



PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School calendar

28th Sep – Parent bookings open 4pm
 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 at St Marys
 10th Dec – Whole school to HFC Dick Whittington
 11th Dec – Christmas Lunch
 14th Dec – EYFS Nativity 2:30pm
 14th Dec – PTA Xmas Fayre
 14th Dec – KS2 Carol Service 6pm
 15th Dec – EYFS Nativity 9:30am
 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.

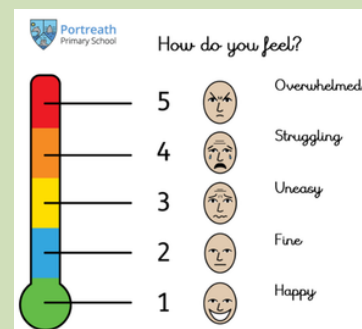
New allergy safety requirements, known as Benedict's Law, are now in place to strengthen allergy safety in schools. Please ensure we are kept up to date with any allergies or medication your child requires.



Message from Mrs Carr

A Wonderful Week of Learning!

We started the week with a superb visit from local author Channon Gray, kindly funded by the Redruth Charity Trust. The children thoroughly enjoyed an engaging assembly and a series of workshops, where they learned all about the Scribble Crew. We were delighted to receive a set of Channon's books for our school, and it was lovely to see so many families taking the opportunity to purchase signed copies directly from the author. Channon's stories complemented the work we are doing across school to help children identify, understand and name their emotions. We have started using the Incredible 5 Point Scale to develop a shared language around emotions and provide children with a clear visual resource to help them recognise and communicate how they are feeling. If you would like a copy of the scale to use at home, please do let us know – we would be very happy to share one with you.



I also had the pleasure of completing a learning walk this week with our CEO, Cathryn Andrews, and Trust Inclusion Lead, James Taylor. We were incredibly impressed by how well the children have settled into the routines of school life, particularly our EYFS children. It was wonderful to see their confidence developing so quickly, with children able to talk about their learning and discuss their writing using such high-level vocabulary. Our focus at the start of the year on correct pencil grip, letter formation and handwriting is already having a positive impact on the quality of the children's writing. It is fantastic to see the care and pride they are taking in their work. Well done, everyone!

A big well done also goes to our Year 5 and 6 swimmers, who have been fantastic in their sessions. We hope they have enjoyed developing their skills and confidence in the water. Next Friday, our Year 4 and 5 swimming sessions begin. Finally, a reminder that school clubs start next week. We are looking forward to seeing the children getting involved, trying new things and enjoying the opportunities on offer.

Have a lovely weekend!

Weekly Achievement Certificates

Certificate of Excellence

Bailee - For being a happy learner all week
 Lowenna - For her happy and hard-working attitude
 Leo.J - For excellent effort with all of his learning this week
 Rowan - For his excellent focus in class and independent learning. We are so proud of you Rowan!
 Bligh - For an enthusiastic approach to learning
 Jaygo - For showing determination during all lessons this week
 Maximus - For being a great learning partner! His engagement and willingness to help others make him a valued part of Cherry Class

Star Writers

Archie - For writing his name so beautifully
 Tyler - For working hard with his letter formation
 Kylian - For a wonderful non-chronological report on hedgehogs
 Hallie - For using adventurous adjectives
 Eadie - For a fabulous report about Climate Zones
 Clara - For an incredible adventure narrative
 Bethan - For always showing care and attention to presenting her writing beautifully

Portreath Leaves

Herbie - For always being so kind and inclusive to others
 Rowan - For empathy and inclusivity at playtime
 Phe-Phe - For always being kind
 Arina - For being so creative at home and creating her own series of books following our author visit
 Molly - For resilience in her writing
 Phoebe - For always showing kindness to everyone
 Esme - For showing curiosity in Maths. It was tricky learning but Esme kept asking questions to further her own understanding. Fantastic effort Esme!

