

PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

Friday 12th December 2025

Our trip to the Hall for Cornwall was nothing short of magical! Travelling by coach only added to the excitement as we headed off to see the spectacular production of *Aladdin*. From dazzling costumes to show-stopping musical numbers, the performance captivated everyone from start to finish.

We were incredibly proud of how beautifully the children represented the school throughout the day—their enthusiasm, behaviour, and respect made the experience even more special. It truly was a memorable outing for all involved



INSET Day

Monday 5th January
school closed to children.



DAILY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Water Bottle
- Coat
- Reading book and diary

PE Days From November

Please note year 4 change

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Thursday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Friday (swimming)



JELLYFISH



A+ JELLYFISH NEWS

In **History**, the children have been thoroughly engaged in learning about the **Great Fire of London**. They've enjoyed exploring the causes, events, and consequences of this historic event, and are now using their knowledge to support their writing in **Literacy**.

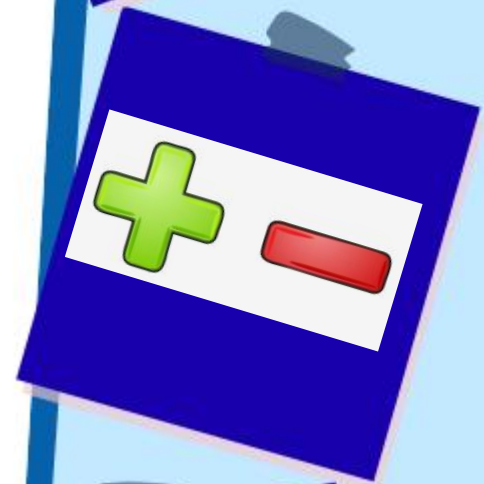
In **Science**, we've started a new topic on **Materials**. The children had a fantastic time sorting materials into categories such as plastics, metals, wood, and fabric. This hands-on activity sparked lots of curiosity, and we're looking forward to exploring how the properties of different materials affect their use in the real world.

In **Maths**, we've begun learning about addition and **subtraction**, focusing on how to add and subtract across a 10 (e.g. $15 - 8$). The children have worked hard on this new concept and are beginning to gain confidence with both written and mental methods.

The children were fantastic in their school nativity "Knock Knock". Their confidence, clear voices and brilliant showmanship shone on stage — we are all incredibly proud of them. Back in the classroom, the Jellyfish children have been busy getting festive with lots of Christmas crafts, ready for the Christmas fayre next week.

On Friday, the whole school enjoyed a special trip to the Hall for Cornwall to watch the pantomime. The Jellyfish loved the show and represented the school beautifully.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas! 🎄



DOLPHINS



DOLPHINS NEWS

As we come to the end of another term, Year 6 pupils continue to excel in everything they do — not only in their learning, but also across the school and within the wider community.

Year 6 have now received their Playground Buddy tabards, helping children around the school recognise that they're there to help. This role includes a wide range of responsibilities, from reading with younger pupils in Year 1 to managing and introducing games in all play areas. We hope that this role will continue to grow as they gain new ideas, skills, and strategies throughout the year.

Congratulations to Ella and Sienna, who have been voted in as Parliament Representatives on behalf of Porthleven, serving the wider MAT in decisions that will impact all schools. Supporting them in their new roles will be Fleur, Ezra, Fflur, and Evie, who have been allocated classes to help Porthleven School be a strong ambassador school. This group will promote existing projects (such as fundraising for Penhaligon's Friends) as well as suggest new initiatives. They are already exploring opportunities for more inter-school competitions to take to their first meeting.

As we complete this term's learning, we can now celebrate just how much we have achieved.

Our sewn pillows were a huge success. Children chose to stitch, glue, and draw their designs, using a range of stitches and finishing techniques — well done!

