PORTREATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School calendar

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

What a fantastic term we have had at Portreath! A huge well done to all our children and a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful staff, families and wider school community for all your support. This term, we have focused on building curiosity in everything we do. We believe that curiosity sparks creativity and courage, encouraging our children to ask questions, explore new ideas and embrace new challenges. It has been wonderful to see this in action throughout the term!

We have enjoyed a brilliant final week, with classes completing their units of learning, writing imaginative stories and poems, and celebrating their hard work with some well-deserved end-of-term Dojo treats.

On Wednesday, we came together for our Harvest Assembly, where we explored how harvest is celebrated across the world. We also took the opportunity to congratulate our new Year 6 leaders on their important roles. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing them lead, inspire and make a difference across our school.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Food Bank collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we will be delivering the donations next week to support those in our local community.

Without a doubt, one of the biggest highlights of the week was our Halloween Silent Disco! The costumes and make-up were amazing, the singing and dancing were brilliant, and there was so much fun and laughter throughout the event. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and enjoying themselves. Even better, we raised nearly £500 for our PTA to help support our school! A massive thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event, and a special thank you to all our kind volunteers who helped set up, run the disco and clean up afterwards. We couldn't have done it without you!

After a well-deserved half-term break, we have lots to look forward to next term, including a non-uniform day, our sponsored run and, of course, the Christmas Fayre! We can't wait to share more details with you as we get closer to these exciting events.

For now, we wish all our children, families and staff a super half term. We hope you enjoy a restful break, spend some lovely time together and return refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Have a fantastic half term!

Weekly Achievement Certificates

Certificate of Excellence

Mia - For a fabulous half term. An absolute superstar!
Thomas - For trying his best with all of his learning
Ruby.O - For being consistently super throughout this term
Florence - For always striving to do the best that she can in all that she does
Molly - For excellent reactivation in geography
Frank.L - For working really hard in all subjects
Ernie - For joining in so well throughout the whole term



Star Writers

Whole Class - For everyone in Maple have become writers! We are so proud!
Olive - For resilience and independence in her writing
Everyone - For incredibly hard work on improving their handwriting throughout this term
Jack - For a superb poem describing the life cycle of a plant
Lenny - For beautiful, legible handwriting
Charlie - For an excellent survival guide
Sophie - For really working hard on her handwriting throughout the term



Portreath Leaves

Darcey - For always being kind and empathetic to others
Jaxon - For gratitude and lovely manners
Mason - For always being kind towards others
Elowen - For being so creative creating similes for our plant life cycle poems
Eadie - For always showing kindness and empathy
Joel - For asking curious questions
Albie - For resilience in Maths doing short division



Sports Star

Charlie St. - For his power and accuracy in dodgeball





Maths Wizard

Cameron - For earning 19 gems

This week house winner is:

Enchanted Wood

House team scores

100 Acre Wood = 88
Enchanted Wood = 94
Farthing Wood = 89
Forbidden Forest = 88

Attendance

This week's attendance:
Maple Class - 96.1%
Rowan Class - 91.7%
Sycamore Class - 98.8%
Oak Class - 84.4%
Birch Class - 96.1%
Hazel Class - 99.5%
Cherry Class - 98.1%
Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is: 96.2%

Maple Class

This week we have been having some spooky fun! Throwing pom pom bugs onto the spiders web was so much fun. By the end of the week most children were able to aim really well and get their bugs to stick. Hammering golf tee's into pumpkins to create hair was hard work, but great for our muscles in our fingers. Then the delight of scooping out the insides with either our hands or spoons was definitely a slimy ordeal! The children are definitely ready for half term - have a fabulous week.








