

17, January, 2025

# PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

## School Camps

Payments for year 3,4,5 & 6 camps can be found on ParentsPay. We have added a suggested instalment plan, but payment can be made at any time over the next few months, with payment in full 2 weeks before the trips.

## Cross Country Race 4

Race 4 will be at HCC South Site on Tuesday 25th Feb. Results from this race are used to qualify for the Peninsula race in Pool.

## **DAILY THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- Water Bottle
- Coat
- Reading book and diary

## **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

PE Days

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



**INSET  
DAY**

### INSET DAY

Monday 24th  
February



# CLASSROOM

## News

### Year 2

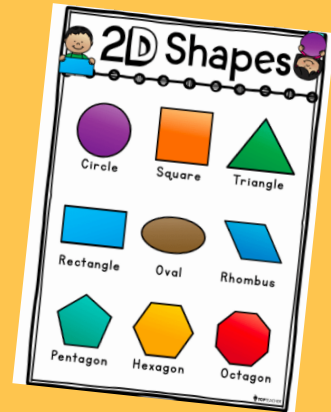
Happy New Year and welcome back! Jellyfish class has had a fantastic first week back after the Christmas break, and I am so pleased with the children's enthusiasm and progress. It has been a joy to see them back in class, engaged and eager to learn.

In Literacy, we've started a new unit based on the story of 'George and the Dragon'. I have been really impressed by the children's use of verbs, adjectives, and expanded noun phrases. Their writing has been full of creativity, and they've been doing a wonderful job of using descriptive language to bring the story to life. I'm excited to see how they continue to develop their writing skills as we progress with this unit.

In Maths, we've been focusing on 2D shapes, where the children have been learning to identify, count, and describe shapes based on their sides and vertices. They have been drawing shapes accurately using rulers on squared paper, which is helping them develop their fine motor skills and spatial awareness. We've also begun investigating lines of symmetry in shapes, and the children are becoming more confident in recognising symmetrical patterns.

In Geography, we've been exploring the weather and its various patterns. The children have been keeping a daily weather chart, noting down the temperature, cloud cover, wind speed, and other weather elements. This hands-on activity has really sparked their curiosity, and they've enjoyed observing how the weather changes each day.

In Science, we are continuing our study of Animals, including Humans. This week, we've focused on understanding the relationship between parents and offspring. The children have been looking at the life cycles of different animals and considering how animals care for their young. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to another exciting term with Jellyfish class!



### Year 5

This half term, our class are exploring the topic of 'Fair Trade' in Geography. The children are learning what trade means and discovering the challenges faced in poorer areas of the world. To deepen their understanding, we've tied this theme into our class reader, Kick, a gripping story set in Indonesia about football—a topic the class is already excited about!

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, and everyone is working incredibly hard. Well done Year 5!





# Attendance

Class	Attendance this week
Rainbowfish — YR	97.4
Seahorses — Y1	88.9
Jellyfish — Y2	98.1
Narwhals — Y3	99.6
Swordfish — Y4	98.4
Manta Rays — Y5	97.1
Dolphins — Y6	97.2
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.71%

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

## Team Points

Running totals

Penrose: 3

Gibson: 7

Methleigh: 4

Cookworthy: 6

Our winners this week are the  
**Cookworthy TEAM!**

**Well done!**



# ACCELERATED READER CHAMPIONS!

Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
<b>Class Weekly Word Count</b>				
38,387	44,667	239,573	266,484	148,142
<b>Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count</b>				
Charlie	Noah	Fern	Abigail	Felix
<b>100% achievers – Who has achieved their target?</b>				
Charlie		Fern, Lowen, Keira	Merryn, Abigail	John, Eli

## Maths Whizz

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Seahorse: 0%

Jellyfish: 54%

Narwhals: 59%

Swordfish: 100%

Manta Rays: 89%

Dolphins: 79%

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

$$y = mx + b$$

$$v =$$

$$ax$$

$$\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$$

$$2a$$

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

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



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

$$y$$

$$x =$$

# School Messages

## Reception Vision Screening

On Wednesday 29th January Reception children have their vision screening if you would like to opt out, please follow the link below.



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

## Donations

Reception and Nursery are looking for donations of clothing i.e. pants, socks, school trousers, skirts, tights, leggings and t-shirts. If your child has come home in any of reception or nursery clothing please can these be returned each time.

## Music Lessons

If you would like to sign your child up to music lessons at school please click the link below to sign up with The Cornwall Music Trust.

<https://cmst.co.uk/signup>

## School Places

School place applications for Reception September 2025 .

If you have not yet applied for your Nursery child to start school in September please do so by Wednesday 15th January after this date you will need to go through the second round later in the year.

## Bags2School

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 we have a collection from Bags2School.

