



PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School calendar

21st Oct – Halloween Silent Disco
 22nd Oct – Pre-loved uniform sale 3:15pm
 17th Nov – Nasal Flu Vaccines
 19th Nov – School Individual photographs
 25th Nov – Open class 8:40am
 3rd Dec – Christingle at St Marys
 4th Dec – PTA Xmas Fayre
 8th Dec – Bags2school Clothing collection
 10th Dec – Whole school to HFC Dick Whittington
 11th Dec – Christmas Lunch
 14th Dec – EYFS Nativity 2:30pm
 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 considerately 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

Thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for parents' evenings this week. It has been lovely to speak with you all and share how the children have settled into their new classes. Miss Cooke will be holding her postponed parents' evening on Monday. If any other parents or carers have not yet had the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher, they will be in touch to arrange a convenient time.

Some of the highlights of my week have been spotting our children being curious, creative and courageous in their learning and play! I particularly enjoyed joining in with the builders in our EYFS outdoor area, where I even had to wait for the 'bus' to take me to work! It was wonderful to see such imaginative play in action. I also loved reading Kensuke's Kingdom with Year 5 and hearing Year 2's fantastic stories inspired by The Squirrels Who Squabbled. A huge well done to our Year 6 netball girls, who took part in the Crofty tournament this afternoon. They came second and secured their position in the next round! We are very proud of you all! We continue to make the most of our wonderful local environment and this week, Year 5 headed to the beach as part of their Geography learning. Well done to Year 4 and Year 5 for their great swimming this week! This was their final swimming session, and after half term, it will be Year 3's turn to take to the pool. Please remember to pack swimming goggles!

We have some exciting news to share! Next term, we will be taking part in a sponsored run to raise money for BBC Children in Need and our PTA. We are looking forward to getting involved in this fantastic cause, and more information will be coming soon, so keep your eyes peeled! Our Year 6 ambassadors will also be at the front gate each morning, selling poppies in return for a donation to The Royal British Legion.

A quick reminder that school will be closed for INSET days on Friday 23rd October and Monday 2nd November, either side of the half-term break. The last day in school for children will be Thursday 22nd October, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Weekly Achievement Certificates

Certificate of Excellence

Herbie - For a brilliant attitude in everything he does
 Lenny - For his wonderful, happy attitude towards learning
 Leo.E - For super focus during his learning all the time
 Nelly - For always being so kind and positive
 Alfie - For being enthusiastic towards geography
 Robert - For contributing to class discussions
 Arlia - For super hard work and focus

Star Writers

Lara - For independently writing her name
 Hope - For a great information report
 Bill - For a wonderful independent story
 Bella - For an excellent adventure story including exciting vocabulary and superb presentation
 Tora - For using some brilliant precise verbs
 Alfie - For working really hard on his handwriting
 Mila - For working hard on her sea creature story

Portreath Leaves

Betty - For showing kindness to others
 Levan - For creativity and attention to detail in Geography
 Millie.R - For always being kind
 Leo - For his excellent manners, and kindness towards others
 Bodhi - For sensitively discussing a growth mindset in PSHE
 Seb - For showing gratitude
 Sisi - For thinking and asking curious questions

Sports Star

Elsie - For her great tactical awareness and teamwork

Maths Wizard

Bill.S - For earning 31 gems

This week house winner is:

Enchanted Wood

House team scores

100 Acre Wood = 87
 Enchanted Wood = 88
 Farthing Wood = 86
 Forbidden Forest = 84



Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class - 96.9%

Rowan Class - 98.7%

Sycamore Class - 94.3%

Oak Class - 94.4%

Birch Class - 91.6%

Hazel Class - 98.4%

Cherry Class - 100%

Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is: 96.5%



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS



BE CURIOUS



Maple Class

We have had another busy week this week with lots of fun filled learning in Maple. We have been learning about circles and triangles in Maths so to end the unit we went on a shape hunt around the school to see what we could find in our own environment. We were surprised to find so many! The children love cutting and sticking so have made their own superheroes out of the same two shapes, along with sorting them into groups.

We opened the 'building' shed for the first time this week and so we had lots of mini builders working out in the garden. They enjoyed fixing broken things and building houses.



Rowan Class



Another busy week in Rowan class! We have started writing information reports all about Portreath. As part of this, we have been learning about captions, labels and diagrams. We finished our RE unit all about communities by drawing ourselves for a display of our Rowan class community. In geography, we learned all about features of the coasts. In PSHE, we are learning about emotions and this week we talked about things that make us feel calm - we did some mindful colouring to calming music to end the day in a relaxing way.

Sycamore Class

It has been lovely to meet with everyone's adults this week to share all the progress and wonderful things the class have been up to! What a week we've had this week! In English, we've been writing and 'publishing' our independent stories on our Book to Hook 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled'. We really enjoyed sharing these with Rowan Class today! In Maths, we've been working hard on our addition and subtraction skills. In DT, it was finally time to make our flatbreads. This was so much fun and they tasted really yummy! Photos to follow on ClassDojo. Our Computing unit has involved programming characters to speak to each other on Scratch and in science, we've been investigating what animals, including humans, need to live.



