



PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School calendar

21st Jul - Leavers Assembly 2pm
17th Nov - Flu Immunisations
19th Nov - Portrait Photographs
10th Dec - Hall For Cornwall 'Dick
Whittington' Performance trip

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

As we move towards the end of the school year, some children may feel excited, worried or uncertain about the changes ahead. At school, we will be supporting children carefully so they feel prepared and confident for September.

At home, it can help to talk positively about change, acknowledge any worries and keep routines calm and predictable. If you are concerned about how your child is feeling, please do speak to us.

Young Minds has practical advice for supporting children through transitions and times of change:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/transitions-and-times-of-change/>



Message from Mrs Carr

As we approach the end of another school year—and the end of my first term at Portreath School—I would like to thank our children, families, staff and wider community for the incredibly warm welcome and support I have received. It has been a busy and memorable term, and I already feel very proud to be part of such a special school community.

We began this week on a real high with our amazing summer show. The children were incredible and certainly demonstrated our school drivers by being curious, creative and courageous throughout their performances. A huge thank you to all the children and staff, as well as Simon, Erica and Becca from the Hall for Cornwall, for the hard work and enthusiasm that brought the whole production together. Lots of photographs can be found later in the newsletter and will also be shared on ClassDojo. Thank you to Marcus (Maxiums's Dad) for capturing so many wonderful moments.

We are also extremely proud of our Year 6 children and their fantastic SATs results. They have worked incredibly hard and approached the assessments with maturity, determination and positivity. A very big well done to every one of them!

On Thursday, Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a special day at the beach, learning important skills relating to beach and water safety. They represented Portreath School beautifully and had a wonderful day learning together in the sunshine.

Today, we also say a very fond goodbye and thank you to Mrs Wickett as she reaches her final day at Portreath School. We are enormously grateful for everything she has given to the children, families and staff during her time here. We wish her every happiness as she begins her very well-deserved retirement.



Next week, we are looking forward to our transition morning on Monday, when children will have the opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms. Our new teachers, Miss Cooke and Miss Dobson, are both excited to meet the children. Miss Cooke will join us via Zoom from London, while Miss Dobson will be in school on Tuesday morning.

We also have plenty of fun end-of-term activities planned, including the eagerly anticipated Year 6 versus Teachers' rounders match! It promises to be a lovely final few days together before the summer holidays.

Weekly Achievement Certificates

Certificate of Excellence

Mila - For her participation and enthusiasm during our performance.
 Chloe - For approaching our Tiddler performance with a smile and enthusiasm.
 Hallie - For stepping into other roles on the spot during our end of year show performances with such confidence and enthusiasm!
 Hugo - For a brilliant performance in the end of year show.
 Joel - For an outstanding focused attitude towards his learning.
 Whole Class - For teamwork, commitment and creativity in their production and performance of our whole school show.

Star Writers

Lowen - For working really hard on his writing in Drawing club.
 Theo - For working really hard with his writing.
 Orla - For great progress with her writing this year.
 Billy - For a wonderful nonchronological report.
 Barnaby - For using ambitious vocabulary in his writing.
 Isla.E - For progress in writing throughout the year.

Portreath Leaves

Trent - For being kind and including others.
 Ellie - For showing all of our values, always!
 Cora - For being so creative and courageous towards our end of year show preparations and performances.
 Elsa - For being courageous while teaching us French.
 Elsie - For being creative in her approach to learning.
 Isla.C - For an excellent and courageous performance in the whole school show.

Sports Star

Shane - For conquering his fears when going in the sea and floating on his back.

Maths Wizard

Jack.E - For earning 10 gems

This week house winner is - 100 Acre Wood

House team scores

100 Acre Wood = 207
 Enchanted Wood = 196
 Farthing Wood = 178
 Forbidden Forest = 182



Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class - 93.4%

Rowan Class - 96.3%

Sycamore Class - 88.3%

Birch Class - 94.2%

Hazel Class - 94.8%

Cherry Class - 91.2%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is: 94.7%



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS

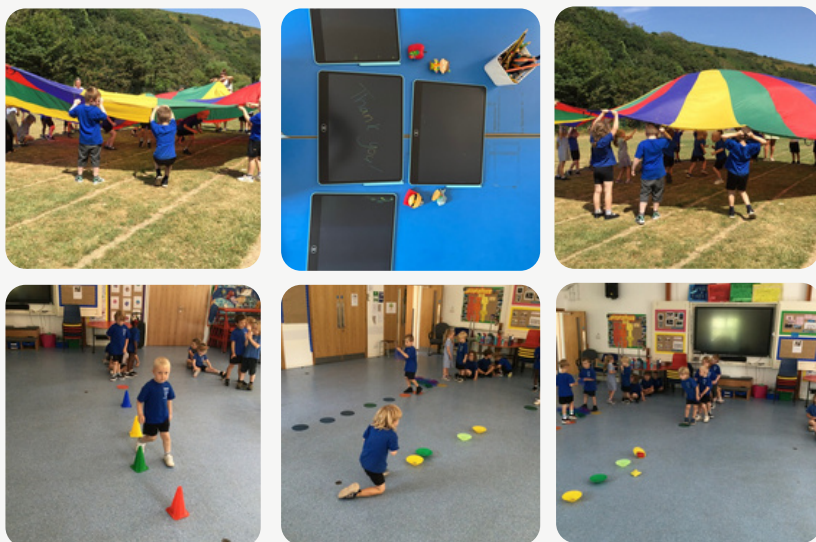


BE CURIOUS



This week we have been thinking about everything we have done this year. In particular I have been looking at the progress all the children have made across the year. In PE I can see the children have grown in confidence and their skills have developed beautifully. Thank you Mrs Jose for doing a fabulous job. Maple class would like to thank the PTA for getting us some magic writing boards and some new Tonie stories. They have been a great hit especially the stories in this hot weather.