Our writing journey has been closely linked to our History learning: creating explanations and reports about life in Britain during the World Wars. The children have shown excellent skill in applying a variety of complex writing strategies, along with recalling key historical knowledge. These are now displayed in the corridors for other classes to read. We have also explored the possibilities and future potential of artificial intelligence within Computing. Ezmai suggested that fridges could use technology to scan food as it is placed inside and alert you when items are out of date, sharing her design and explanation with the class. This was just one of many fantastic ideas for the future — many of which I would certainly use!

Linking nicely with the theme of expiring food, our final science experiments will continue to be observed right up to the last couple of days, as we explore how mould and micro-organisms grow. The children are carefully studying how some foods decompose more quickly than others and will be looking at why this happens as our final piece of learning for the term.



Porthleven Notices & Reminders

Christmas Party Hat Competition

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we will be holding a **Party Hat Competition**.

On **Wednesday 17th December**, children will enjoy their school Christmas meal and are invited to wear a festive party hat they have made themselves.

Please ensure hats are brought into school on **Tuesday 16th December**, when the kitchen team will select the winners.

Winners will be announced during lunchtime on Wednesday, and prizes will be awarded on the day.



We look forward to seeing the wonderful creativity our pupils bring to these festive activities. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm during this special time of year.

Facebook

Follow us on Facebook to see what we've been up to at school!

This month, we'll be counting down to Christmas and wishing you a season filled with magic, connection, and joyful moments.

We'd love for you to share your photos or favourite activities below each daily post!



Long hair

We kindly ask that all children with long hair come to school with their hair tied up. This is important for health and safety, helps prevent the spread of head lice, and keeps children comfortable during learning and play.

Clubs

Clubs have finished for this half term. New clubs will go out in the new year.



DECEMBER

2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Extra Christmas play tickets available from 8.30am	4 Outfits for the Christmas play in by today Xmas decoration comp Deadline	5 None Uniform for Red & Blue teams
8 Dress Rehearsal to the school Football 3.45pm Invite only	9 Christmas play 2.15pm Ticket only event Christmas card comp deadline	10 Payments for Panto due Christmas play 2.15pm & 5.30pm Ticket only event	11 Christmas Jumper Day	12 Panto at the Hall for Cornwall
15 Reception & Year 1 Class Christmas Party.	16 Christmas Hats In to be judged Christingle making 8.15am Christingle Service 1.30pm	17 Christmas Hat Winners Announced Christmas Lunch Day	18 Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Class Christmas Parties.	19 None Uniform Day bring an item for the tombola -KS1 & EYFS Sweets or choc KS2 Bottle Rock Concert Invite only 10am Christmas Fair 2 -4pm Last Day Of Term

Porthleven Notices & Reminders

Christingle Making

On **Tuesday 16th December**, we are inviting children into school from **8:15am** to take part in a **Christingle workshop**. If your child would like to join in, please ensure they bring a **large orange** to school. We will provide all the other items needed to make the Christingle.

Children will be able to take their Christingles home at the end of the day, and our **Year 6** children will take theirs to the church as part of the **church service**.



Christmas Raffle

We are currently gathering raffle prizes for our upcoming Christmas Fair and are inviting local businesses to support us through a prize donation. Any contribution, large or small, would make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Arbor Consents

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the photo consents on Arbor. Going forward, we will be using Arbor for more of our school consent processes.

We have recently had additional consents added to Arbor, which you will now be able to review and update when you log in. This will replace the online form completed at the start of the year.

We would really appreciate it if you could complete the new consents on Arbor, as this will help reduce the admin involved in transferring information manually from the earlier forms.

Flu Clinic

As you may have heard, there have been flu outbreaks around the county and flu is predicted to be particularly virulent this year. Kernow Health will be running extra flu clinics at various locations across Cornwall in early/mid-December these are by appointment only.

