



PORTHLEVEN NEWS

Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this first half-term, we want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful progress made by our school community. This term has been all about growth, learning, and working together, and we are proud of what we have achieved so far.

Feel Safe and Belong

Our top priority is ensuring that every child feels safe and has a sense of belonging. We're thrilled that the recently refurbished classrooms have been so well-received by both students and staff. The new, modern layouts have created a welcoming, inclusive environment where children can feel comfortable, supported, and ready to thrive in their learning.

We Learn

This term has seen remarkable learning progress across all year groups! Children have embraced their new classroom routines and produced work to be proud of. We've introduced new Reading and Math fluency interventions based on precision teaching with flashcards, and the results have been good, with many children showing significant progress.

We are also proud to see more students stepping into leadership roles—whether it's as Librarians, School Councillors, House Captains, or Levy Listeners who support younger students at lunchtimes. These opportunities are helping foster responsibility and give our pupils a voice in shaping their school experience. Our School Councillors have been busy surveying their peers about playground improvements for KS2, and next half term they will present their recommendations to the Trust.

We Can

We continue to nurture a culture of "We Can," encouraging students to take ownership of their learning. In our recent INSET training, we focused on building 'Self-efficacy'—the belief that one can influence the outcomes in their own life. Many children still view school as something that happens to them rather than something they can actively shape. Some even feel limited by their past experiences. We are committed to challenging this mindset because we know that when children believe their actions can make a difference, they are far more likely to succeed.

Thank you to the parents who joined with us to celebrate harvest at St Bartholomew's Church last week. The children put on a great show of singing, poetry recital and reading blessings. Thank you also for your donations of food, which we delivered to the Helston and Lizard Food Bank with the help of a group of children to learn how the food is distributed.

Finally, I hope many of you have signed up for the parent / teacher meetings taking place the first week of next half term. I will be present each afternoon so please feel free to ask me any questions that you may have.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term.

Dan Clayden

Headteacher

CLASSROOM

News

Reception

Part of our 'All about us' topic is learning about our local area. We have been learning about the different features we have in the village such as the clock tower, the harbour, Penrose woods and the beach. The children were great on our walk around the village last week and enjoyed watching the surfers on the reef. We noticed the blocks were down because of the swell and even spotted some boats that were familiar to some of the children. The children were eager to visit the ice cream shops in the village but sadly I had forgotten to take my purse this time! Back in the classroom, during our busy learning times, the children have really enjoyed representing what they saw in the village in a variety of ways through drawing, building, role play and junk modelling. They have really emersed themselves in their learning. This week the children, along with the rest of the school, ventured down to the Church to celebrate the Harvest Festival. Mrs Wortley and I were really proud of how sensible and responsible the children were on this trip. They were a pleasure to take. Don't forget Friday 25th October, you can come to our first family session at 2pm to join in with our busy learning time.



Year 4

This week, Swordfish Class completed their amazing 'drawing with scissors' projects, which involved crayoning backgrounds, covering them in black paint and washing-up liquid, followed by using scissors like pencils to slice through the black paint and create their images. The effect was bold, with the children's rainbow colours underneath shining through the black paint and adding a real impact to their creations.

We found the most successful results came from the crayon layer which had the most variety and consistency to its colouring – if there were any white gaps, the black paint didn't really come up as well. I hope the children might have a crack at this over half-term and see if they can create some more amazing 'drawing with scissors' pieces, that we could display for the whole class to see.

CLASSROOM

News

Year 1

The children in Seahorses class have been thoroughly enjoying their non-fiction writing about Autumn. We've had wonderful discussions about the changes in plants and animals during this season, as well as how humans feel in Autumn. This week, the children have been busy planning, and on Thursday, they will write their independent pieces, showcasing all the knowledge they've gathered.

In Maths, we have been exploring the **part-part-whole method**. The children have had the opportunity to engage with this concept practically before moving on to completing questions in their maths books. It's been great to see their confidence grow as they develop a deeper understanding of how numbers work.

