



PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School calendar

21st Sept – Author Workshop
12–13th Oct – Parent Consultations
15th Oct – PTA AGM
21st Oct – Halloween Silent Disco
17th Nov – Nasal Flu Vaccines
19th Nov – School Individual photographs
25th Nov – Open class 8:40am
3rd Dec – Christingle
10th Dec – Whole school to HFC Dick
Whittington
11th Dec – Christmas Lunch
14th Dec – KS2 Carol Service 6pm
15th Dec – KS1 Christmas Show 2.30/6pm
January – Bikeability Yr 5
24th Feb – Yr5 Life Skills Trip
6th May – School Class Photographs

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.

Please park considerably around school to avoid causing delays to other traffic. Please also use the designated crossing when crossing the road.

New allergy safety requirements, known as Benedict's Law, are now in place to strengthen allergy safety in schools. Please ensure we are kept up to date with any allergies or medication your child requires.



Message from Mrs Carr

Welcome Back! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Portreath School for the start of the new school year. The children have settled back into school life so quickly and it has been a real pleasure to see them coming through the doors each morning ready for another year of learning, friendship and adventure. A particularly warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. We are delighted to have you as part of our Portreath School community and hope that you have already begun to feel at home with us. Our school values of being Creative, Curious and Courageous have been shining through from the very start of term. We have already seen children approaching their learning with imagination and enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions, trying new things and showing courage as they take on new challenges.

A huge thank you to our staff for all their hard work in preparing for the new school year and for making the start of term feel so smooth and positive. Thank you, too, to all our parents and carers for your support, encouragement and patience as we have got back into our school routines. Thank you to all the families who joined us for our recent Open Classroom. It was lovely to see so many of you in school. We are already looking forward to our next opportunities to welcome you into school:

- Parent Evenings: 12th and 13th October 3.30–6pm
- Next Open Classroom: 25th November 8.40–9.10am

Although we have only just begun the new school year, we are already busy behind the scenes planning and organising a whole host of exciting opportunities and events for the year ahead. We are very excited to welcome author Channon Gray to Portreath School on 21st September! During the day, the children will enjoy engaging workshops and assemblies with Channon. There will also be an after-school book signing, giving families the opportunity to purchase books and have them personally signed by the author. We are sure this will be a fantastic day of stories, creativity and inspiration! We are also excited to announce a Halloween Silent Disco on 21st October for EYFS & KS1: 5.15–6.15pm and KS2: 6.15–7.30pm. More details will follow soon, but we are already looking forward to an evening of spooky fun and dancing! Any parents or carers who would be willing to volunteer to help would be very much appreciated.

There is lots to look forward to, and we are particularly excited about the range of experiences we will be able to offer our children. We are currently finalising arrangements for our clubs, and we hope to be able to share details with parents over the next 2 weeks. Thank you for your patience while we get everything organised.

We now have a dedicated email address for SEND enquiries: portreathsenco@croftymat.org. This will be monitored by Miss Cooke, our SENDCo. For your reference, our other useful school email addresses are: Miss Hawkins – School Office: portreathsecretary@croftymat.org and Mrs Carr – Headteacher: portreathhead@croftymat.org

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and all that it will bring. There is already such a positive energy around school, and it is fantastic to see the children embracing our values of being Creative, Curious and Courageous. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together with you throughout the year to make it a happy, successful and memorable one for all our children.

Weekly Achievement Certificates

Certificate of Excellence

Iris – For a brilliant start to school – What a superstar!
 Rowan – For an excellent start to Year 1
 Azhar – For always trying her best and for listening carefully.
 Arti – For an excellent start the year showing independence and resilience.
 Jessamy – For an enthusiastic and resilient approach towards her learning
 Lochie – For an excellent start to Year 5
 Tyga – For showing that he is a mature, responsible and helpful Year 6.

Star Writers

Whole Class – For a brilliant start to writing their sounds
 Layke – For super independent sentences
 Jack.L – For going the extra mile to make his sentences interesting and exciting.
 Noah – For excellent scientific writing including many facts from his research.
 Elsa – For excellent handwriting
 Elsie – For an excellent recount write
 Harvey – For fabulous descriptions.

Portreath Leaves

Huxley – For being a kind and helpful member of Maple class
 Marnie – For being courageous in her first week at Portreath
 Logan – For always being kind and empathetic towards others.
 Bessie – For being incredibly creative when drawing a detailed scientific drawing of a plant.
 Hugo – For showing great curiosity in science
 Callum – For always showing kindness to his peers
 All Yr6's – For showing kindness and inclusivity in their roles as buddies to Maple children.

Sports Star

Nala – For working hard and having great sportsmanship

Maths Wizard

Ella.T & Bethan.T – For both earning 5 gems each.

Achievements outside school



Congratulations to Elowen who competed over the summer and won 2 individual national titles in the National Surf Life Saving Championships at Holywell Bay. She won the wade (swim) and the board race which is an incredible achievement at her age, in big surf conditions. She showed resilience and great surf skills. Well done.

House team scores

100 Acre Wood = 34
 Enchanted Wood = 36
 Farthing Wood = 30
 Forbidden Forest = 32

**This week house
winner is:**

Enchanted Wood



Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class – 97.9%

Rowan Class – 96.7%

Sycamore Class – 98.3%

Oak Class – 96.3%

Birch Class – 92.6%

Hazel Class – 98.8%

Cherry Class – 100%

Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is: 96.8%



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS



BE CURIOUS



Maple have had a busy week of firsts! They have been amazing at absolutely everything I have asked them to do. They have been exploring all the different play equipment we have, new friendships are beginning to form and lots of fun has been had. Dezzy (tortoise) is also pleased to be back and in the company of lots of new friends. He even enjoyed the bath we gave him! The children have settled into the routine of our daily phonics and have remembered 6 sounds already. PE today was a lot of fun and they listened really well. Our Buddy walk to the woods was the highlight of our week. We are now very tired and are looking forward to the weekend.

