



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

What a wonderful week! It has been another great week, and I have been so proud of how hard the children have been working. We began the week with our Monday assembly, where we explored the wonderful story Beautiful Oops! We thought about how being curious, creative and courageous can help us to see mistakes in a different way – and that sometimes mistakes can be beautiful! We even listened to the author singing a song inspired by the story, which was a lovely way to bring the message to life.

Throughout the week, I have really enjoyed popping into classrooms and seeing all the excellent learning taking place. I have particularly enjoyed seeing some fantastic geography and DT lessons this week, alongside the brilliant learning happening in Maths and English. It is always such a pleasure to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning.

We have started the term with a real focus on handwriting, including careful letter formation and using the correct pencil grip. I have been incredibly impressed by how hard the children are working to develop their handwriting and make sure that it is clear and legible. Well done, everyone – keep practising!

Today, I was absolutely blown away by the excellent swimming I saw from our Year 5 and Year 6 children. Swimming is such an important life skill, particularly when we live by the sea, and the children demonstrated fantastic skills. Well done to you all!

The absolute highlight of the week has been our amazing STEM workshops, which every class from EYFS through to Year 6 has had the opportunity to participate in. We were joined by Briony and Sophie from Cognition Learning in Bude, who led the workshops with such enthusiasm. They were full of praise for the excellent attitude, behaviour and focus of our children throughout the sessions. It was brilliant to see so many of the skills we promote across our school in action. The children were curious, creative and courageous, using their oracy skills to explain their ideas, problem-solve, listen to one another and work collaboratively.

In EYFS and KS1, I saw children having great fun exploring Sphero indi robots, which by the end of the session were whizzing around the classroom! We particularly loved discovering the purple mat that made the robots spin! Year 2 built houses with electrical circuits and then coded monsters to move and light up the houses while Year 3 enjoyed coding animal robots with lots of noise and lights, learning all about sensors. In Years 4, 5 and 6, the children were busy designing and coding LEGO vehicles to complete the challenge of transporting materials. It was fantastic to see them testing ideas, solving problems and working together when things didn't quite go according to plan.

Most importantly, we would like to say a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to Aequorea for funding these STEM workshops for our school. This fantastic opportunity has enabled every child from EYFS to Year 6 to experience practical STEM learning, and we are incredibly grateful for their support. The excitement, creativity and learning we have seen across the school this week have been wonderful to see.

Finally, information about our clubs for this term, including details of how to book, has been shared on Class Dojo. Please take a look if your child would like to take part in one of our clubs this term.

Have a wonderful weekend, and well done to all our children for another fantastic week!

Weekly Achievement Certificates

Certificate of Excellence

Jasper – For being an inquisitive learner and a delight to have in class
 Otis – For giving everything his very best, with a smile!
 Maggie – For persevering with her reading all week
 Mimi – For being such a focused learner setting a high standard for others
 Bodhi – For being incredibly enthusiastic towards his learning
 Eva – For always having a positive mindset and showing resilience in all her learning
 Izzy – For super concentration in class and having a positive attitude

Star Writers

Betty – For working really hard on her letter formation and writing her name
 Barnaby – For taking time and care with his writing
 Rudy – For working hard to improve his letter formation
 Teddy – For an excellent 'deeper read' using your words to infer meaning and predict using the story so far
 Madison – For working independently, taking pride in her presentation.
 Skye – For working really hard on her handwriting
 Bea – For a setting description that creates a vivid picture in the reader's head

Portreath Leaves

Ollie – For showing kindness and empathy to others
 Theo – For always showing gratitude by saying please and thank you
 Charlie – For always being kind
 Reef – For being a curious reader by reading a new author and now he's hooked!
 Is – For showing empathy towards his friends
 Frank.S – For showing creativity skills with his magic trick
 George – For creativity in his maths problem solving

Sports Star

Penny – For her fantastic focus, effort and skill development.
 Amazing work Penny!