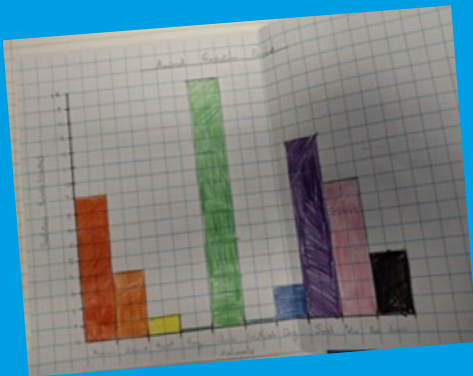
As we approach the end of our current art project, the children have enjoyed studying the works of **Kandinsky** and **Bridget Riley**. Their enthusiasm for art has been wonderful to witness, and many of the children have expressed how much they love their art lessons to both Mrs Bird and myself. It's been a joy to see their creativity flourish!



Year 5

It's been a long term, and the class has worked incredibly hard over the past 8 weeks. They've written exciting narrative pieces inspired by the book *The Explorer* and are currently working on biographies of people who interest them. We've just finished reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, which provided a fascinating insight into the life of a refugee boy and sparked many thought-provoking discussions. Year 5 maths has presented its challenges, but the children have stayed focused and made great progress. Please encourage everyone to keep practicing on Maths Whizz and TTR, as it reinforces the skills we're developing in class.

Our afternoons have been filled with a wide range of engaging topics. We explored the landscape around the UK's tallest mountains using a Geographical Information System (GIS) and built graphs to analyse the gestation periods of various animals. This hands-on learning has helped the class develop critical thinking and data interpretation skills across subjects.





Attendance

Class	Attendance this week
Rainbowfish — YR	100
Seahorses — Y1	94.51
Jellyfish — Y2	94.64
Narwhals — Y3	95.24
Swordfish — Y4	95.24
Manta Rays — Y5	99.47
Dolphins — Y6	97.62
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.47

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

Team Points

Running totals

Cookworthy: 19

Penrose: 20

Gibson: 14

Methleigh: 16

Our winners this week are the

PENROSE TEAM!

Well done!



ACCELERATED READER CHAMPIONS!

Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
	18,835	8,627	147,009	1,464,901
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
	George	Rupert	Bertie	Eli
100% achievers – Who has achieved their target?				
	Eliza, Arlo, Freddie	Lowen, Evie, Lottie, Esmay, Gracie	Sophia, Ivy, Ayva, Abigail, Bertie	John, Ewan, Felix, Jericho, Amelie, Dacey, Eli, Josie

Friday 18th October

Maths Whizz

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 20%

Narwhals: 52%

Swordfish: 70%

Manta Rays: 70%

Dolphins: 83%

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

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



ACCELERATED READER CHAMPIONS!

Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
	68,225	206,130	1,358,349	1,691,420
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
	Ben	Fern	Sophia	Eli
100% achievers – Who has achieved their target?				
	Eliza, Arlo, Freddie, Dougie,	Lowen, Evie, Lottie, Esmay, Gracie, Fern, Rupert	Sophia, Ivy, Ayva, Abigail, Bertie, Evelyn, Lowenna, Edie, Coral, Meryn, Kyla, Tommy	John, Ewan, Felix, Jericho, Amelie, Dacey, Eli, Josie, Tobias, Sonny

Thursday 24th October

Maths Whizz

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 25%

Narwhals: 33%

Swordfish: 85%

Manta Rays: 89%

Dolphins: 46%

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

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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/>

Cross Country Race 2

Tuesday 15th October Mullion School - Sign up form below

<https://forms.office.com/e/A4UpfVge1n>

Parent Meetings

Parent and Teacher consultations for all children including children with star plans, will take place week beginning Monday 4th November. Please book your time slot on the links below for your child.

Parent meetings will take place face to face in the school infant hall.

