



PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School calendar

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
 4th Dec – PTA Xmas Fayre
 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 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 week, and we have continued to be impressed by the way our children have approached their learning with curiosity, creativity and courage. I have particularly enjoyed popping into classes this week to see science experiments taking place, children engaging in independent writing and some fantastic discussions happening. It is always a pleasure to see our children so engaged in their learning and embracing new challenges.

A huge well done to our Year 4, 5 and 6 runners who competed in the Crofty cross-country races this afternoon. Despite the rainy weather, it was a pleasure to accompany the children, and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves. They showed great courage, determination and resilience throughout the event. It was also lovely to see so many children cheering on and supporting their peers, demonstrating such wonderful sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing some of our runners progress to the finals at Camborne School later in the academic year. Well done to everyone who took part!

As the weather begins to change, please remember to send your child to school with a coat each day. We always aim to get outside for some fresh air whenever possible, unless the rain is particularly heavy, so having a suitable coat will help ensure the children can make the most of their time outdoors.

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Parent Consultations on Monday and Tuesday next week. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to talk about how your child has settled into their new class, their learning and their behaviour.

We are also excited about our Halloween Silent Disco on Wednesday 21st October – it promises to be lots of fun!

Finally, a reminder that Friday 23rd October is an INSET day, so school will be closed to children.

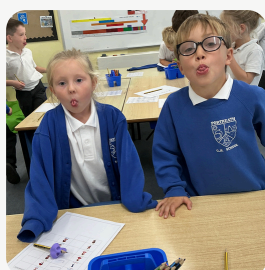
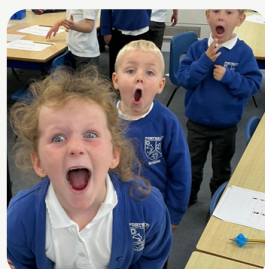
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Maple Class

This week has been an exciting week for Maple class as they got to read their first books and take them home. I am so proud of their hard work and determination. In maths it has all been about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. So the children have been counting everything and sorting various things into their corresponding number groups. As part of our topic, we have been learning about harvest and where our food comes from. Our cutting skills have been put to the test to create some harvest pictures for our books.



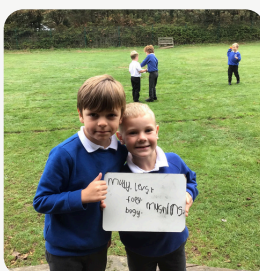
Rowan Class



This week in Rowan Class we have been composing our own poems in our writing lessons. Today we performed them to each other, demonstrating lots of courage and developing our oracy learning. We have also been using the Chromebooks this week. We learned how to log on with our username and password and then played a game which helped us to improve our mouse skills. In Science, we conducted a fun investigation called 'Are All Bodies the Same?' As part of this we tested to see if we could do certain things with our bodies – including standing on one leg, opening our mouths as wide as we could, rolling our tongues and touching our noses with our tongues!

Sycamore Class

This week, we have been exceptionally busy! In English, we've been continuing our work on character narratives and have been planning our own piece of writing which we will finish next week. This included going outside on an 'Autumn Adjective Hunt' to create a word bank of expert vocabulary that we could use in our piece of work. In Mathematics, we've been hard at work learning about related facts and number bonds to 20. In Geography, we've been looking at what the sea is used for and as part of our PSHE work, we created posters to help others to make informed choices about healthy food and drink. We are hoping to make our flatbreads next week which we are really excited about!



KINDNESS



EMPATHY



INCLUSION



HONESTY



GRATITUDE



Oak Class

Oak Class have enjoyed another exciting and busy week of learning! In RE, we ventured outdoors on a nature trail to explore and appreciate the wonders of the world around us. In Computing, the children have been getting creative using Book Creator to design their very own front covers and begin writing their own books. We have also been exploring the importance of PSHE, discussing why we learn this subject and how it helps us understand ourselves, build positive relationships and make good choices in our everyday lives. What a fantastic week of learning!



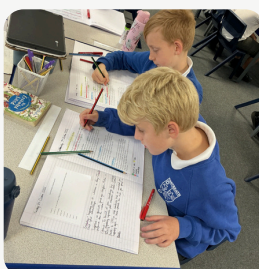
Birch Class

It has been another fantastic week in Birch Class, and I am so proud of the children and all their hard work! In Geography, we have been learning about climate change and creating posters to share our knowledge and understanding. In Science, we have been using classification keys to identify and group living things. The children have been developing their scientific thinking and practising how to use the keys carefully. In English, we have been using fronted adverbials to make our writing more interesting and engaging. We have also continued to practice our handwriting, focusing on forming our letters carefully and neatly. In Maths, we have finished our place value unit with a mini-test, giving the children a chance to show off everything they have learnt. Well done, everyone. We have also loved our swimming lesson this week. The children have shown such enthusiasm and determination, and I am incredibly proud of their efforts and progress. Well done, Birch Class, for another brilliant week!



