Friday 27th November 2026

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,
As we begin to build towards the most magical time of the year, there is a real sense of excitement and Christmas spirit around school! The children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas Cafés and Carol Service, while our Singing Club are looking forward to performing at the Mayor's Christmas Carol Service.
There is so much to look forward to, including Santa's on the Run, Christmas Jumper Day, our Christmas dinner and, of course, our Christmas Fayre next Friday! We are loving seeing the enthusiasm, joy and festive sparkle around school and look forward to welcoming you all to join us in celebrating this wonderful time of year with our school community. 🎄

CROSS-COUNTRY

Our Cross-Country team took part in their second race of the season this week. Over the same tough course at Penrice, every runner worked hard and showed real determination.
A special mention to our two 'top 3' runners - Well done to Ruby for finishing in second place in the Year 6 girls' race, and Bella for finishing in first place in the Year 5 girls' race.
Anyone who achieves a top 5 placing qualifies for the next round (Ruby, Bella and Rhiann so far), and with one race to go, there is still a chance to qualify.

Well done to everyone who has run for the school, and to everyone who attends cross-country club on a Monday lunchtime - 30 pupils last week!

STAR LEARNERS

Join us in celebrating children who have shone in their learning, effort and attitude this week

POTTER CLASS

FREYA D

for working hard in Read, Write, Inc and trying her best in all that she does

MRS RUNDLE | R/Y1

KAHLO CLASS

CELAEB

for working independently during writing lessons and showing improved letter formation

MRS VINE | Y1/Y2

ARMSTRONG CLASS

EMILY

for relentless positivity and hard work

MRS SCOTLAND | SB

GOODALL CLASS

LOWENNA

for working hard on all her independent learning

MRS NEWNES | Y3/Y4

EARHART CLASS

ZARA

for working hard on her Biography, listening and answering questions

MRS JOLLIFF | Y4/Y5

OWENS CLASS

PIPER

for working consistently hard across all subject areas

MR DAWES / MR MARTIN Y6

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Join us in celebrating children who have demonstrated the British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance

POTTER CLASS

AAHANA

for always being kind and helpful

MRS RUNDLE | R/Y1

KAHLO CLASS

AMAIYAH

for always helping her friends and being so kind

MRS VINE | Y1/Y2

GOODALL CLASS

LILLIE-MAE

for always following the school rules

MRS NEWNES | Y3/Y4

EARHART CLASS

ARTHUR

for always being kind and respectful

MRS JOLLIFF | Y4/Y5

OWENS CLASS

LIV

for showing kindness and consideration to others

MR DAWES / MR MARTIN Y6

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Top Class for Attendance EYFS / KS1

Potter



Top Class for Attendance KS2

Goodall



Most improved Attendance

Owens

TARGET: 96%

Whole School Attendance Snapshot

96%

Leave during term time

We understand that there are occasions when families need to request exceptional leave for their child during term time.

In such cases, it is essential to submit an absence form well in advance. These are available at the school office and on our website.

We will only authorised these requests in exceptional circumstances, and we will review each application on a case-by-case basis.

Please be aware that taking unauthorised leave may mean you become liable for a fine. To help you plan ahead, term dates are available on the school website.

Coming up at Pondhu

View Full Calendar

1 Tuesday 1st December	Year 6 trip Wheal Martyn Year 3/4/5 trip Morwellham Quay
2 Wednesday 2nd December	Reception trip Santa train
4 Friday 4th December	Christmas Fayre Singing Club Carol Concert 5.30 pm

Please note : There will be no after school club on Friday 18th December

TERM DATES 2026-2027
Autumn Term 2026

Saturday 19th December 2026 - Sunday 3rd January 2027: Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2027
Monday 4th January 2027 - Term Begins
Saturday 13th February 2027 - Sunday 21st February 2027: Half-term
Friday 26th March 2027 (Bank Holiday) - Sunday 11th April 2027: Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2027
Monday 12th April 2027: Term Begins
Monday 3rd May 2027: Bank Holiday
Saturday 29th May 2027 - Sunday 6th June 2027: Half-term
Friday 23rd July 2027: Final Day of Term

Christmas Events 2026

Nursery Christmas Cafe - Tuesday 15th December @ 9.00 am

Reception/Year1 Christmas Cafe - Monday 14th December @ 2.15 pm

Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Cafe - Wednesday 16th December @ 2.15 pm

Specialist Base Christmas Cafe - Wednesday 16th December @ 2.15 pm

KS2 Cinema trip - Wednesday 16th December

KS2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church Tuesday 8th December @ 2.00 pm

Mayor's Carol Concert @ St.John's Methodist Church - Friday 4th December @ 6.00 pm

Santa's on the run - Tuesday 15th December @ 1.30 pm

Christmas Dinner (Christmas jumper day) - Thursday 17th December



Virtual Classroom

Links for home practice

WB: 23.11.2026

Please use the videos below to practise the sounds your children have been learning this week with them at home. Your child will know which group they are in based on the colour books they are reading, and which adult leads the group. This will indicate which films they should be watching. If you have any questions about Virtual Classroom, please ask Mrs Vine.

Colour Group RWI Teacher	Sounds or skills	Links
Group A/B Mrs Rundle	l h r j x Fred Game	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2YuinYoH/V2Lgu4gO https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7kTrlLJA/uuxOc7ww https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/71vS46z8/9hmUfstK https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/wporTJ2G/p7kXoZTP https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Oz4reKnL/IcuxPHT3 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MMal8MId/Ew9rwJd0
Group C Mrs Rundle	l h r j x word time	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2YuinYoH/V2Lgu4gO https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7kTrlLJA/uuxOc7ww https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/71vS46z8/9hmUfstK https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/wporTJ2G/p7kXoZTP https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Oz4reKnL/IcuxPHT3 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GwAhgVyY/kofj2z5G
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Purple Group Mrs Chappell/ Mrs Vine	oy ay ow word challenge	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vd8EcN99/4rhjxQI1 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Mw0hJVDr/c060qXX3 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4sbJd3at/KTUMQUSb https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XPnUZs1F/qgCTrLQ0 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BIhN2fXE/jjVeoawj

	speeding up word reading	
Orange Group Mrs Hackworth	kn ure e-e word challenge speeding up word reading	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BFrtHf8d/Tenvst8U https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HAIdXoYj/zm0cW7YY https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HHorkpaB/2CDtL4VP https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6Apc1YC3/SSfJ2X1a https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/LiDeRuUq/i79QtwlH
Yellow Group Miss Maskell	ure ue ie word challenge speeding up word reading	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HAIdXoYj/zm0cW7YY https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/erbcrjoy/0TeFyxnN https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/LUdTW6gE/Oa2Pkl8r https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6Apc1YC3/SSfJ2X1a https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rZgRADwl/wmachpnB
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