

PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

Friday 19th September 2025

Exciting Author Visit!

Today, our school had the wonderful opportunity to welcome **local author Jennifer Davy**, who came in to share her inspiring story *Chloe and the Bright Idea*. The children loved hearing the book read aloud and were inspired by meeting a “real-life author”!

If you'd like to continue the adventure at home, Jennifer's book is available to purchase for just **£8 plus postage**.

To order your copy, simply email: [chloe-tales24@gmail.com](mailto:chloe-<u>tales24@gmail.com</u>).



DAILY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Water Bottle
- Coat
- Reading book and diary

PE Days this term

Please note the change to year 4

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 - Thursday sailing

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 -



On **Thursday 10th October**, pupils all around the UK — including at our school — will be wearing **something yellow** to show their support for mental health awareness. This cheerful splash of colour is part of a nationwide campaign to remind us that it's always okay to talk about our feelings.

#HelloYellow

10 October

Wear yellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health



RECEPTION



A⁺ RECEPTION NEWS

The Rainbowfish class has settled in beautifully at Porthleven School. They've quickly adapted to the school routines and are already thriving in their learning environment. Their first topic, Me and My World, has been a big hit, with the children enjoying the chance to share family photos and discuss their homes with one another. This week, during Welly Wednesday, they explored the signs of autumn in their surroundings. The children foraged for apples and blackberries, and then went back inside to make a delicious fruit crumble. They worked really well together as a team throughout the afternoon, and were excited to enjoy the crumble on Thursday and Friday. We also had a special delivery this week – our new reading nest! A big thank you to Mrs. Crayford for all her hard work in raising funds last year, which allowed us to create this wonderful reading space for the children to enjoy in their new classroom.

We are still looking for conkers and other Autumn treasures so please bring any to school that you have managed to collect.



NARWHALS



THE SECRET OF BLACK ROCK



A⁺ NARWHAL NEWS

It has been a busy few weeks in Narwhals starting Year 3! We have been enjoying our class book 'Owen and the Solider' in reading. In literacy, we read 'The Secret of The Black Rock' and are writing our own adventure stories where our characters travel out to sea and find their own mysterious rock! We have been describing all the amazing and beautiful creatures they may spot. In science, we have started our work on forces and magnets. Yesterday, we were looking at how magnets work and how their poles attract and repel. We were predicting and testing whether materials would be attracted to magnets. In computing, we are looking at Networks and last week had a special visit from Phil who works in IT for Crofty who helped to explain what a network is and showed them what devices we use to help us every day. The children got to have a go at using cables to connect together routers, switches and wireless access points to recreate our school network.



Porthleven Notices & Reminders

School Photos

All photo slips have now gone home the initial order window for free school delivery closes on **Sunday 28th September 2025** - this is also when the discount 10% off voucher expires so don't forget to get your orders in.

Any queries or missing order forms please email photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk or use the contact form via the Hatchbox website.

Cross Country – Well Done!

A huge **well done** to all the children who took part in Cross Country! We are so proud of the effort, determination, and sportsmanship shown by our runners.

Thank you also to all the parents for your support with transport and cheering from the sidelines – it really makes a difference.

We're looking forward to the next race and building on such a fantastic start!

Lego League – Applications Due

Following our assembly about **Lego League**, application forms have now been sent out.

If your child would like to take part, please ensure their **application form is submitted by 11:00am on Monday 22nd September**. <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0dZg1zEHJf>

As a reminder:

- Lego League isn't just about building Lego – children will also code, research, and present a project to a panel of judges.
- Team selection will be based on **teamwork, contribution, and commitment**.
- We can only take **15 children** in the club, and from these, **10 will be chosen** to represent the school at the competition.

We're really looking forward to reading the applications and seeing the creativity and enthusiasm from our pupils!

Bags2School Collection

Don't forget! Our next **Bags2School collection** is coming up. This is a great chance to have a clear-out at home while helping raise funds for our school.



Please bring in any unwanted:

- Adults' and children's clothing
 - Shoes (tied in pairs)
 - Hats, belts, handbags
- Soft toys, bedding, curtains, towels



Collection Date: Thursday 9th October 2025

The more we collect, the more funds we raise – thank you for your support!

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Parent Cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats

Mr Reddan will be cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats with 3 friends (Matt Swain, Shaun Parker and Tim Burley), a distance of over 1,000 miles from the 12th September to the 25th September 2025.

They all know each other through their collective time in the Royal Navy, 3 of them (Matt, Tim and Myself) have joined the Royal Navy Reserves after leaving the Royal Navy and Shaun is still serving.

They are taking on this challenge because all of those taking part want to complete a challenge together. We are paying all of the costs involved so EVERY penny you donate will go to the Royal Navy and Royal Marine Charity.

If you would like to donate please find the links below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/shaunandtim-lejog-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

https://www.justgiving.com/page/chris-reddan-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school, please **telephone and email the school office by 8:45am** to let us know.

- For **planned absences**, an absence request form must be completed in advance (available from the school office).
- A **reason must be provided** for all absences.

Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and up to date.

As a reminder to parents about attendance

If you book a holiday in term time which is 5 days or more, and is not approved as an exceptional circumstance, our policy - in line with DFE guidance, is to refer this to the local authority for a fine to be issued. Please also be aware that schools need to consider fining if a child has 10 unauthorised sessions in a rolling 10 week period. Please do contact the school if you have further questions.



Porthleven Notices & Reminders



Porthleven School

Torleven Road, Porthleven TR13 9BX

Reception Open Day

For parents whose children start school in September 2026

Tuesday 14th October

2:00 - 3:00pm

A great opportunity to see the setting
and meet the team!



Call: 01326 562249

Email: porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Hopefully, your child's artwork has made it home by now! You can use it to order a wonderful range of Christmas cards and gifts this year.

New for this year – **playing cards** featuring your child's artwork on the back!

Every card or gift ordered helps raise valuable funds for the school.

Please make sure all artwork is returned to school **by Monday 29th September** so it can be sent to the printers.

WE ARE TAKING PART IN THE
CAULIFLOWER CARDS 2025
CHRISTMAS PROJECT
RAISING MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Wrapping Paper

Custom Card Greetings

NEW FOR 2025
Playing Cards

Cards

Mugs

Gift Labels

Social board books

Your artwork on the back of every card

Different card games to choose from!

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.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 10th October	Wear something Yellow for mental health day
27th—31st October	Half term
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day
Friday 12th December	Whole School Panto
Monday 5th January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th—6th Feb	Year 5 School Camp
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day
Friday 8th May	INSET Day
Friday 5th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 10th—12th June	Year 4 School Camp
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



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Next Week's Menu

WEEK 2

W/C: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 09/06/2025, 30/06/2025, 21/07/2025, 01/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 13/10/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese 🌱 🍷	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷 🍷	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 2	Sweet and Sour Vegetables Served with Wholegrain Rice 🍷 🍷	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges 🌱 🍷	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Gravy 🌱	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap 🌱 🍷 🍷	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips 🌱 🌱 🍷
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷

HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Ham Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Ham Baguette	Ham Wrap
	OPTION 5	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap	Egg Mayo Baguette 🌱	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap 🌱	Cheese Baguette 🌱

DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD

DESSERT	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Flapjack Served with Fruit or Apple Wedges 🌱	Lemon Emerald Cake	Chocolate Ice Cream
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BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings 🌱 🍷



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



Vegetarian



Vegan



Oily Fish



Wholegrain



Fruity!



Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

SNAP STREAK

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🍌 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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