



# PORTHLEVEN NEWS

Friday 7th March 2025

## St Piran's Day Celebrations!

This week, Year 6 and Nursery took part in a wonderful celebration of **St Piran's Day**, honouring the patron saint of Cornwall. The day began with a lovely walk to the village, where the children proudly helped raise the St Piran's flag, a symbol of Cornwall's rich history and heritage.

Gathering together, the children then enjoyed listening to the story of St Piran, learning about his incredible journey and why he is such an important figure in Cornish history. To round off the celebrations, everyone was treated to a refreshing drink, making for a perfect end to a fantastic morning.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this special event possible! **Gool Peran Lowen!**



## **Maths Games Workshop for Reception & Year 2 Parents/Carers**

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Maths Games Workshops for Reception and Year 2 on Tuesday and Thursday! We hope you enjoyed the one-hour session led by Mrs. Power, our School Maths Lead.

Maths packs will be heading home soon, and we're excited for you to continue supporting your child's learning with the fun games you learned during the workshop.

Thank you for your continued involvement!

## After School Clubs

After school clubs are available to book on ParentPay .

Some clubs have a minimum number and you will be informed if they are not running.

## PE Days

YR Rainbowfish - Monday  
Y1 Seahorses - Tuesday  
Y2 Jellyfish - Thursday  
Y3 Narwhals - Monday  
Y4 Swordfish - Wednesday  
Y5 Manta rays - Thursday  
Y6 Dolphins - Friday





# Classroom News



## Nursery

The children settled back happily after the half-term break, and we've jumped straight into our exciting new topic: Ready, Steady, Grow! To kick things off, we've been exploring how plants grow. The children have already planted a variety of seeds and have been eagerly watching for the first signs of life. It's been wonderful to see their excitement as tiny shoots begin to appear! Through hands-on planting and observation, the children are learning what plants need to grow and thrive. We've also been having great discussions about different types of plants and their life cycles. Over the coming weeks, we'll continue to care for our plants and make predictions about how they will change. We can't wait to share more of our growing journey with you.

Angelfish have had an incredibly busy and exciting week, filled with celebrations, creativity, and new discoveries! On Tuesday, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday. During snack time, the children had a fantastic time decorating their pancakes with a variety of fruits to create funny and imaginative faces. It was a wonderful way to explore different textures and flavours while embracing the tradition of Pancake Day. Wednesday was a special day as we celebrated St. Piran's Day! The children enjoyed a trip down to the Harbour Head to watch the raising of the Cornish flag. Throughout the week, we also created our very own Cornish flags, learning about the history and significance of this important local celebration. Thursday was all about books and imagination! The children arrived dressed as their favourite book characters and enjoyed bringing in books to share with their friends. As part of our World Book Day activities, we went on a special Bear Hunt around the school grounds. There was so much excitement as we searched high and low—and the children were thrilled to discover a hidden bear in our sensory garden! To wrap up the week, Friday brought a wonderful surprise—the arrival of frogspawn! The children are eager to observe and learn about the fascinating transformation from frogspawn to tadpoles. We can't wait to watch this incredible life cycle unfold in the coming weeks!



## Year 4

History is back, which is one of our favourite subjects. Time travelling back a bit from the Battle of Hastings, we arrived at Lindisfarne for the official arrival of the Vikings (although we discussed a few of the unofficial earlier visits too). The term topic is about whether all Vikings were vicious warriors, or whether they were traders and merchants. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at various gory battles, called raids, as well as looking into the culture and rules of Viking society. There's lots of crossover with our Saxon learning from before Christmas, too.



In our PE slot this term, Swordfish Class are going swimming every Friday. The children did a great job in their first week, last week, at listening to instructions and trying their hardest as the instructors went through the initial assessments. Everyone has different levels of experience, so these checks sort the children into the right depths of the pool for each child, so that everyone can achieve and do their best. I was so impressed with everyone's effort and there were lots of smiling faces at the end. I look forward to seeing how everyone progresses over the next few weeks.





# Attendance

Class	Attendance this week
Rainbowfish — YR	95.2
Seahorses — Y1	96.6
Jellyfish — Y2	98.2
Narwhals — Y3	97.5
Swordfish — Y4	97
Manta Rays — Y5	95.2
Dolphins — Y6	96.3
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.6

Well done to the  
**Jellyfish  
Class**  
for the best  
attendance this  
week!