Maple Class



Rowan Class



Rowan class have made an amazing start to Year 1 and we have jumped straight into lots of learning. In Geography, we started to learn about the United Kingdom and looked at atlases as part of this. In Science, we have been learning about the human body – we drew around each other and labelled our diagrams with the names of body parts. We have been writing sentences based on the book Bog Baby and next week will have a go at re-writing the story. In Maths we have been learning about Place Value within 10 and have done lots of wonderful counting and number representation. We have also, of course, been getting to know our new routines, classroom and teachers. A busy but great week!

What a busy but fun start to the new academic year we're having already! In Mathematics, we've been busy revising and building upon our knowledge on place value. In English, we will be writing our own non-chronological reports on hedgehogs over the next couple of weeks so have spent time identifying the features of a non-chronological report, as well as learning some handy grammatical devices that we can use in our own writing. Next week, we will be spending time researching our own hedgehog facts! Our Reading sessions have focused on India and we've been busy revising our common exception spellings to ensure we know as many as possible. Our Geography learning has focused on the different continents around the world and in PSHE, we have been learning about keeping our bodies and minds as healthy as possible.

Sycamore Class



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY

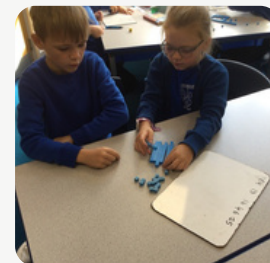


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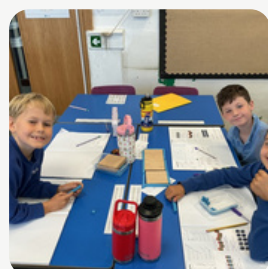


Oak Class

What a fantastic start to Oak Class! We have had such a fun and busy start to the year, and the children are settling brilliantly into their new routines. In Science, we became budding scientists by dissecting flowers and exploring their different parts. In Maths, we have been getting hands-on with place value, using Dienes to build and investigate numbers. We have also begun our exciting new class text, Danny, the Champion of the World, and have enjoyed learning all about its much-loved author, Roald Dahl. Through The Colour Monster, we have explored different emotions and talked about how we can recognise and express our feelings. We have even been developing our computing skills, with the children learning how to log in to their computers independently. On a personal note, I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the children, families and wider school community for giving me such a warm welcome as a new teacher to the school. It has been lovely getting to know everyone, and I am really looking forward to all the exciting learning and adventures ahead with Year 3!



Birch Class



What a great start to the week! We have had a busy and exciting week of learning across the curriculum. In English, we have been researching information to help us prepare for our own non-chronological reports. In Maths, our focus has been on 1000s, developing our understanding of larger numbers and place value. In Science, we have started exploring how animals can be grouped and classified. In Geography, we have been learning about how the position of the Sun affects climate around the world. In RE, we discovered how Jewish people mark Shabbat and why it is an important time for families and communities. In Computing, we have continued learning about computer networks and how the internet works, building on our knowledge from previous lessons. It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we are looking forward to another week of learning and discovering new things!

Hazel Class

It's been a fabulous and rather busy start to the year in Hazel Class. All the children have settled into the new classroom and routines so well.

In Maths, we have made a great start to our place value unit, where we have been exploring numbers up to one million. We are all enjoying our class novel, "Kensuke's Kingdom", an adventure story in which a family sets sail on a journey across the world. We are using this text to help us with our writing unit, where we will be creating our own adventure stories. In geography, our topic this half term is the coast. We had great fun on Wednesday developing our oracy skills through a hot-seating session. We were thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of living by the coast. Finally, in science, we have been investigating different forces. A huge thank you to all the children for a great start!



We have had a very busy and very productive start to term in Cherry Class! The children have all been superstars and are settling into their roles of year 6s brilliantly. We are hugely enjoying our class novel, "White Dolphin", a book set in Cornwall with strong environmental themes. This is underpinning our learning in a number of other subjects too as in English we have started writing setting descriptions of the beach and our geography topic is all about sustainability and how we can save our seas. We finished our week enjoying a lovely walk with our Maple buddies up to Illogan Woods and then went off for our first swimming session of the year!

Cherry Class



Thought of the week

“

**The future
belongs to those
who believe
in the beauty
of their dreams.”**

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

TERM DATES

Half Term – w/c 26th Oct 2026
Last Day Autumn Term – 16th Dec 2026
Spring Term – 4th Jan 2027
Half Term – w/c 15th Feb 2027
Bank Holiday – 26th Mar
Half Term – w/c 29th Mar
Summer Term – 12th Apr 2027
Bank Holiday – 3rd May 2027
Half Term – w/c 31st May 2027
Last Day Summer Term – 21st Jul 2027

INSET DAYS

23rd Oct 2026
2nd Nov 2026
17th & 18th Dec 2026
7th Jun 2026

PE DAYS

Maple – Friday
Rowan – Friday
Sycamore – Monday
Oak – Wednesday
Birch – Thursday
Hazel – Thurs/Tues
Cherry – Tuesday

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	Wraparound Club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chiplin
Tuesday	Wraparound Club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chevill
Wednesday	Wraparound Club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chiplin
Thursday	Wraparound Club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chiplin
Friday	Wraparound club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Kerslake