



# PORTHLEVEN NEWS

Friday 8th November 2024

**Odd Socks Day**

We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024



On Tuesday 12th November we will be taking part in odd socks day for anti-bullying week.

We can't wait to see everyone's odd socks



## Information sent home this week

- Museum trip email year 1
- Hand foot and mouth
- Swimming reminder year 6
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### Clubs

Club bookings will be live on ParentPay from Tuesday 4pm

### 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 2

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break! I'm pleased to say that the children have settled back into school beautifully and are already making great progress across all subjects.

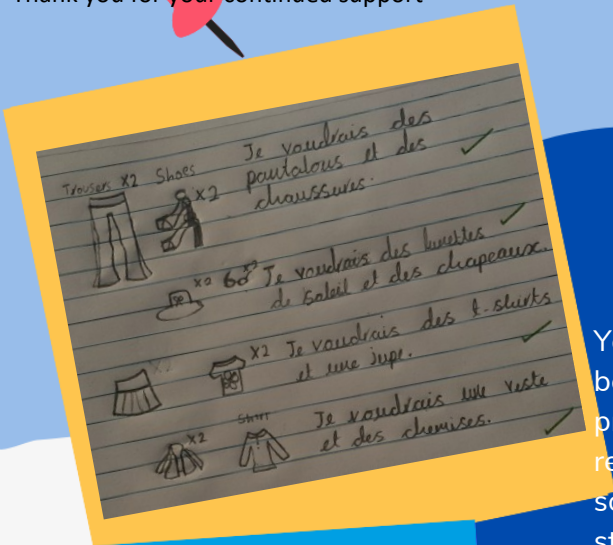
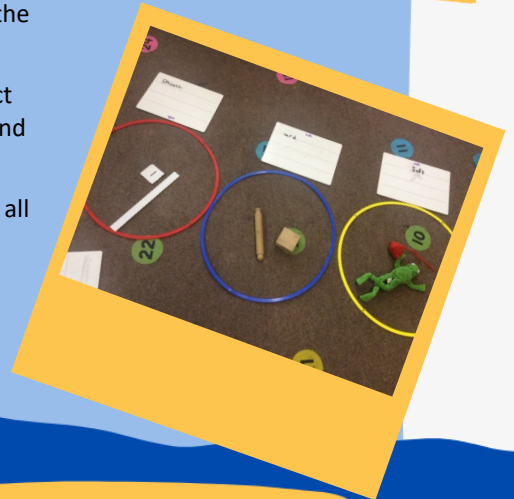
In History, the children have been thoroughly engaged in learning about the Great Fire of London. They've enjoyed exploring the causes, events, and consequences of this historic event, and are now using their knowledge to support their writing in Literacy.

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 subtraction, focusing on how to subtract across a 10 (e.g. 15 - 8). The children have worked hard on this new concept and are gaining confidence with both written and mental methods.

It's been a fantastic start to the second half of the term, and we're excited for all the learning yet to come!

Thank you for your continued support

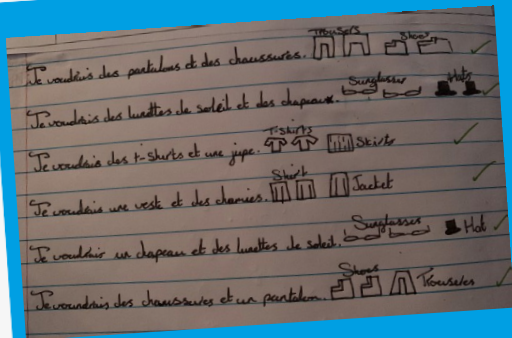


### Year 6

Year 6 has had a busy start to the term! In French, we began learning words for different types of clothing, practicing our new vocabulary. Next week, we have requested that the children bring in some items of clothing so that they can practice through fun games. We are also started swimming lessons, working on our strokes and confidence in the water.

In English, we're writing powerful poems about soldiers' lives in World War II, which ties into our history topic on the same period. Our class reader is also based around war time living and the situations that arose during wartime in Britain.

In Design and Technology, we're learning how to make tote bags, using a range of stitches in their completion. We will share these with you when we bring them home. Meanwhile, in maths, we've moved on to fractions, where we are applying maths fluency throughout. It's been a fantastic and full first week back!





