



PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for the fantastic support you have shown the school during our OFSTED inspection this week. We have very much appreciated your encouragement, kind messages and engagement.

We would like to let you know that the OFSTED report typically takes around 30 days to be published. We will, of course, share it with you as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Team Porthleven

DAILY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Water Bottle
- Coat
- Reading book and diary

PE Days From January

Please note year 4 change

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Friday (Swimming)

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Friday



INSET Day

Monday 23rd February
school closed to children.

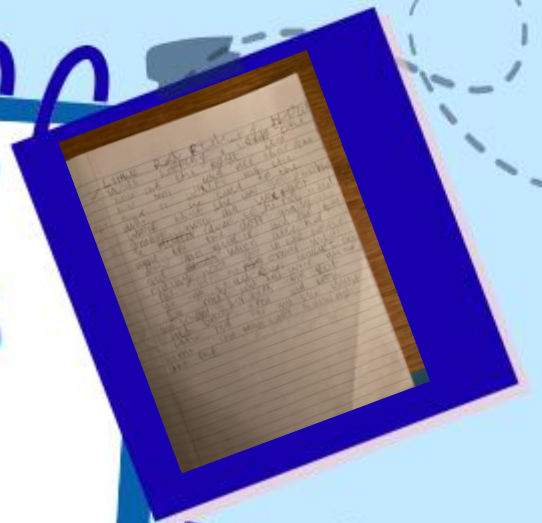


JELLYFISH



JELLYFISH NEWS

In year 2, we have been learning the traditional tale of little red riding hood. We wrote our own versions including the use of expanded noun phrases, commas in a list and conjunctions. In maths, we have been learning about money and the value of some of the coins and notes. We have been adding amounts of money and finding change, thinking about real life situations where we might use money. In PE, the children have been looking and linking in gymnastics. We have been sequencing movements such as a roll, a jump and a balance. The children are very much enjoying exploring different ways they can create these movements and how they can link together to form a sequence.



MANTA RAYS



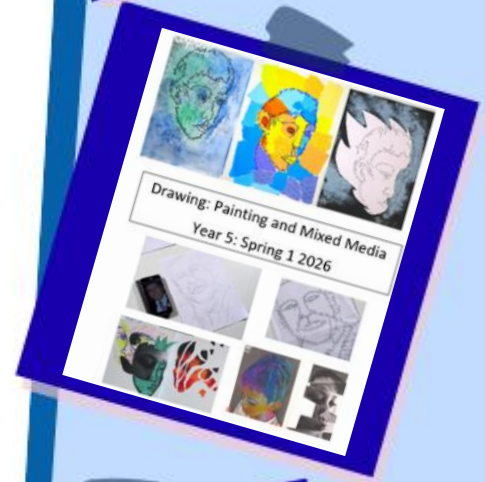
MANTA RAYS NEWS

This half term, our class is exploring the topic of *Fair Trade* in Geography. The children are learning what trade means and investigating the challenges faced by people living in poorer areas of the world. To deepen their understanding, we have linked this theme to our class reader, *Kick*—a gripping story set in Indonesia that explores football and global inequality. The children have also developed their writing skills by composing persuasive letters to football clubs across the country, encouraging them to purchase Fairtrade football products.

In Science, we're investigating materials and have conducted experiments to explore which substances are soluble and insoluble. The children have been curious scientists, making predictions and testing their ideas.

In Art, the children are working on portraits with a fun and unique twist. I'm sure they'll be eager to share their masterpieces with you when they're complete!

It's been a busy and engaging start to the term. I also want to say a big thank you to my class during the recent Ofsted inspection. They were amazing and I am so proud of them. Well done Year 5.



Porthleven Notices & Reminders

Menu Change

On Thursday 29th January the kitchen has a theme day of Pizza. Please log onto ParentPay to book your pizza option.

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 and helps prevent the spread of head lice.

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.

Autism Café

On Tuesday 10th February, Porthleven School will be hosting an **Autism Café** from **9:00–10:00am**.

Come along and join **Rebecca Thomas** for a relaxed and welcoming space to chat, connect, and enjoy a cuppa Everyone is very welcome — you do **not** need to have a diagnosis or be on the assessment pathway to attend. Just drop in and say hello!

We look forward to seeing you there.

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 HOUSE POINTS RUNNING TOTALS



WELL DONE TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS – Penrose

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception	98.8
Year 1	100
Year 2	99.2
Year 3	97.6
Year 4	100
Year 5	96.3
Year 6	95.9

This weeks winning class for attendance is
is
(Year 1 & 4)
Seahorses &
Swordfish

This weeks whole school attendance is **98.17%**



Porthleven Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 10th February 5.30pm

How to help your child be school ready for September 2026

Is your child starting school in September?

If you would like advice on how to support them at home, please join us at Porthleven School to meet Mrs Penrose, who will be sharing some useful tips.



Call: 01326 562249

Email: porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org

AUTISM CAFE

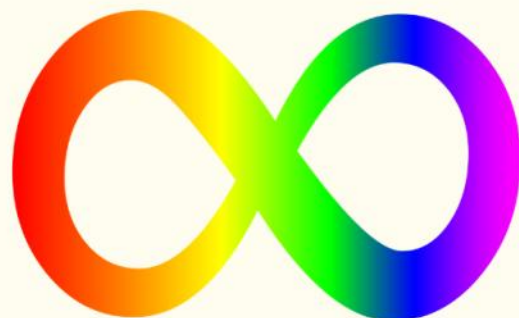
TUESDAY 10TH FEB 2026

9-10AM AT PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL



*Everyone is welcome
children dont need to
be diagnosed or on the
pathway to discuss their
child*

*Speak with
Rebecca Thomas
From the Autism
Team*



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 26th January	Reception Fire station trip
Wednesday 4th—6th Feb	Year 5 School Camp
Tuesday 10th February	Autism café 9-10am
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

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! NutriMaid's Choice
Our menus are subject to change. Please be assured that all notified 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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DESSERT	Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Cookie	



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WEEK 3

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	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
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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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NEW!



Musical Theatre Dance Classes

Want to dance? Love musicals? Join us and learn the moves to your favourite shows and songs!

Starting 5th January 2026
Porthleven School



Class Times:



Mondays 4:30-5:15pm: **Reception, Year 1, Year 2**

Wednesdays 4-5pm: **Year 3 - Year 6**



SCAN HERE



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HELSTON SEA CADETS OPEN EVENING

Ages 9 -18 - All Welcome!

Looking for adventure, new skills and confidence? Want to learn new skills and take part in exciting activities? Then Sea Cadets is for you!

Come along to our Open Evening with your parents and carers and discover what being a Sea Cadet is all about.

📍 Where: Helston Family Hub, Bulwark Road, Helston, TR13 8JF.

📅 When: Wednesday 04 February 2026, 1800 - 2030.

📞 Contact us: Helston.seacadets@gmail.com

🌐 Find out more: <https://www.sea-cadets.org/>



TROS AN HELLYS

BEGINNER BAND

**ALTERNATE SATURDAY
MORNINGS, 10:30-12
ST. MICHAELS SCHOOL, HELSTON**

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

SNAP STREAK

97

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

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 fire 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.



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.



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'.



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.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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.