## Team Points

Running totals

Penrose: 4

Gibson: 5

Methleigh: 6

Cookworthy: 5

Our winners this half term are the  
**Cookworthy TEAM!**

**Well done!**



# ACCELERATED READER CHAMPIONS!

Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
10,965	31,330	224,695	353,711	131,065
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Ocean	George	Jago	Ayva	Linnea
100% achievers – Who has achieved their target?				
Charlie		Lowen, Fern	Ivy, Evelyn, Fflur, Ayva, Sienna, Daisy	Tobias

$$y = mx + b$$

## Maths Whizz

Below is our weekly progression for each class! ◆

Seahorse: 2/27

Jellyfish: 19/24

Narwhals: 19/27

Swordfish: 27/27

Manta Rays: 26/28

Dolphins: 20/24

Well done to Swordfish class for winning the Maths Whizz trophy this week!

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$



$$\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$x =$$



# World Book Day

## World Book Day Fun!

Our school was bursting with creativity for World Book Day! From outstanding vegetable and fruit designs inspired by book characters to a sea of amazing costumes, the effort and imagination on display were truly impressive. The children with the most creative designs received copies of the latest 'hot off the press' books, many of which were signed by the authors!

The excitement included a library book treasure hunt, where children explored stories in search of hidden clues. Adding to the fun, the children also had the chance to bake bread—just like The Little Red Hen!

A big thank you to everyone who took part—what a magical day of books, creativity, and tasty treats!



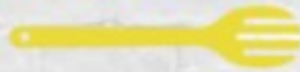
# Diary Dates

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# Next Week's Menu

## WEEK 1

W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 06/01, 27/01, 10/03, 31/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> 	<b>Classic Beef Burger</b> Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Roast Gammon</b> Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>BBQ Chicken Pizza</b> Served with Pesto Pasta	<b>Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
	<b>Cheesy Bean Burrito</b> 	<b>Quorn Burger</b> Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Roast Quorn</b> Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza</b> Served with Pesto Pasta	<b>Veggie Fingers</b> Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta</b> Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	<b>Flapjack with Fruit</b> 	<b>Apple Crumble with Custard</b> 	<b>Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread</b>	<b>Raspberry Jelly</b>	<b>Chocolate Brownie</b>

### PACKED LUNCH

Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day





National  
Trust



# Quest for Excalibur at Penrose

5 - 27 April 2025, 10am - 4pm

Penrose Stables Cafe

Free

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/penrose/events>



## As a reminder to parents about attendance

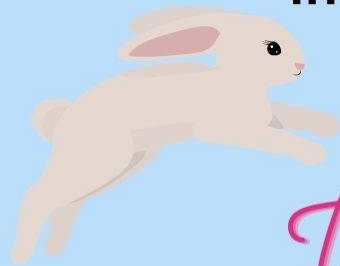
If you book a holiday in term time which is 5 days or more, and is not approved as an exceptional circumstance, our policy - in line with DFE guidance, is to refer this to the local authority for a fine to be issued. Please also be aware that schools need to consider fining if a child has 10 unauthorised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







The Mental Health Support Team warmly  
invite you to attend an ....



# EASTER

## Wellbeing group



During the Easter holidays MHST, in collaboration with the  
National Trust would like you to join us on a **FREE** wellbeing  
session at various locations in Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall  
to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book **EACH** child on to a session below:



**Morning and afternoon sessions available:**

**Wednesday 9 April 2025 - Penrose Estate**

**10.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.00**

or

**Wednesday 16 April 2025 - Kennack Sands either**

**10.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.00**



To request a place,  
complete the online form  
or scan the QR code  
provided:

Come prepared for all weathers and  
feel free to bring a picnic (please do  
not bring any foods that may  
contain nuts)

<https://forms.office.com/e/Epj7iLqgEc>



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:  
**Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**

Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve  
basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can  
allocate your space to someone else





## **Fully Funded School Support Course**

**Available  
in Levels  
1, 2 & 3**

**\*Please go to our website  
for more detailed  
information.**

**6 Week  
Course  
Mon - Fri**

**Daily sessions**

**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**

**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

**[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)**

**We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.**

**Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.**

**This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.**

**If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.**







UK Health  
Security  
Agency

NHS

# 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



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### Advice and guidance

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