Some items they are collecting, are good quality items for RE-USE:

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

For the full list please visit - <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



# BAG 2 SCHOOL

Items need to be dropped before 9am by the school gates on the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb if dry, If wet we will collect donations in the school hall. Unfortunately, we do not have the space and are unable to take donations before this date to store in school.

# Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 29th January	Reception Sight Tests
Monday 10th February	Autism Café with the Autism Team
Monday 17th - 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th February	Cross Country race 4 & Peninsula Qualifier
Tuesday 25th - 28th Feb	Parents evenings– more info to follow
Monday 7th –21st April	Easter Holidays
Thursday 8th May	INSET DAY
Monday 26th - 30th May	Half Term
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
Wednesday 23rd July	Last day of School

# Next Week's Menu

## WEEK 3

W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 20/01, 10/02, 03/03, 24/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> 	<b>Pork Sausages</b> Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	<b>Roast Beef</b> Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Chicken and Vegetable Korma</b>  Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
	<b>BBQ Quorn Fillet</b> Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Quorn Sausages</b> Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	<b>Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice</b>  Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta</b> 	<b>Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette</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 Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta</b>					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	<b>Chocolate Beet Brownie with Orange Slices</b>	<b>Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard</b>	<b>Sicilian Lemon Cookie with Fruit</b>	<b>Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard</b>	<b>Vanilla Ice Cream</b>

### PACKED LUNCH

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

# AUTISM CAFE

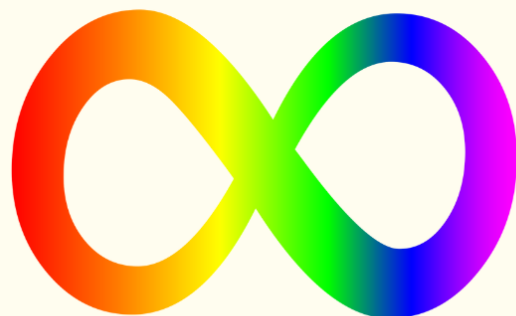
## MONDAY 10TH FEB 2025

### 2-3PM 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*





# CORNWALL TECH JAM

## ON TOUR



# THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

# CULDROSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**A FUN WAY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO  
LEARN TO CODE**

**AGES 7 +**

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT:**

**[WWW.CORNWALLFESTIVALOFTECH.CO.UK](http://WWW.CORNWALLFESTIVALOFTECH.CO.UK)**



Tech Cornwall's  
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OFTECH**





Inspiring Women Network Community Consultation Events  
**Gather, Share, Transform**  
**SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER**

Saturday 18th January  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday 23rd January  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Malpas Road  
Community Centre,  
Truro, TR1 1QR

***Join us for an interactive morning  
of connection, collaboration and change***

- ✓ Start the year with impact!
- ✓ Share your experiences and ideas
- ✓ Connect with other amazing women in Cornwall
- ✓ Use your voice to shape new services & initiatives
- ✓ Enjoy a delicious meal and receive a thank-you gift!

**REGISTER NOW**



Spaces are limited, so book your place today at:  
[www.inspiringwomennetwork.co.uk/consultation](http://www.inspiringwomennetwork.co.uk/consultation)  
Got questions? Contact:  
[community@inspiringwomennetwork.co.uk](mailto:community@inspiringwomennetwork.co.uk)



# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -  
please join us at our  
1hr online  
**Behaviour Workshop**

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm  
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm  
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm  
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm



*This workshop provides parents with  
practical strategies to foster positive  
behaviour and communication at  
home.*

To book a place please complete  
the online form **HERE**  
<https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40> or scan the QR code



**This workshop is open to parents/carers of  
primary aged children enrolled in Reception  
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall**

# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -  
please join us at our  
1hr online  
**Sleep Workshop**

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm  
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm  
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am &  
1.30pm  
Thursday 6th February - 11am &  
1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide  
psychoeducation on sleep hygiene  
and sleep routines. Also includes  
practical strategies for helping  
children

To book a place please complete  
the online form [HERE](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code



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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)**



# **Online neurodiversity group**

**2nd Thursday of the  
month  
1.30-2.30**

**14th Nov – Smiles Together  
12th Dec – Masking  
9th Jan – Food and Nutrition  
13th Feb – Bladder and  
Bowel team**

**For more information or to get the  
online meeting link:  
[info@homestartkernow.org.uk](mailto:info@homestartkernow.org.uk)**



# 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>.



# Wassail!

Saturday 18th January 2025  
4pm - 8pm

Bless, Protect & Celebrate!

Kehelland Trust Orchards TR14 ODE

Music, Dancing, Cider,  
Food & More

\*sliding scale for entry from £8/£4 adult. Child. No booking required just come along ready to eat, drink, dance & be merry. Dress for the weather!