Maple Class



Rowan Class



We kickstarted this week with our performance of Tiddler as part of our whole-school show. The children did a wonderful job. Thank you to Millie's Mum, Amy, for providing us with some beautiful fabric to be used as our underwater landscape! A huge well done to Bill, who performed his cornet in front of the whole school in assembly on Wednesday. Another huge congratulations goes to the wonderful Penny Platts, who comes in every Thursday to work with us. She has been nominated for a BBC Radio Cornwall Make A Difference award and as part of this we were lucky to be joined by Hannah Stacey from Radio Cornwall who came to film Penny doing some sewing with us. We asked her lots of questions about her job!

Sycamore Class

I was so proud of all of the children in Sycamore Class for their efforts towards the end of year show. They did such a fantastic job and really tried their best with all of the performances and preparations that went alongside. Well done everyone! This week, we will have been finishing off our Computing learning focusing on pictograms and have completed end of unit quizzes to recap all of our learning this half term in Science and Topic. In RE, we've been learning about wedding ceremonies in religious and non-religious ceremonies, as well as considering what makes us a part of our school community. We've also been enjoying our class reader text 'The Castle of Adventure'.



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY



GRATITUDE



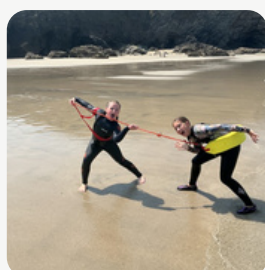
This week has been jammed packed full of creativity, curiosity and courage. We loved performing our piece for the show and seeing all the smiling faces in the audience. We have been busy creating our own reports about the Cornish language and history. This brings together our learning in writing, history and RE. In computing this week, we have learnt how to code scratch to draw and repeat commands. In art, enjoyed being creative while creating our own water colour piece.

Birch Class



Hazel Class

This week, we have continued writing our newspaper reports about the discovery of a Viking helmet. The children have worked hard to include engaging headlines, factual information, and quotes to bring their reports to life. In history, we became detectives, investigating a range of source cards to determine what might have happened in the past. The children enjoyed analysing evidence, discussing their ideas, and justifying their conclusions like real historians. Year 4 were lucky enough to enjoy a STEM afternoon, where they designed and created fan-operated boats. It was wonderful to see the children working collaboratively, solving problems, testing their theories, and adapting their designs to improve their boats. Year 5 took part in Splash School, an exciting event held at Portreath SLC and led by the fantastic Lisa and Paul on behalf of the RNLI. The children learnt invaluable water safety skills and experienced realistic rescue scenarios, giving them the opportunity to practise lifesaving techniques in a fun, engaging, and memorable way.



Cherry Class

This week has been full of excitement as we performed in our fantastic whole school show! Everyone worked incredibly hard and it was wonderful to see all of our efforts come together on stage. The children showed great confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the performance, making us all very proud. It was a joy to celebrate the success of such a special event together. A huge well done to everyone for their commitment during rehearsals and for putting on such a memorable show. We have also enjoyed spending some time with our buddies from Maple Class before moving on to our secondary schools. It has been lovely to work together and strengthen friendships across the school. On Thursday we had a great day down on the beach at "Splash School" with Surf Lifesaving GB



Sports News

What a fantastic week for sports. Well done to all the children who received their certificates and badges for Bikeability this week.

During netball club this week Mrs Barnes and I joined the Year 6 girls team to play against the Year 4s and 5s as an end of year treat. It was great fun to play alongside the girls and see how much their skills have improved over the last few years. Well done to some of the Year 4s and 5s that helped umpire the game.

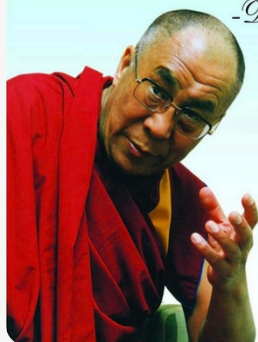
What a fantastic day for Year 5 and 6 on Thursday at Splash School down at Portreath Beach. The children learnt beach safety skills and then in the afternoon carried out lifeguard rescues on their partners.



Thought of the week

“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.”

-Dalai Lama



TERM DATES

Last Day Summer Term - Wednesday
22nd July

(no after school clubs)

First Day Autumn Term - 3rd Sept 2026

Half Term - w/c 26th Oct

Last Day Autumn Term - 16th
December

INSET DAYS

23rd Jul 2026

23rd Oct 2026

2nd Nov 2026

17-18th Dec 2026

7th Jun 2027

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



Yr 5 & 6 Splash School

Splash School Event at Portreath Beach delivered by Surf Life Saving GB. The Splash School Water Safety Programme is a full-day, hands-on experience focused on water safety and drowning prevention. Splash School is designed to teach essential water safety skills in a fun, engaging, and safe environment. Through this programme, students will:

- Learn vital drowning prevention skills
- Develop confidence in and around water
- Fulfil National Curriculum Water Safety Targets of performing 'safe self-rescue' and learning the Water Safety Code.



Yr 4 STEM Challenge

Year 4 had a fantastic afternoon taking part in a STEM challenge, where they designed and built their own fan-powered boats. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork as they planned, created and tested their designs, making thoughtful improvements along the way. It was wonderful to see their creativity, resilience and enthusiasm as they experimented with different ideas to achieve the best results.

