sighting of Iron Man. Roll up and read all about it!

Birch Class



Hazel Class



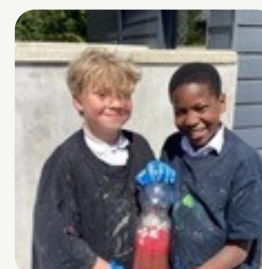
Hazel have had a brilliantly hectic week! We have thoroughly enjoyed writing our explanation texts all about the water cycle and the children have worked incredibly hard to include lots of exciting scientific vocabulary.

In Science, we learnt all about clouds and researched our favourites – in particular, lenticular clouds, which fascinated the children! In Geography, we created our very own Hazel River and discussed the different parts of a river, as well as where settlements are most likely to be found. We were also very lucky to experience an Opera this week alongside Birch class. It was wonderful to see the children engaging so enthusiastically with the actors, and the experience tied in beautifully with our school's 3Cs: creativity, courageousness and curiosity. The children were incredibly well behaved throughout, and their participation was absolutely brilliant.

Cherry Class

This week we have mostly been completing our Key Stage Two SATs! However, we also found time to eat breakfast together, chill out, play Top Trumps, visit the church as part of RE, make "blood" in science and celebrate at the beach with an ice-cream - what a week!

Thank you to Mrs Gerrish (one of our governors) who paid for the ice-cream treat.



This week the children have been continuing to practice their tennis skills. In Rowan class, the children played some fun games, splash in the puddle - aiming their ball into the puddle (hoop) then we played scare the ducks-children aimed the ball into the puddle (hoop) and tried to scare a duck (cone).

In Birch, Hazel and Cherry the children worked on aiming skills, trying to hit the ball over the net and into the hoop, then finished with some singles and doubles games. Hazel also worked on communication skills when playing cross the swamp and collect the treasure game, having to communicate with their team to move across the swamp in hoops whilst collecting cone treasure.

Sports News



Thought of the week

One small
positive
thought
in the morning
can change your
whole day

TERM DATES

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 SCHOOL LUNCHES AND 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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Wasson Wednesday

Underwater Wonders

Wednesday 27th May
10am - 3.30pm
Site entry **FREE**

Pond Creatures Trail **FREE**
Pond Dipping **FREE**
Dragonfly Craft **£4.00**

Pop up café serving drinks, snacks and cakes.

Visit our beautiful wildlife pond and meet some of the creatures that live in it. Take part in our trail and make a beautiful dragonfly to take home.

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 U18's must be accompanied by an adult



MHST Wild Wellbeing

MHST, in collaboration with the National Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session** in Cornwall during May half term.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book **EACH** child on to a session
Each session will last approx. 2 hours

Locations and dates

27 May 2026 - Tehidy Woods
28 May 2026 - Lanhydrock in collaboration with the National Trust

All sessions will begin at 10am. Please wear weather appropriate clothing!

To request a place, please complete the online form
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/f1Vd5Y29rL>



Scan to sign up

Please be aware that spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you cannot attend after being allocated a place, inform us so we can give your spot to someone else.

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Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)