Rowan Class



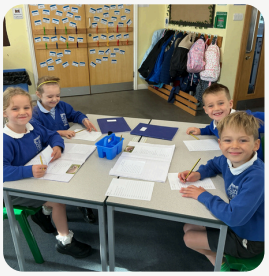
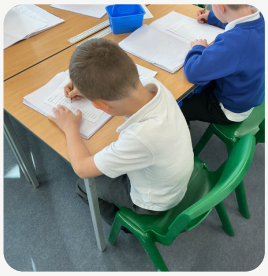
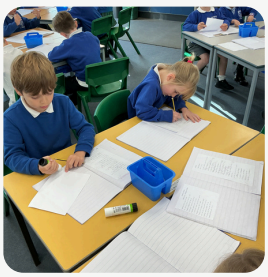
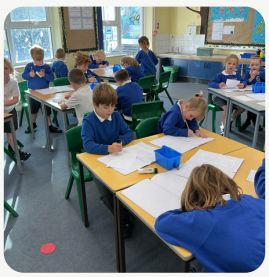
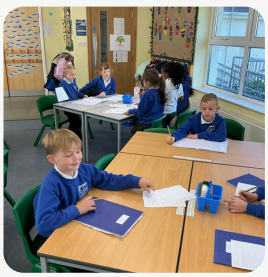





Wow – we have made it to the end of our first term as Year 1s! The children have continued to work hard, even in the final week before half term. In Maths, we have started to learn about subtraction. We have been incorporating our oracy learning to tell "first", "then" and "now" stories to help us to understand the concept of taking away. In writing, we finished our wonderful information texts all about Portreath. On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed our Dojo treat for earning over 1000 points. We had a cosy film afternoon watching The Wild Robot.

Sycamore Class

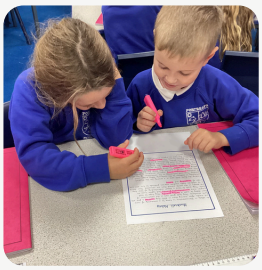
We've had a lovely last week of term together this week. On Tuesday, we were very lucky to take part in a Barnardos' workshop! During this, we debated stereotypical gender norms, families, friends and made posters of our '5 Trusted Adults'. The children were so engaged and had so many wonderful ideas to discuss. In English, we've started our new unit on poetry and even performed poems in small groups to the rest of the class with our own actions, thinking carefully about our oracy skills like talking at the right volume and using expression. In Mathematics, we've been subtracting across 10 and in DT, we've been evaluating our flatbread making session from last week. It's been a very busy half term but the children have all been amazing! Well done Sycamore Class!

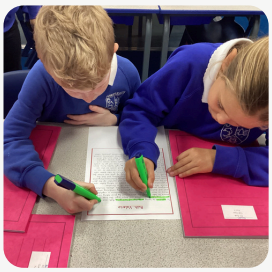
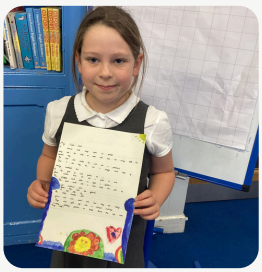
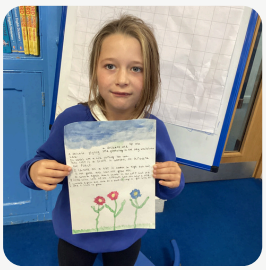
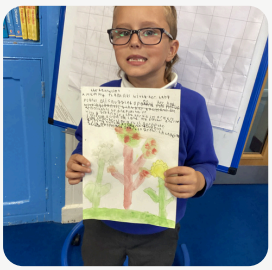







KINDNESS ✳ EMPATHY ✳ INCLUSION ✳ HONESTY ✳ GRATITUDE

Oak Class

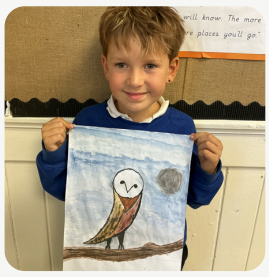
What a wonderful final week of learning in Oak Class! In writing, we have been exploring alliteration and similes in poetry, using these techniques to create our very own poems describing the life cycle of a plant, from a tiny seed to a flourishing flower. The children brilliantly combined their extensive scientific knowledge of plants with their developing poetic skills, before using their artistic talents to publish their beautiful creations. We are so proud of the finished pieces that every poem will be proudly displayed in our classroom, with some showcased in the hall and a copy sent home for families to treasure! In Maths, we have begun exploring adding and subtracting 1 and 10. After half term, we will extend this to 100 as we build towards using the column method. What a fantastic way to end a busy and successful half term! Wishing all our Oak Class families a wonderful and restful break!