Please contact 01872 221105 or email kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net for further information on booking an appointment.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 16th December	Christingle making—Bring an Orange 8.15am
Tuesday 16th December	Carol/Christingle service
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas meal day - create a party hat to wear at lunch
Friday 19th December	Rock concert—invite only
Friday 19th December	Christmas Fair 2 –4pm
Monday 5th January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th—6th Feb	Year 5 School Camp
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 1 Trip
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 20th March	Reception Trip
Thursday 2nd April	Last day of term
Friday 8th May	INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 4 trip
Friday 5th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 10th—12th June	Year 4 School Camp
Wednesday 24th June	Class Photos
Thursday 25th—26th June	Year 3 School Camp
Monday 13th –17th July TBC	Year 6 School Camp
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Term
Thursday 23rd July	INSET Day

PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS



FAIR 2025



FOOD★GAME★GIFT

Dec 19
2-4PM

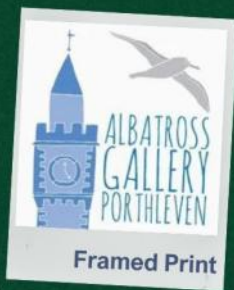
JOIN US FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN AND
FUNDRAISING! ALL FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY ❤️



Cream Tea for 2



Food & Drink Gift



Framed Print



£30 voucher



Organic Trevarno Gift Set



Bracelet

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes



£15 Voucher



Glue Gun



2 x Entry Vouchers

Friday 19th
December

Porthleven
School PTA

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes



2 x cinema vouchers



2 x day entry vouchers



Family ticket

Friday 19th
December

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Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes



Afternoon Tea
for 2



3 x £20 Ced's
bagels vouchers



£20 voucher

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes



Adventure
voucher for 2



Voucher for 4
pasties



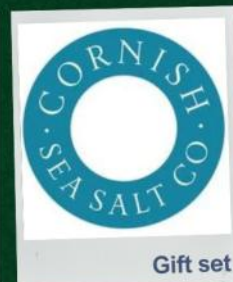
Milkshake
voucher

Friday 19th
December

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3 month coffee
subscription



Gift set

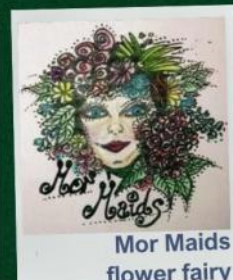


Person training
session worth £45

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes



£10 voucher



Mor Maids
flower fairy



Handcrafted gift

Friday 19th
December

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Weekly Menus

Please order on ParentPay

WEEK 1

W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 09/03/2026, 30/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Tuna Wrap	Ham Wrap	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Ham Wrap
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT	Crunchy Apple Slice	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Oat Cookie	Apple Crumble with Custard	Berry Blondie	



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! NutriMinder's Choice
Our menus are subject to change. Please be assured that all nutritional medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

WEEK 2

W/C: 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Shepherd's Pie with Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread or Pasta Salad	Veggie Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
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DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT	Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Cookie	



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WEEK 3

W/C: 17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 02/03/2026, 23/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Gammon with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Potato Wedges	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Pasta	Quorn Roast with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
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DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT	Chocolate Marble Cake	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard	Lemon Cookie	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	



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SPACE

Supporting Parents And Children Emotionally

SPACE is a **free** programme for **any parent or carer** who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

Each SPACE course is 5 sessions long and will cover:

- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- Managing different emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in ourselves and our children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing your ability to provide nurturing care

MHST has several upcoming 5 session SPACE courses as follows:

Every Monday from 12th January -9th February 2026 - 13:00-14:30
FACE TO FACE at Helston Family Hub, Bulwark Road, Helston, TR13 8JF

with **ONLINE** programmes on:

Every Friday from 9th January-6th February 2026 - 09:30-10:30

or

Every Monday from 12th January-9th February 2026 - 09:30-10:30

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided **BY 19th DECEMBER 2025:**
<https://forms.office.com/e/rrUONGgLMv>