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY



GRATITUDE



Oak Class

Oak Class have had another fantastic week of learning! We have completed our adventure stories and are now busy 'publishing' our wonderful writing – watch this space! In Maths, we have finished our place value unit and are excited to begin exploring addition. In Science, we completed our celery experiment, observing how the red dye travelled up through the stalk – a fascinating way to see how plants transport water! We have also been learning about the pollination process and will soon be investigating how seeds are dispersed by wind and animals, including making our very own seed 'helicopters'!

It was lovely to spend time with families during Parents' Evening on Tuesday and share the children's progress and achievements. Thank you also to those who have confirmed their rearranged appointment times. I look forward to meeting with you soon!



Birch Class



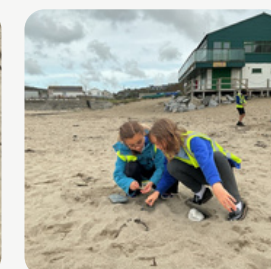
In English, the children have loved writing their own innovations to our environmental adventure stories. We have had some very exciting twists and turns, with plenty of avalanches along the way! It has been fantastic to see their creativity shining through as they develop their own ideas and build on the stories we have been exploring. In Maths, we have been putting our place value knowledge to good use as we learn to add and subtract four-digit numbers. The children are developing their confidence and applying their understanding to these new challenges. The children have also shone in their Science and Geography assessments, demonstrating just how much they have learnt. To celebrate and reactivate our previous learning, we have enjoyed some lively Blooket quizzes as a special treat!

Our final swimming session was a wonderful way to round off the week. The children loved having some free time in the pool to enjoy themselves and show off their water confidence. As always, their behaviour has been exemplary, and I am incredibly proud of the positive attitudes, enthusiasm and effort they continue to show. Well done, Birch Class, for another fantastic week!

Hazel Class

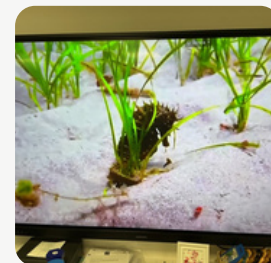
The highlight of our week in Hazel Class has to be our trip to the beach on Wednesday afternoon. I was so proud of how the children behaved as we walked through the village. They represented Portreath School beautifully! While we were at the beach, we spotted signs of erosion along our coastline. The children impressed me by remembering key geographical terms, including prevailing wind, swash and backwash!

Back in the classroom, we have been busy starting our new unit on multiplication and division, as well as researching information for our survival guides in our writing lessons.



Cherry Class

This week, we welcomed two visitors to Cherry Class. On Monday Kim, from Barnardo's, delivered an excellent session on safe relationships as part of our P.S.H.E curriculum and on Tuesday, Matt, Marine Conservation Officer for Cornwall Wildlife Trust, came in to talk to us about fishing and prevention of overfishing around our local shores as part of our geography topic. He also showed us an amazing video, which he took whilst diving off Falmouth Bay, of a sea horse in the sea grass! In science, this week we have enjoyed (and been disgusted by) observing the changes that micro-organisms make to food over time.



Sports News



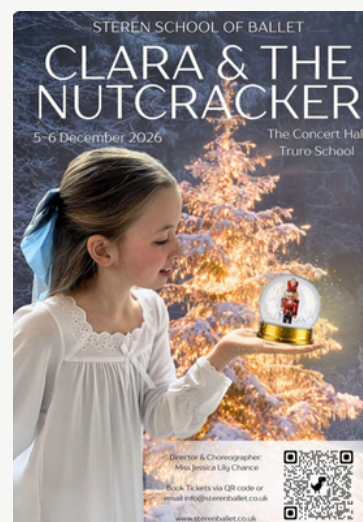
We have been working on our game play in PE this week. Rowan class have been working on defending a space and trying to spot where there is room to move the ball. In Sycamore and Oak, the children have practiced their movement off the ball and perfected their footwork. In Birch, Hazel and Cherry they have put their skills to work in larger games, working together, creating space and supporting their teammates. Excellent work!

Achievements outside School

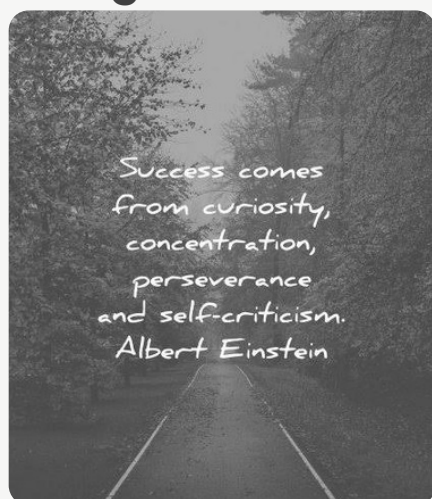


Don't forget to send in all your child's exciting achievements so we can share!

Community News



Thought of the week



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