Hazel Class

This week we have begun our new writing unit: creating our own survival guides! We have been channelling our inner Bear Grylls, thinking carefully about the information we would want to know in a survival situation and what useful advice we could pass on to others. We have already come up with some fantastic ideas! In Maths, we have been tackling some rather tricky two-step addition and subtraction problems. The children have been working hard to carefully read each problem; decide which calculations they need to complete and explain their thinking. In Geography, we have been learning all about estuaries. Our research has helped us to understand what estuaries are, how they are formed and why they are so important, particularly here in Cornwall. In PSHE, we have been exploring our feelings and emotions. We took our learning outside and considered a range of different scenarios, discussing how we might respond to each one and thinking about the choices we can make when faced with different emotions and situations.



Cherry Class

One of our 20 reads in Cherry Class is "Once" by Morris Gleitzman – it is the story of Felix a 10 year old boy living in Poland during World War Two. The children who have read this book have absolutely adored it and have highly recommended it to the rest of the class. This has led to us buying multiple copies of the whole series to keep in class. Presently, half the class are reading a book from this series whilst the other half are patiently waiting to get started! In other news this week, the children have worked really hard on doing a baseline SATs assessment in arithmetic, maths problem solving and reasoning, reading comprehension and spelling, punctuation and grammar. In science, we have set up an experiment to observe the growth of micro-organisms on food over time.



Sports News



In PE lessons, the children have continued to develop their netball skills, focusing on getting free from defenders and creating space to receive a pass. They have practiced moving into open areas, changing direction and timing their runs to support their teammates.

Achievements outside School

Well done to Kylian who recently competed in a gymnastics competition. Three 2nd places and a 3rd place! Super Star!

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



Community News

See Class Dojo Post

Woo hoo! It's Disco Time!

Join us for our PTA Halloween silent disco!

Tickets should now be working! Thanks for bearing with me!

Tickets available from the links below:

Key stage 1 tickets (Maple, Rowan & Sycamore)

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/halloween-silent-disco-ks1-515--615>

Key stage 2 ticket (Birch, Hazel, Oak & Cherry)

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/halloween-silent-disco-ks2-615--730>

Tickets are £2 but we would love it if you are able to donate a little more. Watch this space for details of our big project for this year!



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

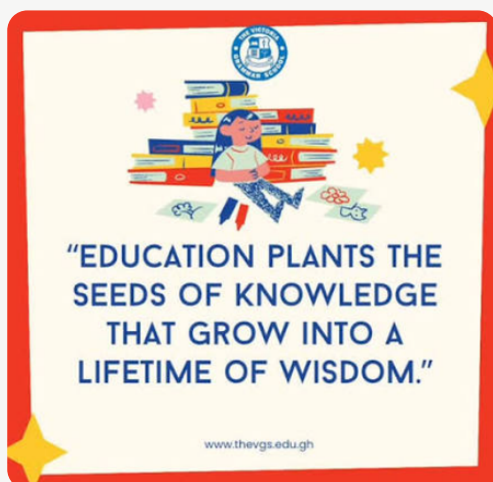
Oak - Wednesday

Birch - Thursday

Hazel - Thurs/Tues

Cherry - Tuesday

Thought of the week



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

Weekly Achievement Certificates

Certificate of Excellence

Reubyn - For always working hard at everything and always with a smile!
 Kitto - For always working hard and independently
 Lamorna - For always trying her best
 Ivy - For being so dedicated in her learning
 Lenny - For a resilient attitude towards Maths
 Harry.F - For always contributing fantastic ideas to class discussions
 Reina - For a super attitude to work leading to super results

Star Writers

Herbie - For working hard on his letter formation
 Oliver - For a wonderful poem and working independently
 Jacob - For consistently beautiful handwriting
 Toby - For his excellent letter formation and focus on his writing
 Hugo - For great descriptive sentences using fronted adverbials
 Taylor - For a beautiful piece of writing about estuaries
 Esme - For really working hard on her sea creature rescue story

Portreath Leaves

Bailee - For showing kindness to others
 Nala - For inclusion and kindness
 Chloe - For always being kind and caring towards others
 Arthur.H - For being curious in his reading by making links and using his own experiences
 Mhairi - For being a great friend
 Ella - For always showing kindness to everyone
 Paige - For always showing both kindness and gratitude

Sports Star

Reef - For his positive attitude and excellent effort

Maths Wizard

Elowen.L - For earning 15 gems

This week house winner is:

Farthing Wood

House team scores

100 Acre Wood = 85
 Enchanted Wood = 79
 Farthing Wood = 85
 Forbidden Forest = 80



Attendance

This week's attendance:

Maple Class - 95.2%

Rowan Class - 96.7%

Sycamore Class - 95.7%

Oak Class - 94.1%

Birch Class - 93.7%

Hazel Class - 99.6%

Cherry Class - 99%

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



BE CREATIVE



BE COURAGEOUS



BE CURIOUS