# Attendance

Class	Attendance this week
Rainbowfish — YR	98.85
Seahorses — Y1	98.46
Jellyfish — Y2	99.17
Narwhals — Y3	95.9
Swordfish — Y4	94.03
Manta Rays — Y5	96.3
Dolphins — Y6	94.17
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.76

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

## Team Points

Running totals

Penrose: 3

Gibson: 1

Methleigh: 2

Cookworthy: 4

Our winners this week are the

**Cookworthy TEAM!**

**Well done!**



# ACCELERATED READER CHAMPIONS!

Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
438	17,115	159,869	273,110	136,409
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Ocean	Thea	Esmay	Ivy	John
100% achievers – Who has achieved their target?				
			Ivy	

$$y = mx + b$$

## Maths Whizz

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 21%

Narwhals: 48%

Swordfish: 96%

Manta Rays: 63%

Dolphins: 83%

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

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

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



# School Messages

## 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/>

## Panto Trip

On Friday 13th December we will be heading to the Hall for Cornwall to see Jack and the Beanstalk as a whole school trip. More information on this trip to follow.



## Coffee afternoon and support

Please see poster attached

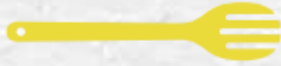
## Choir club

Please see post attached

Please check the diary dates for the dates for this years KS1 and EYFS performances

# Next Week's Menu

## WEEK 2



W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 13/01, 03/02, 24/02, 17/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Veggie Supreme Pizza</b> Served with Pesto Pasta	<b>Beef Bolognese</b> Served with Wholewheat Pasta	<b>Roast Chicken</b> Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Chicken and Vegetable Pie</b> Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	<b>Crispy Chicken Burger</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	<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>Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard</b>	<b>Crunchy Chocolate Mousse</b>	<b>Fruits of the Forest Jelly</b>	<b>Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding with Custard</b>	<b>Chocolate Cookie</b>

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

Vegetarian  
 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.

# Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 18th November	Coffee and support afternoon
Tuesday 10th December	EYFS performance afternoon
Tuesday 10th December	KS1 Performance 5.30pm
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Performance Afternoon
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS performance 5.30pm
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Fair
Friday 13th December	Jack and the beanstalk trip
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
18th - 20th June	Year 3 Residential
2nd - 4th June	Year 4 Residential
9th - 11th June	Year 5 Residential
14th July - 18th July	Year 6 Residential



There's a very good chance you've heard of Fortnite, but what exactly is it? And why is it so popular amongst young people? Fortnite is an online multiplayer "battle royale" game developed by Epic Games, and is playable on Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PC and mobiles. It gained popularity in late 2017 and has since become the biggest game in the world, thanks to its rapid and engaging gameplay. As with most games, Fortnite itself is a highly enjoyable and safe experience, but it pays to be vigilant, as the safety is not water tight.



# What parents need to know about FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE



## BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.



## IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.



## FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.



## SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



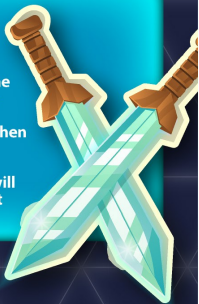
## CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.



## IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as teen, as it contains cartoony violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



# Top Tips For Parents

## BUYING V-BUCKS

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game



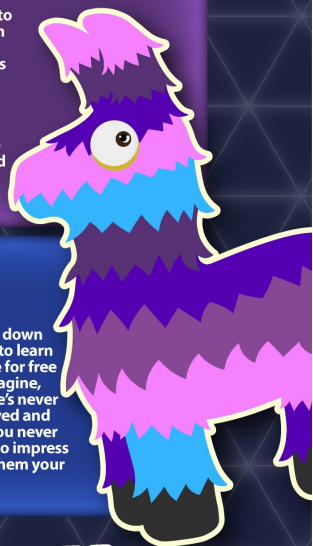
## GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real countermeasure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.



## LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of 'one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns; that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.



## TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.



## CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication; that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.



## PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!

## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



<https://www.theguardian.com/games/2018/mar/07/fortnite-battle-royale-parents-guide-video-game-multiplayer-shooter>, <https://www.psychguides.com/behavioral-disorders/video-game-addiction/>, <https://www.polygon.com/2018/3/23/17146848/cross-platform-crossplay-ps4-xbox-pc-switch-ios-mobile-enable-friends-compatible-matchmaking#7OIE7d>, <https://www.esrb.org/ratings/34948/Fortnite/>





# 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 28th November - Celebrations

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

# Coffee Afternoon & Support



Come along and meet our team of family, parent and family information service workers.

They are here to give advice, support and answer any questions you may have.



Porthleven School Hall  
Monday 18th November  
2-3pm



# The Porthleven Choir Crew

Join us for a fun musical adventure! If you love singing,  
we want YOU to be part of our choir!  
(Secure you place through ParentPay)

**Every Wednesday**  
**3.20 pm - 4 pm**



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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# Music Lessons



Singing lessons are now available at school, provided by CMST.

In order to get your child's musical journey underway please sign up on our website below or contact the singing tutor on:

[tlondon@cmst.co.uk](mailto:tlondon@cmst.co.uk)



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Learn Music.  
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# 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>.