



# PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## School calendar

12–13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parent Consultations  
 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – PTA AGM  
 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Halloween Silent Disco  
 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Nasal Flu Vaccines  
 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Individual photographs  
 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Open class 8:40am  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Christingle at St Marys  
 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTA Xmas Fayre  
 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole school to HFC Dick Whittington  
 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch  
 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS Nativity 2:30pm  
 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Carol Service 6pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS Nativity 9:30am  
 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Christmas Show 2.30 & 6pm  
 January – Bikeability Yr 5  
 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yr5 Life Skills Trip  
 6<sup>th</sup> 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

It has been another busy and exciting week at Portreath, with lots of opportunities for our children to be curious, creative and courageous.

Yesterday, the whole school celebrated National Poetry Day with a special assembly, where every class had the opportunity to share a poem. Performance is an important part of our oracy curriculum, and it was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and performing with such enthusiasm. Well done, everyone! A particular favourite was Year 5 reciting 'I'll Never Fall in Love Again!' It was lovely to see the children enjoying poetry, and during my visits to classrooms this week, I have also had the pleasure of hearing some of their own wonderful poetry. There is certainly plenty of creativity happening at Portreath!

It is always fantastic to see our children making the most of the great outdoors, embracing opportunities to be curious, creative and courageous. This week, I spotted Year 4 busy exploring the bark area and field as part of their science learning, while Year 3 enjoyed a lovely walk in Illogan Woods on Thursday as part of their English topic. Classes have also been taking their poetry performances outside to practise, and I have seen some fantastic skills being developed in PE lessons. And, of course, our EYFS children are always busy exploring and learning outdoors! These experiences provide such valuable opportunities for children to learn, explore and develop their confidence.

Our first week of clubs has been a great success! A huge thank you to all our staff and parent volunteers who give up their time and energy to make these opportunities possible for our children. We really appreciate your support. It was particularly exciting to see our new pickleball equipment being put to good use in Thursday's Multi-Sports club. A reminder that Multi-Sports is bookable on a week-by-week basis through ParentPay, so do take a look if your child would like to join in.

Well done to all the Year 4, 5 and 6 children who have taken part in Cross-Country trials this week. We have the opportunity to take some children to Pool School next Friday for the Crofty Cross Country qualification event. Children who have been selected will be bringing a letter home today. Please note that Year 4 and 5 children who choose to attend the Cross-Country event will miss swimming next week. For children who were not selected on this occasion, please be reassured that the Crofty Trust organises lots of sporting opportunities throughout the year, so there will be plenty more chances to get involved!

Please remember to book your Parents' Evening appointment for either Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October or Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October via the Arbor App. If you are experiencing any difficulties with booking, please let your child's teacher know. We certainly don't want a technical issue to prevent you from having the opportunity to meet with us and discuss your child's progress.

From Monday, the crossing outside school will be unmanned. Please take extra care when crossing the road and ensure that children are supervised at all times. We have also received several concerns about parking since the start of term. We completely understand that finding somewhere to park close to school can be challenging, but the safety of our children and families must always come first. We would really appreciate everyone allowing a little extra time to park safely and walk to school where necessary. Thank you for your continued support and consideration.

Have a lovely weekend!

# Weekly Achievement Certificates

## Certificate of Excellence

Iris - For always embracing everything with such positivity and a smile!  
 Louis - For always doing everything with a smile  
 Mille.N - For a positive attitude towards her learning all the time!  
 IDonnie - For being so driven to achieve and proud of his work.  
 Charlie - For an outstanding sketch in art  
 Harry.R - For always putting so much effort into maths  
 Isla - For super positivity and contribution to class discussions.

## Star Writers

Dougie - For a super effort in all his writing  
 Albie - For a wonderful innovated story  
 Leo.E - For a beautiful story map of our model text.  
 George - For excellent number formation in his maths.  
 Connor - For a brilliant free verse poem  
 Billy - For a super ballad poem  
 Soren - For a super setting description to start his narrative.

## Portreath Leaves

Lily - For showing kindness and empathy to others  
 Lowen - For asking curious questions  
 Arthur.F - For always being honest and curious  
 All children - For being incredibly creative at home making their own 'Quiet Critters' and creating beautiful petals for our class sunflower  
 Maddie - For being courageous when reading out her poem to the class  
 Jake - For always showing inclusion  
 Andie - For showing excellent manners and kindness

## Sports Star

Bea - For her outstanding effort and performance in Cross country! Well done, Bea!

## Maths Wizard

Bill - For earning 21 gems

**This week house winner is:**

**100 Acre Wood**

## House team scores

100 Acre Wood = 74

Enchanted Wood = 71

Farthing Wood = 66

Forbidden Forest = 68



## Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class - 98.6%

Rowan Class - 95%

**Sycamore Class - 99.3%**

Oak Class - 91.3%

Birch Class - 95.3%

Hazel Class - 97.6%

Cherry Class - 97%

Whole school attendance  
for the year is currently is: 96.2%



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS



BE CURIOUS

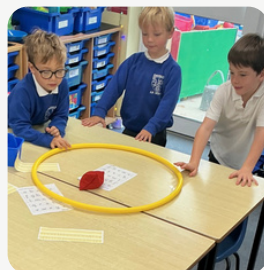


## Maple Class

This week Maple class have been embracing our superhero topic with Gusto! There have been many opportunities to be a superhero. We have had mechanics fixing the trikes that suddenly had many things wrong with them to rescuing people in trouble in the classroom. The Supertato story board has seen many different stories over the week, but the highlight must be creating Supertato and the Evil pea pictures by printing with potatoes and pom poms. They were then brought to life with fun googly eyes! In Maths, we have been creating simple patterns with various things around the classroom.