Birch Class





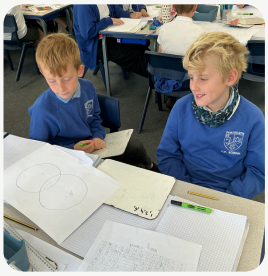
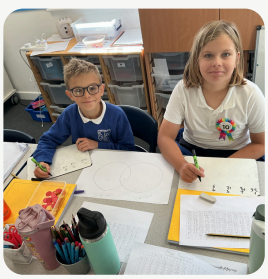



It has been another busy and exciting week in Birch Class! We took part in a Barnardos' workshop, where the children learnt about consent and the importance of understanding personal boundaries. We also enjoyed a fantastic mental health workshop, which gave us the opportunity to think about our wellbeing and how we can look after ourselves and others. In English, we have finished writing our own environmental adventure stories, complete with plenty of drama and excitement! The children have worked incredibly hard to bring their characters and settings to life, and we have loved seeing their creativity shine through. In Maths, we are becoming Maths superstars! We have been learning how to add numbers with more than one exchange, building our confidence and developing our calculation skills. Keep practising those addition strategies! We also enjoyed a special treat day, coming to school in our pyjamas or onesies and bringing along our favourite cuddly toys. We settled down to watch Rio, which linked beautifully with our learning about climate zones and the natural world. It was a lovely way to celebrate our hard work! Well done, Birch Class, for another wonderful week of learning, creativity and kindness.

Hazel Class

What a super and rather busy short week!
We have written the most incredible survival guides for being lost in the woodlands. We worked really hard to use our writers' choices to make our writing more precise and informative.
We finally finished our class novel on Wednesday, and we all really enjoyed it. Today, we got to watch the film adaptation, which was a fabulous way to finish the unit.
I wish you all a relaxing half term, and I look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for the next half term!



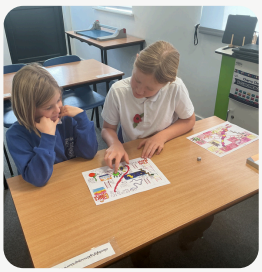





Cherry Class

This week we finished off our geography learning by making and playing board games to educate children how to "Save Our Seas" – we have loved this topic. We were also gripped to the end by our class novel "White Dolphin" and now think that someone should make it into a film! In Maths we showed great resilience in learning the tricky method of long division and in English we have been learning the difference between formal and informal register in writing and practising using both.





Sports News








Our final week of this half term, we have further consolidated our passing and receiving skills. The children are becoming more confident, accurate and powerful with moving the ball. All the classes have thrown themselves into the competitive games, focusing on supporting their team by creating space and thinking of defensive strategies to make it challenging for their opponents.
Well done to the girls Netball team, they came second overall in their tournament.



Achievements outside School



Lamorna got a certificate at performing arts this week for great listening and amazing effort!

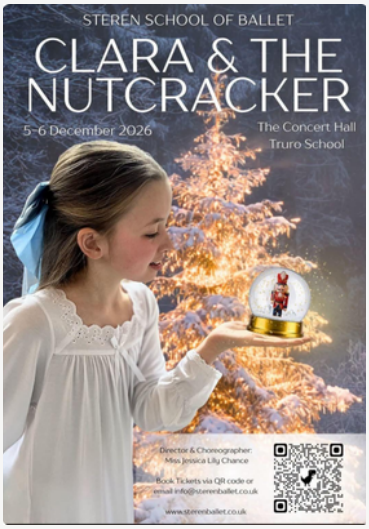


Last Sunday with her dad and dog Maggie walked 12.5 miles from Portreath to Perranporth and she got a medal for celebrating this challenge.

Community News







Thought of the week

"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."

- Bob Talbert

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.