Reception - Rainbowfish

<https://forms.gle/c1DzGqcr7MW5GLpKA>

Year 1 - Seahorses

<https://forms.gle/c5ao8cjeVVkyaK5g9>

Year 2 - Jellyfish

<https://forms.gle/1d7XGrWiCZ6BzBxs5>

Year 3 - Narwhals

<https://forms.gle/MoMJR9Z5BT4fb64w6>

Year 4 - Swordfish

<https://forms.gle/p2b5Lf5e7H3rANhz9>

Year 5 - Manta Rays

<https://forms.gle/1MASXvVu1acS2n8L7>

Year 6 - Dolphins

<https://forms.gle/22X8duLj3QB9XsA6A>



Christmas School Messages

Christmas Card Project

Thank you to everyone that has ordered a Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs this year we have been given £163.50 commission to go towards our Christmas Panto.



The Cornish Cottage Holidays 2024 Christmas Card competition

We are delighted to launch our annual art competition, and we would love it if Porthleven school would like to take part!

This year, in celebration of the RNLI's 200th anniversary, we would like to invite local children to design us a Christmas card that not only celebrates the festive season, but also has a 'safety at sea' theme! Read our handy entry guide attached to find out more. Also attached is the entry form.

One lucky competition winner will win art supplies worth £50 and a bundle of Christmas cards in their design, plus their school or setting will receive £200 for its art department!

If you would like a printed entry form, please collect from the school office.

Porthleven school can submit entry forms, please drop to the school office by Monday 21st October to be scanned in and sent to be judged.



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.



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



Hear Music.
Learn Music.
Play Music.

Sign Up At:
[CMST.co.uk/signup](https://www.cmst.co.uk/signup)

For more information
head to:
[CMST.co.uk/learnmore](https://www.cmst.co.uk/learnmore)



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Next Term's Menu

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza 🍷 Served with Pesto Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
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Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🍷						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
DESSERT		Raspberry Jelly	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Flapjack with Fruit 🌱	Chocolate Brownie
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 🌱 Halal Available		

Please find the new full menu on the last page



LET'S ROCKET

Tuesday 5th November

MAINS
 Rocket Dog
 Veggie Rocket Dog

SIDES
 Chips
 Baked Beans
 Peas

DESSERT
 Rocky 'Rocket' Road

*Menus may be subject to change

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 24th October	Spooky Disco (see information attached)
Friday 25th October	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 4th October	First day of Autumn 2 term
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
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

PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL PTA



SPOOKY disco

Please join us at
Porthleven School

Thurs 24 Oct

EYFS & KS1 5-5.45pm

KS2 6-7 pm

**£2 per child
pay on the door**

free drinks
50p sweet bags available





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

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

CMST AT PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

RECORDER CLUB

FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES



£3 PER SESSION

LTHRUSSELL@CMST.CO.UK

WWW.CMST.CO.UK/SIGNUP



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MUSIC

Great News!

Guitar, Bass and Ukulele lessons with local musician Emilio Ayto are now available at Porthleven school that will be provided by Cornwall Music Service Trust.

In order to get your child's musical journey underway please sign up on our website: www.cmst.co.uk

For more information please email the tutor at: eyto@cmst.co.uk

Hear Music. Learn Music. Play Music.



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Learn The Ukulele
With Us

PARC EGLOS
SCHOOL
SATURDAY
MORNINGS
10:30-12

LET'S LEARN
AND PLAY!

LEARN:

- How to play ukulele
- Ukulele chords
- Basic strumming patterns

For more information, please contact:
SSCOTT@CORNWALLMUSICSERVICETRUST.ORG

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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



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>.

WEEK 1

AUTUMN/WINTER 2024

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DESSERT	Raspberry Jelly	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Flapjack with Fruit 🌱	Chocolate Brownie

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

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

WEEK 2

AUTUMN/WINTER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Veggie Supreme Pizza 🌱 Served with Pesto Pasta	Beef Bolognese 🍖 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Crispy Chicken Burger Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Vegetable Fajita 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles 🌱	Winter Vegetable Hotpot 🌱 Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Quorn Dippers 🌱 Served with Chips
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	Tomato Pasta 🍅 Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta 🌱				
	All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard 🍏	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding with Custard 🍊	Chocolate Cookie
	AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit				
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	🍏 Fruity! 🍓 Nutritionist's Choice 🐟 Oily Fish 🌱 Vegetarian 🌾 Wholegrain 🍎 Halal Available				

