

24, January, 2025

# PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

## School Camps

Payments for year 3,4,5 & 6 camps can be found on ParentPay. 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.



**INSET  
DAY**

### INSET DAY

Monday 24th  
February

## **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



# CLASSROOM

## News

### Nursery

Angelfish have had a busy and productive start to this half term. Our topic for the half term is "Everyday Superhero's". We began the topic by looking at how our important people help us at home and the ways in which they help us. The children confidently shared with each other the ways their grown ups help them at home. We learnt some of the delicious meals that were cooked for them. Last week we looked at the people who help them in the school environment. We had a visit from one of the school cooks who told us about her job and the way she helps in the school. She brought in the special protective gloves they must wear when using sharp knives and the children enjoyed trying these on. She also came with hairnets for the children to have and explained the purpose of these. This week we have begun learning about "Everyday superhero's" in our community. The children have learnt about how our rubbish is collected and taken to be recycled, how letters are collected and delivered, we even got to speak to the post lady when she came to deliver post to the school. We have looked at how builders help us and the huge range of things that can be built, the children had a go at designing and building their own buildings with a range of resources. We have finished the week learning about farmers and we were lucky enough to have a farmer come in with his tractor to talk about how he helps us by producing food. The children have continued to work hard during maths and phonics time and have become great at clapping the syllables in words through a variety of games. Our new furniture in our home corner has been enjoyed and we have been cooked some fantastic and interesting meals by the children.



### Year 3

Last week, we had some furry visitors to class! Mrs Blight brought in her guinea pig babies that were born on Christmas day and their mother Pancake. She talked to class about their birth, their habitat, their diet and how to care for them properly. Narwhals class have had a fascination with Guinea pigs since year 2 so it was lovely for us to be able to see some babies up close!

In science this half term, we are studying skeletons. We have learnt about the names of different bones that make up our skeletons and why we have them. Yesterday, we were measuring our femur bones in our legs and finding out if children with longer femurs were able to jump further. We investigated this by taking turns jumping and measuring the jumps. The children made sure this was a fair test by all jumping from the same point. We found that the length of the femur didn't always matter as one of the longest jumps was from someone with the shortest femur!

We are also busy in literacy writing our own adventure stories based on our work on 'The Secret of the Black Rock' with the children's characters sneaking away on exciting journeys to mountains, volcanoes and islands and trying to get home safely.





# Attendance

Class	Attendance this week
Rainbowfish — YR	95.4
Seahorses — Y1	96.6
Jellyfish — Y2	95.8
Narwhals — Y3	96.7
Swordfish — Y4	97.8
Manta Rays — Y5	89.5
Dolphins — Y6	97.9
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.74%

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

## Team Points

Running totals

Penrose: 5

Gibson: 11

Methleigh: 7

Cookworthy: 7

Our winners this week are the

**Gibson TEAM!**

**Well done!**



# 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>

## 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.

## As a reminder to parents.

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.

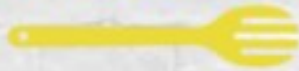
# Diary Dates

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 1

W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 06/01, 27/01, 10/03, 31/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	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
JACKET POTATO	Cheesy Bean Burrito  	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Pesto Pasta	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	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 sauce with penne pasta 					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie

### PACKED LUNCH

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

# AUTISM CAFE

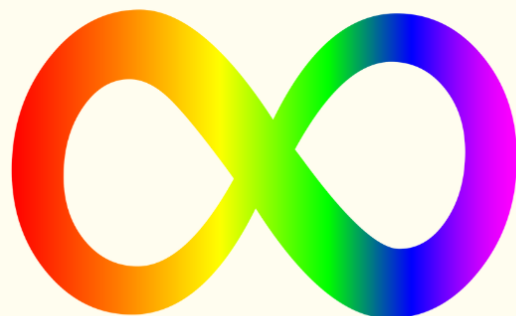
## MONDAY 10TH FEB 2025

### 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  
**FESTIVAL  
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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# Rising STARS

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THEATRE



BOOK BY  
DENNIS KELLY

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
TIM MINCHIN

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**21-22 February 2025**  
**St John's Hall, Penzance**

**BOOKING OPENS 2ND DECEMBER 2024**  
**01736 810181**  
**MINACK.COM**

MATILDA JR IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI).  
ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI. WWW.MTISHOWS.COM



# 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>.



# 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!