



# PORTHLEVEN NEWS

Friday 20th September 2024

On Thursday Year 6 joined Porthleven town in a parade for the 80th anniversary event to mark the loss of Wing Commander Guy Gibson VC DSO DFC [Royal Air Force](#) on this day in 1944.



## Information sent home this week

- Flu Immunisation sign up
- Height and Weight opted out info
- Nexus Year 6 master classes
- Year 1 hearing test
- Milk ordering

### Play Group

On Tuesday Mornings, at Porthleven School, we hold a playgroup for children under 5.

Pop along for a coffee and snack  
9.10am - 11am

£2 per family

### 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

### Year 4

This week in Swordfish we were learning about Jesus and his 'fishers of men' story from the New Testament. The children learned about Peter and Andrew and how they were convinced to believe in Jesus after he showed them a miracle. We split into groups and performed the story again, to put ourselves in the shoes of people who would give up their careers and lives to follow someone else. The class showed great range as actors and empathy towards Peter and Andrew as they became gospels.



### Reception

Rainbowfish have settled into the Porthleven School community brilliantly. They are all enjoying learning the routines of school life and are an absolute pleasure to teach. Their enthusiasm and passion for learning is wonderful. We have been learning about our families at home and our school families including going on a treasure hunt around school to find different places. We have been sorting different objects in maths and looking at what is the same about them so we can make sets. The class are really enjoying the forest school sessions. This week we went blackberry picking and then made a blackberry and apple crumble. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be exploring more around school and around the village as we get used to our environment together.





# Attendance

Class	Attendance this week
Rainbowfish — YR	97.60%
Seahorses — Y1	95.19%
Jellyfish — Y2	96.88%
Narwhals — Y3	97.94%
Swordfish — Y4	96.30%
Manta Rays — Y5	93.52%
Dolphins — Y6	96.88%
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.40%

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

## Team Points

Cookworthy: 6

Penrose: 8

Gibson: 3

Methleigh: 3

Our winners this week are the

**PENROSE TEAM!**

Well done!



# ACCELERATED READER CHAMPIONS!

Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
	43,954	100,011	161,261	53,048
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
	Arlo	Lottie,	Abigail	Tobias
100% achievers – Who has achieved their target?				
	Arlo	Lowen, Evie, Lottie	Sophia	

## Maths Whizz

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 38%

Narwhals: 48%

Swordfish: 96%

Manta Rays: 96%

Dolphins: 100%

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

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



$v =$   
 $ax$   
 $b^2$   
 $2a$   
 $b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$   
 $2a$

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

$y$

$x =$





# Porthleven School & Nursery

Torleven Road, Porthleven TR13 9BX

## Pre - School Stay & Play

Thursday 24th October & 28th November 2024

1:30 - 3:00pm



Call: 01326 562249

Email: [porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org)

### Stay & Play sessions 1.30 - 3.00pm

We would like to invite any pre-school children to come and spend some time with their adult in our learning environment.

You will get to meet our EYFS team and explore our area.

Each session will have a theme so you are welcome to come dressed to match.

Thursday 24th October - Autumn

Thursday 28th November - Celebrations

No need to book just head to the school reception on the day

# School Messages

## School Census Day

On Thursday 3rd October 2024 we would be grateful if your child intends to take their free school entitlement at any time during the school year that, if possible they take a school lunch on this day. This is the day the government calculates the funding our school receives, based on the number of school meals taken on this day.

Please see the menu page for the special menu for this day.

## Hair

Please ensure all children with long hair has it tied back each day.

## National Childs Measurement Program Reception & Year 6

The school nursing team will be in school soon to see Reception and Year 6 to take their measurements.

Please find information below for each year group including how to opt out.

**Reception:** <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/2024-child-health-programme-reception-year/>

**Year 6:** <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/2024-child-health-programme-year-6/>

## Uniform

Reminder to label your child's clothes as we have had a lot of items in lost property this week with no names. Named items can then be returned when found.

We now have a sale rail of second hand uniform please ask at the office if you would like to view the rail.

## Reception & Nursery

On Wednesday, both classes will be taking part in "Wellie Wednesdays". Please ensure your reception child comes to school in their PE kit on this day with their coat and wellies as they will be out in all weathers. All children need to have wellies and coats.

## Bags2Scool

Thank you to everyone that collected items for the Bags2School collection we raised £66!

## Flu Immunisation

To ensure your child receives their flu immunisation this year please complete the form by clicking on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: EE143996 by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

If you decide you **do not** want to vaccinate your child against flu, it will help them if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason.



# SPORT UPDATES

This years first Cross Country race began on Tuesday 17th September at Helston CC. There was a great turn out from Porthleven School and some fantastic running achieved by all.

We would love to see even more children joining us at the next race.

Remember every child in KS2 that has completed 5 out of 6 races will be awarded an endurance medal at the end of the season.

## Race 2

Tuesday 8th October Mullion School

Sign up form below

<https://forms.office.com/e/7k117RSD62>



# Next Week's Menu

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Chicken 🍷 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake 🍷	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta 🌱 🍷 🍷	Vegetarian Sausage 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Onion Slice	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce 🌱 Served with Rainbow Rice	Quorn Dippers 🌱 Served with Chips
	DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
		Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🍷				
		All main meals are served with two vegetables				
	DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie 🍷 🌱	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake 🌱	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream

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

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**  
Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🍷 Wholegrain  
🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

## WIN PRIZES



## SPIN TO WIN

Find a sticker on the bottom of your plate and spin the wheel to win a prize

Every Tuesday and Thursday Lunchtime





## Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### MAINS

BBQ Chicken Burger  
Crispy Vegetable Burger

### SIDES

Chips  
Sweet corn and peas

### DESSERT

Jelly and Ice Cream

\*Menus may be subject to change





# 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/minftec>.

CMST AT PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

# RECORDER CLUB

FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES



£3 PER SESSION

[LTHRUSSELL@CMST.CO.UK](mailto:LTHRUSSELL@CMST.CO.UK)

[WWW.CMST.CO.UK/SIGNUP](http://WWW.CMST.CO.UK/SIGNUP)



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# ROAD SAFETY

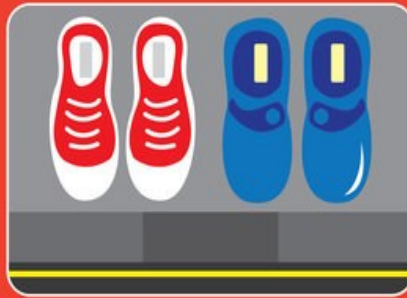
## THINK

about where you should cross.



## STOP

in a safe place at the side of the road.



## USE YOUR EYES & EARS

to see and hear any approaching vehicles.



## WAIT

until all the vehicles have passed.



## LOOK AND LISTEN

again to make sure all is clear.



## CROSS

the road. Keep looking and listening.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

PEGI RATING  
**7+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefer and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

## Meet Our Expert

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<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

# Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 23rd September	Year 1 Hearing Screening
Wednesday 25th September	School Immunisation 2024/2025
Tuesday 8th October	Cross Country race 2 reception/KS1/KS2 at Mullion School
Monday 14th October	INSET DAY
Monday 4th—8th November	Parents evenings– more info to follow
Wednesday 6th November	Cross Country race 3—KS2 HCC north site
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY
Monday 24th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th—28th Feb	Parents evenings– more info to follow
Thursday 8th May	INSET DAY
Friday 6th June	INSET DAY
Monday 7th July	INSET DAY