Sports Star

Phe-Phe - For her positive attitude and excellent determination

Maths Wizard

Elsa - For earning 9 gems

This week house winner is:

Forbidden Forest

House team scores

100 Acre Wood = 42

Enchanted Wood = 41

Farthing Wood = 46

Forbidden Forest = 38



Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class - 100%

Rowan Class - 92%

Sycamore Class - 100%

Oak Class - 92.2%

Birch Class - 99.6%

Hazel Class - 97.2%

Cherry Class - 96%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is: 96.7%



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS



BE CURIOUS



Maple Class

This week we have started our topic: Supertato. We have been listening to lots of Supertato stories and designing our own capes. We have been working on our fine motor skills and making sure we have the correct pencil grip. In Maths, we have been grouping and sorting objects in various ways. The weather has been great so we have been outside lots. We discovered that our building blocks could stick to the walls when wet and also left a shape on the wall once they fell off!



Rowan Class



We have had a great week in Rowan class. In Science, we are learning about the senses. This week, we had a focus on the sense of taste and enjoyed tasting a variety of different foods and sorting them into sweet, sour, salty or bitter. The children were very brave when trying things they weren't sure they would like – especially soy sauce and lemon! In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning on less than, greater than and equal to, using cubes to help.

Sycamore Class

What a fantastic week we've had in Sycamore Class! In English, we've been busy writing non-chronological reports on hedgehogs which we then got to share with Hazel Class and in Mathematics, we've been working hard comparing numbers and objects. In DT, we've planned our flatbreads and toppings and in Geography, we've been writing about Europe (the continent we live in). As part of our RE learning, we've been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam. We really enjoyed our STEM workshop last week and tasting lots of different ingredients as part of our DT learning this half term including honey, Greek yogurt and peppers!



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY



GRATITUDE



Oak Class

As a school, we were very fortunate to take part in some exciting STEM workshops last Friday. In Year 3, we used special LEGO kits to design and build different settings and animals, using motors and electronic components to bring our creations to life. We then connected our models to an iPad and used coding to programme them to move and make sounds according to our instructions. It was a fantastic hands-on experience and we had so much fun exploring STEM through building, creating and coding!



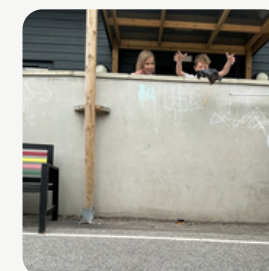
Birch Class



What a fantastic week of learning! In Maths, we have been comparing numbers up to 10,000, developing our understanding of place value and using mathematical reasoning to explain our answers. In English, we have been busy creating non-chronological reports about climate zones, using our research to write informative and engaging pieces. We were also very lucky to welcome Channon Gray, who talked to us about her experiences as an author and shared her journey into writing. She then stayed for an exciting illustration workshop, where the children had the opportunity to develop their own illustration skills. In Geography, we have been learning about the world's different biomes. We then put our learning into practice by carrying out our own fieldwork around the school, identifying different habitats and considering the plants and animals that might live there. It has been a wonderfully busy week, with lots of opportunities for the children to be creative, curious and courageous in their learning.

We started our week with a great science experiment looking at air resistance. We made parachutes of different sizes to investigate whether the size of the area would have an impact on the time taken to fall to the ground. We had great fun setting them off! In English, we have completed our own coastal adventure narratives. The children worked incredibly hard on them, and they all featured lots of drama! Continuing our coastal topic in Geography, we have been learning all about erosion. During our reading fluency lessons, we read a really interesting article about coastal defence strategies, some of which we have seen on coastlines in Cornwall. In Maths, we have been focusing on rounding. I'm so proud of all the children for showing real determination when rounding some rather large numbers.

Hazel Class



Cherry Class

I have really enjoyed getting to know the class and listening to their engaging class discussions. In Maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter and have now moved on to finding the area of a triangle. In English, we have been exploring sentence structures to help us write with purpose, creating suspense and a natural flow. We are LOVING our art topic on Street Art this term and this week we were looking at how artists use scaling up as a technique.

Miss Dobson.



Sports News



This week in our PE lessons we have been further consolidating our passing and receiving skills. In Rowan, they have been practicing the correct technique to throw and kick aiming at different targets. In Sycamore and Oak we have been exploring passing on the move and shooting. Birch, Hazel and Cherry have worked on winning the ball and moving to shoot. They have all been brilliant.

Achievements outside School



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

Frank & Bill ran the Mawnan Fun Run on Sunday. Frank was 4th boy overall and 3rd under 12, Bill came 10th boy overall and was 2nd under 8. There were 103 runners in the fun run.

Community News



Thought of the week



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 Chevill 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

Portreath Primary School, throughout the year, distributes fliers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not endorse these services.