



PORTHLEVEN NEWS

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent parent meetings! Your engagement and support mean so much to us, and it's wonderful to work together in helping our children thrive. These meetings are an important part of building strong home-school relationships, and we truly appreciate your time and input.

As we continue striving to make Porthleven School the best it can be, we'd love to hear your thoughts. Please take a few minutes to complete our Parent Survey—your feedback is invaluable in shaping the future of our school.

Your views help us celebrate what's working well and identify areas where we can grow. The survey is quick, completely anonymous, and open until 10th March. Please use the QR code to link to our survey.

Thank you again for being such a vital part of our school community. Your support makes all the difference!

Best wishes,

Dan Clayden
Headteacher



Cross Country Race 4

Huge congratulations to all the Year 4, 5, and 6 children who participated in the cross-country race at Helston School and qualified for the Peninsula final

The final at Pool School will take place on Monday 10th March 4-5pm.

Also, a big shout-out to the Year 3 children as well for contributing to Porthleven School's success and bringing home some great points.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will be available to book on ParentPay after school Monday..

Please log on to view available clubs

PE Days

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



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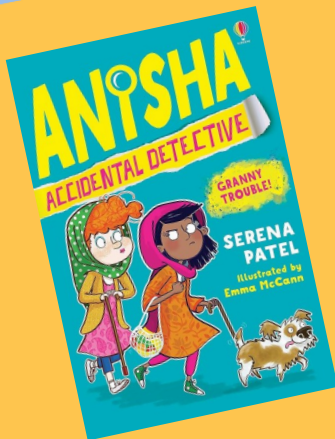
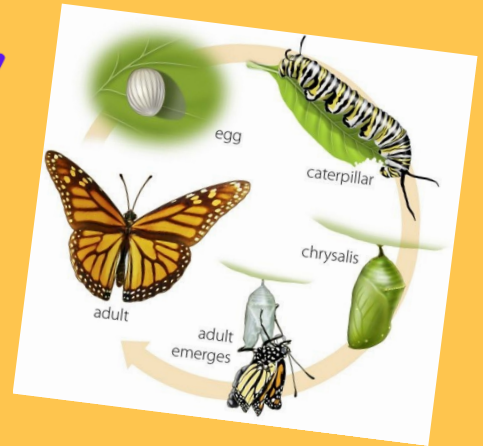
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Year 1

Rainbowfish class have started the half term well, settling into their routines and embracing new challenges with enthusiasm and curiosity. They've been diving into phonics, writing and maths with great energy. This half term's topic, "Ready, Steady, Grow!" has sparked lots of excitement, with the children learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly in preparation for the arrival of their own class butterfly eggs next week. During busy learning time, they were inspired to create their own butterflies and chrysalis.

Our book of the week has been Jack and the Beanstalk. In maths, the children had fun making beanstalks and comparing them to see who could create the tallest one. On Tuesday, the children came back to find golden eggs hidden by the golden hen! They spent the week writing messages for one another and hiding them around the classroom. In addition, the children have been exploring time, learning about how long a minute is, and sequencing events. They even made jam or lemon curd sandwiches while discussing the steps—what to do first, next and last.

Next week, we're looking forward to reading Farmer Duck and learning to make the numbers 9 and 10. We're also excited to see many parents at our maths session on Tuesday to see how they can support their children with their maths at home!



Year 3

This week, Narwhals class began exploring our new writing unit on Ancient Egyptians and mummification for our explanation text. This links to our history topic, where we will learn about hieroglyphics and how the Ancient Egyptians relied on the River Nile. To start, we created our own timeline of key events from this fascinating period.

In our reading lessons, we started our new class reader, Anisha, Accidental Detective: Granny Trouble! by Serena Patel. As a sequel to a book the class read in Year 2, the children already have a great understanding of the interesting characters, and Anisha's adventure continues!

For French, we made a great start learning the words for pets. The class enjoyed playing interactive board games to practice the new vocabulary and they will carry out a class survey about animals next week.





Attendance

Class	Attendance this week
Rainbowfish — YR	91.2
Seahorses — Y1	96.3
Jellyfish — Y2	99.4
Narwhals — Y3	100
Swordfish — Y4	100
Manta Rays — Y5	94.9
Dolphins — Y6	97
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.86

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

Team Points

Running totals

Penrose: 3

Gibson: 2

Methleigh: 4

Cookworthy: 1

Our winners this half term are the
Methleigh TEAM!

Well done!



ACCELERATED READER CHAMPIONS!

Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
128,840	36,409	356,759	736,232	246,982
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Charlie	George	Lowen	Fflur	Tobias
100% achievers – Who has achieved their target?				
Charlie		Lowen	Ivy, Eveyn, Fflur, Ayva	Tobias

$$y = mx + b$$

Maths Whizz

Below is our weekly progression for each class! 

Seahorse: 4/27

Jellyfish: 9/24

Narwhals: 16/27

Swordfish: 27/27

Manta Rays: 27/28

Dolphins: 19/24

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

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

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



World Book Day

On **Thursday, 6th March**, we are celebrating **World Book Day**, and we invite all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

Additionally, we're excited to announce a creative competition – we challenge students to create their favourite book character out of vegetables! It's a fun opportunity to get imaginative and show off your child's creativity.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes and vegetable creations!

Book club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/porthleven/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by March 6th, 2025**.



6th March

World Book Day

🥕 **Vegetable Book Character Competition!**
🎨 **Get creative! Prizes for the most imaginative designs! ⭐**

You can still dress up as your favourite book character too!

School Messages

Design a Logo for the Cornish Seal Sanctuary's 50th Anniversary!

The Seal Sanctuary is inviting schools across Cornwall to join us in celebrating this incredible milestone by getting involved in our logo design competition.

This is a unique opportunity to inspire creativity, raise awareness about marine conservation, and connect young learners with the Sanctuary's mission to protect seals and the wonderful marine life that calls Cornwall home

Title: Design our '50 years of the Cornish Seal Sanctuary at Gweek' logo. **Who Can Participate?** Primary school-aged children KS1-KS2 **Submission Deadline:** 31st March 2025

How to Submit: All we ask is that artwork should fit onto an A4 piece of paper (template included) any art medium can be used...paint, pens, chalk, collage, embroidery...whatever you like!

Email scanned or digital images of designs to jasmine.chater@sealifetrust.com. Please include "50th Anniversary Logo" as the subject, and school and class information in the body of the email.

By Post; FAO Jasmine Chater/50th logo comp, The Cornish Seal Sanctuary, Gweek, Cornwall TR12 6UG

If you would like a printed entry form, please pop to the school office.

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>

Maths Games Workshop for Reception & Year 2 Parents/Carers

We are excited to invite reception to join us for a Maths Games Workshop on Tuesday 4th March and Year 2 on Thursday, 6th March at 8:45 AM. This one-hour session will be led by Mrs. Power, our School Maths Lead.

During the workshop, you will learn a variety of engaging and fun maths games that you can play with your child at home. These games will be sent home weekly over the next five weeks, giving you the chance to support your child's learning in an enjoyable and interactive way.

To help us plan for the workshop, please let us know if you are able to attend by completing the form linked below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Yrv8T1vMu4>

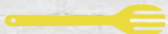
As a reminder to parents about attendance

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.



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	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Pre orders only	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	BBQ Quorn Fillet Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy		Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette 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		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade			Pasta with penne pasta and two vegetables	
	All main meals available				
DESSERT	Chocolate Beet Brownie with Orange Slices	Pancakes	Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard	Vanilla Ice Cream	

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

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.



American Pancakes served with

Lemon and Sugar
or
Chocolate Spread

Tuesday 4th March

*Menus may be subject to change

GOOL PERAN LOWEN!
ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 5th March

Menu

Traditional Steak Pasty
or Cheese and Onion Pasty

Hevva Cake

Jacket Potato available on request




Pasties were taken down the mines by the adults and children who worked there; the shape and size made them ideal for carrying. It's distinctive D shape with the crust acting as a handle, which was discarded to prevent contaminating the food with grubby, possibly arsenic-ridden hands

At Proper Cornish we are passionate about quality pastry, filled with great tasting ingredients, made properly in Cornwall for people who love food.

We are passionate and honest about where our ingredients come from. At Proper Cornish, we believe in supporting our local farmers. Our swede comes from Hayle, courtesy of Trevor Goldsworthy's family run farm, our potatoes come from third generation farmer Chris Duxlow from Par and our onions are grown by Anthony West of Toppoint. Cornwall grows some of the highest quality produce in the world, so why go anywhere else?

Chartwells

St.Pirans Day Pasty Order Form

On Wednesday 5th March we will be celebrating St.Piran's day with a pasty lunch.

Available on this day will be Steak Pasty, Cheese & Onion Pasty or a Jacket Potato.

To Order a lunch please click the link below before Wednesday 12 February.

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



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>.