## Rowan Class



We have had another busy week in Rowan class! We have moved on to addition and subtraction in Maths and have been working practically to understand part-whole models, as well as beginning to write number sentences using the + and = symbols. In our writing lessons, we finished writing our innovated versions of Bog Baby and have started our unit on poetry. Keeping on the poetry theme, we loved reciting the poem 'Amazing Me!' in assembly on Thursday. The poem was all about our bodies and senses which links wonderfully to our Science this half term – we explored our sense of smell this week using smell jars. We were unimpressed with the vinegar and garlic!

## Sycamore Class

This week has flown by! We have moved onto addition and subtraction in Maths and our new unit in English. In English, we've been studying a character narrative and have created story maps to retell and summarise the main events in our model text. Next week, we'll be focusing on writing character and setting descriptions using adjectives. In DT, we've been learning skills like cutting, spreading and grating to help us when it comes to making our final flatbreads later in the half term! In Geography, we've been learning about how to protect and look after our oceans including recycling. We really enjoyed our Poetry Recital Assembly on Thursday where we performed a poem as a class to the whole school!



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY



GRATITUDE



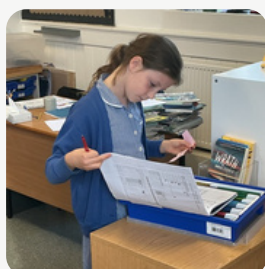
## Oak Class

Oak Class have had another fantastic week of hands-on learning! In Science, we have been exploring what plants need to grow and stay healthy using pansies for our investigations. We placed them in some rather unusual conditions, including the freezer, and a dark cupboard, and giving them seawater to observe what happens when their needs are not met – poor pansies! We also enjoyed a wonderful sensory visit to Illogan Woods as part of our adventure writing unit. The children explored the woodland setting using their senses, gathering exciting descriptive vocabulary and inspiration for characters, settings and plot ideas. We can't wait to see how their woodland experience inspires their adventure stories next week!



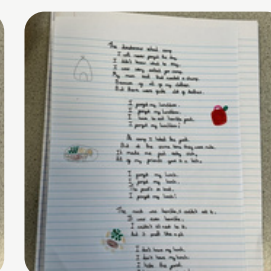
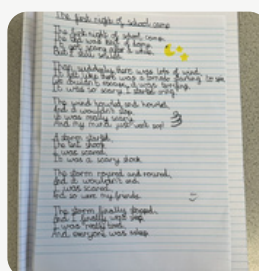
## Birch Class

It has been another busy and exciting week in Birch Class! In English, we have been learning all about figurative poetry. We explored how poets use language creatively to create vivid images and then had a go at writing our own poems. We enjoyed performing them to the rest of the class from the pirate ship! We also had the fantastic opportunity to perform 'The Eagle' by Alfred, Lord Tennyson to the whole school – we were incredibly brave and did a wonderful job! In Science, we headed outside to explore the plants around our school. We looked carefully at how different plants have adapted to survive in their environments. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of rounding numbers. We have learnt how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000 and have been working hard to explain our reasoning. In Geography, we had great fun using Blooket to reactivate our previous learning. It was certainly a competitive bunch in Birch Class, with everyone keen to show off what they could remember! Finally, we had our first swimming session today! We had a fantastic time developing our swimming skills and showing lots of courage in the pool. After such a busy week, we are hoping everyone will sleep well tonight!



## Hazel Class

We kick-started our week with a new poetry unit in English. We have been creating some rather funny ballads about school events. I was so proud of the children for reciting one of our favourite ballads from the week in assembly on Thursday. In maths, we have been using different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. Our estimating skills are very good! Continuing our work in science on forces, we conducted an experiment investigating water resistance. We had great fun trying to make our playdough float!



## Cherry Class

We have really been enjoying our PE sessions with Mrs Waller this term and this week made the most of the sunny weather whilst practising our football and cross-country skills. On Thursday, we were visited by Sophie Moore from South West Water as part of our geography topic, "How can we save our seas?" She was speaking about the problems of both plastic and sewage in our oceans. Her session was very interesting and informative and the children asked some really thoughtful and technical questions. In English we continued our marine theme by planning and starting to write a narrative about the rescue of a sea creature. Our focus on the sea was continued when we celebrated World Poetry Day by reciting the poem "Sea Fever" by John Masefield in our special assembly.



## Sports News



This week has been a busy one! Rowan class have been developing their teamwork skills - trying to work together to win a race. Sycamore and Oak classes have started their Netball block, this week they polished their passing and receiving skills and moving the ball down the court. The students in Birch, Sycamore and Cherry have all tackled their cross-country runs, with some amazing displays of grit and determination. So proud of them all! Looking forward to lots of them representing the school next week at the Crofty Qualifier. Best of luck to them all!

## Achievements outside School



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

Maurice participated in the Redruth Sea Angling Association's (RSAA) Spin and Float competition on Sunday 27th September. He went out with his dad, dug his own lug worm and chose a mark in Hayle. On his second cast he managed to get a bite. After a long hard fight, Maurice was amazed to have reeled in a sizeable gilt-head bream. These are prized fish known for having a distinctive gold crescent mark between their eyes. Maurice officially registered the 42cm, 2lb 3oz, fish with the RSAA before he went to bed at 7:30pm. Other competitors had until 9:30pm to catch and weigh-in. He was elated to find out the next morning from the official fish recorder that he had won the competition. Quite the achievement as their youngest member.

## Community News



### Portreath Arms

This Sunday!

Beach Clean 10-11

Apple Pressing 11-1  
 Bring a lidded bottle

## Thought of the week

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.

B.B. King



### TERM DATES

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

### INSET DAYS

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2026  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2026  
 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2026  
 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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