This week house winner is:

Farthing Wood

House team scores

100 Acre Wood = 42
 Enchanted Wood = 41
 Farthing Wood = 46
 Forbidden Forest = 38



Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class – 96.9%

Rowan Class – 97.7%

Sycamore Class – 98%

Oak Class – 95.6%

Birch Class – 90.5%

Hazel Class – 97.2%

Cherry Class – 96%

Whole school attendance
 for the year is currently is: 96.6%



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS

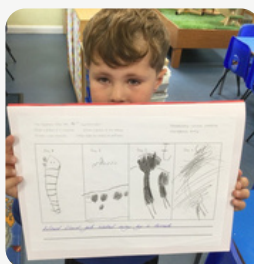


BE CURIOUS



Maple Class

Maple class have had a fabulous week this week. We have settled into our daily routines and have had their first week of Drawing club. Super worm has been a great first book to use and the children have loved drawing their favourite characters, but also creating their own. In Maths we have been matching and putting things in sets. They found it rather funny that someone wanted a football in their lunch box!



Rowan Class



We have had another busy week in Rowan class! We enjoyed looking at Google Earth as part of our Geography lesson, especially zooming all the way from space to Portreath. As part of our DT unit on structures, we had a go at making our own structures using different types of building equipment. We had lots of very tall towers! In our writing lessons we have been writing the story of Bog Baby and have been working hard to write sentences independently.

Sycamore Class

This week we've been busy researching hedgehogs ready to write our own non-chronological reports next week. In Mathematics, we've been partitioning numbers to 100 and in science we've been looking at the lifecycles of frogs and humans to compare the similarities and differences between them. In Geography, we've been labelling and learning about the oceans around the world and in PSHE, we've been recording changes in our bodies after exercise. We really enjoyed our STEM workshop today!



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY



GRATITUDE



Oak Class

What a busy and fun-filled week we have had in Year 3! We are incredibly proud of how much the children have improved their focus and attention in class – keep it up, Year 3! One of our highlights this week was bringing Danny, the Champion of the World to life. We had a fantastic time dramatising a passage from the story before creating freeze frames to capture key moments. The children showed wonderful enthusiasm, imagination and teamwork!



Birch Class



A Wonderfully Productive Week!

It has been a wonderfully productive week, and the children have worked incredibly hard, demonstrating great resilience throughout their learning.

In English, we have been focusing on improving our handwriting skills while writing about the different climate zones around the world. In Guided Reading, we practised our retrieval skills while learning fascinating facts about the different types of parrots found around the world. In science, we explored how animals can be classified into different groups, using their characteristics to help us identify where they belong. In Geography, we created postcards from three different climate zones, using atlases to locate and identify countries around the world. Well done to everyone for such a hardworking and positive week!

Hazel Class

What a fabulously busy week we've had in Hazel class. The children have all been showing real determination in all lessons. We had a great time on Wednesday afternoon looking at maps of the Cornish coastline for our Geography topic. We loved spotting places we've visited. We can now identify a whole range of map symbols. In Science we were investigating gravity by designing and building our own pendulums.



Cherry Class

We are loving our science topic at the moment—our Big Question for the half term is “How are living things classified?” and we have been learning all about branching diagrams. Last week we concentrated on vertebrates whilst this week we were learning about how invertebrates are classified. As part of this we had a look around the school grounds to see what invertebrates were sharing our environment. Still on a science note, we had a fantastic STEM workshop on Friday learning to programme lego vehicles.



Sports News



The children are showing me some amazing skills in their PE lessons this week. In Key Stage 1, the focus of our learning is on successfully sending and receiving a ball with our hands and our feet. In Key Stage 2, the children have been refining their first touch on the ball and their passing into space.



Achievements outside School

Don't forget to send in all your child's exciting achievements so we can share!

Community News



Thought of the week

THE
 WORLD IS
 FULL OF
 KIND PEOPLE.
 IF YOU CAN'T
 FIND ONE,
 BE ONE.

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

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 Netball Club Y5 & 6 with Mrs Jones (starts 28/09, free) Forest School with Natures Playground (starts 09/11)
Tuesday	Wraparound Club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chevall Football Club Y5 & 6 with Mrs Way (starts 29/9, free)
Wednesday	Wraparound Club with Mrs Chiplin Arts & Crafts Y1 & 2 with Mrs Barnes (starts 30/09)
Thursday	Wraparound Club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chiplin Multi-Sports Club Y2, 3 & 4 with Mrs Waller (starts 01/10) First Lego League Coding Club Y5 & 6 with Mrs Long (starts 01/10, free)
Friday	Wraparound club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Kerslake