These courses are for parents/carers of children 5-11 yrs only

Spaces are limited (Max 8 per session); if you cannot attend, please notify us ASAP - 01726 873204

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about LEGO FORTNITE

Epic Games have recently introduced three new game modes to Fortnite: Rocket Racing, Fortnite Festival and, finally, Lego Fortnite: a survival game using official Lego characters. There are lots of great mechanics that encourage creativity in children, but – as with any online game – it's important to stay aware of the potential risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MONETISATION

Lego Fortnite utilises a similar online item shop to the main Fortnite game. When this title was released, the makers introduced thousands of Lego versions of the original game's character skins. Owning an original Fortnite cosmetic means you also own the LEGO version at no extra cost, but the addition of these extra versions could potentially spark new interest in young players, making it more tempting to pay real money for these in-game accessories.

ONLINE PLAY

LEGO Fortnite can be played online, as with the base game. While a player's LEGO world is private when it's first created, they can then invite anyone on their in-game friends list to play with them. If any strangers are on this friends list, they can be invited onto their server. Thankfully, Epic Games has implemented a solid reporting system, as well as tools to kick other players from the game.

FEAR FACTOR

There is no explicit violence in Lego Fortnite, but there is a lot of combat. While the battles in Lego Fortnite remain very cartoonish and child friendly, a lot of the action unfolds inside dark caves, with spiders, skeletons or scary-looking monsters. The game can get a little spooky at times, which could potentially scare younger players.

COMPLEX GAMEPLAY

Lego Fortnite is a survival game, though it's not as simple as something like Minecraft. There are lots of different crafting stations and loads of items to use or combine (including various rarities to seek out and harvest). The gathering and crafting elements of the game can get quite complicated and confusing, which could be a source of frustration for some younger players.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEGO IS FRIENDLY

Much like real Lego, this game is incredibly inviting. It's friendly, fun and accessible: a younger player could still enjoy this title even if they'd never played Fortnite before. With sanitised violence, it's a far more family-friendly gaming experience all round – worth bearing in mind if you're concerned about children and young people being exposed to violent or frightening content.

SET LITTLE CHALLENGES

As we've noted, the game is a lot more difficult than it may seem, which could be frustrating or upsetting for some younger players. While the game does a good job of setting realistic targets for players, it can still feel overwhelming. If parents suggest smaller challenges – such as building a house – children can flex their creativity, express themselves with their builds and feel a real sense of accomplishment.

PLAY TOGETHER

Take some time to play the game together. Not only will that help with some of the complicated tasks, but it's also just a fun pastime. Playing with family members also reduces the potential for younger players to invite strangers to enjoy the game with – if any are on their friends list. Furthermore, playing with children will let you more effectively limit their time spent on the game. Instead of "switch it off", you can now say "let's play some more later!"

MONITOR SPENDING

If a child has provided their parents' email address and been given consent to make in-game purchases, it's worth keeping an eye on how much gets spent on the in-game currency, V-Bucks. It's very tempting to buy character skins in LEGO form, as a way of expressing yourself and looking cool and unique. As you may know already, the average skin costs between £6–18, which can add up very quickly if not tracked and limited. Keep in mind that you can make it necessary to enter a PIN code to validate every purchase using the game's parental controls, and you can prevent the game from saving your payment information whenever you make a purchase. Furthermore, players under-13 automatically have their spending limited to \$100 (£78.55) per day.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality, augmented reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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COMMUNICATION AT PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL



BY PHONE

Ring 01326 562249 between 8.15am & 3.30pm to speak to Mrs Blight out side these hours please leave a message.



BY EMAIL

Email porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org anytime or your class email. Queries will be responded to between 8.30 and 4pm.



ARBOR

Photo consent and communication from school will be from Arbor please download the app (pls contact the office for support setting up).

OUR NEWSLETTER

Up coming dates for your diaries are shared on the newsletter along with some classroom news.

OUR WEBSITE

Our website contains useful information about our school.