



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to congratulate all of our children on the fantastic attitude and resilience they have shown. Despite the exceptionally high temperatures, they have continued to work hard, stay focused and give their best in lessons. They have also coped remarkably well with the disappointment of cancelled trips and changes to routines, including being unable to play outside during the hottest parts of the day. Their maturity, adaptability and positive outlook have been a credit to both themselves and our school community, and we are incredibly proud of how they have handled these challenging circumstances.

PENRICE MATHS WORLD CUP



On Thursday, our Year 5 team of Kai, Charlotte, Tochukwu, Piper, Jordan and Izzy took part in a series of Maths challenges against 7 other teams at the Penrice Maths World Cup. All six pupils worked brilliantly together as a very strong team and completed every activity and every challenge with 100 percent accuracy. We finished a very respectable 4th overall - congratulations to Biscovey who ended up as eventual winners, pipping us with the speed they completed the last challenge. Well done to everyone involved in tackling such a great range of tricky problem-solving activities!

Mr Martin



NURSERY FATHERS DAY PICNIC

This week, we were delighted to welcome dads and other important people in our children's lives to join us for a special Father's Day picnic at nursery. Families enjoyed spending quality time together in our sand and water garden, exploring, playing, and making special memories. After lots of fun and laughter, everyone enjoyed sharing some delicious fruit and cake together. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon so special.



RECEPTION/ YEAR 1/ YEAR 2 TRIP

Reception and KS1 had a wonderful trip to Heligan Gardens, where they enjoyed exploring the beautiful grounds and discovering the many plants and wildlife that live there. During the visit, the children learned all about pollination and why bees and other pollinators are so important for helping plants grow. They took part in exciting activities, asked lots of thoughtful questions, and had a fantastic day learning outdoors. It was clear just how much the children enjoyed the experience, with one child declaring, "It was the best day of my life!" and another saying, "It was the most fun ever!"



Star Learners



The children have been fantastic this week and they have been chosen for a variety of reasons.

Reception – Archie for being so enthusiastic and inquisitive on the trip

Year 1 – Nancy for working hard with all of her learning and always showing a positive attitude

Year 2 – Grace for always striving to do her very best with whatever task she is given

Year 3 – Ava for working so hard with her learning this week

Year 4 – Eloise for always being a great learner and friend to all

Year 5 – Jensen for working hard and presenting his work well in every subject

Year 6 – Jake for his enthusiasm and performance during our rehearsals

Well done everyone!

QUAD KIDS SPORTING EVENT

On Monday, a group of Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Quad Kids event at Poltair School. During the event, the children competed against pupils from other schools in a range of disciplines, including running, jumping, throwing and the relay. They showed great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork throughout the day, representing the school brilliantly and enjoying the opportunity to take part in a fun and active sporting event.



ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Attenborough

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 93.4%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 92.1%

Attenborough (Y3) – 97%

Franklin (Y4) – 85.4%

Shackleton (Y5) – 92.8%

QEII (Y6) – 83.3%

Whole School – 89.4%



SPORTS DAYS

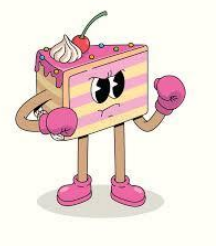
Sports days have been rescheduled for :

Nursery, Reception and KS1 : Thursday 9th July 1.30 – 2.30

Key Stage 2: Wednesday 8th July 1.30 – 2.30



PONDHU SPORTS FESTIVAL



🏆 Bake Like a Champion! 🏆

We are inviting children and families to get creative in the kitchen and design a sports-themed baked creation. Entries can include:

- Cakes
- Cupcakes
- Biscuits
- Any other sports-inspired baked treats

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their creativity, baking skills, and sporting spirit.

Competition Details

📅 Date: Wednesday 1st July 2026

📍 Location: Pondhu Primary School

🍰 Theme: Sports

Competition Categories

- EYFS & Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2
- Adults

Please bring all entries into school on the day of the competition. After judging has taken place, all cakes and baked goods will be sold at the Sports Festival.

👑 We are very lucky to have Jake from Jake's Bakes coming into school to do the judging. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category and these have very kindly been donated by Jake's Bakes.

Whether your creation is inspired by football, basketball, athletics, swimming, or any other sport, we can't wait to see your amazing ideas.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to celebrating your wonderful baking talents!



BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Mila for being sensible and helpful on the trip
Year 1 / 2 – Alaynah for making fantastic choices on the trip and finding great activities to entertain herself
Year 3 – Cameron for always following our Golden Rules
Year 4 – Jago for being a respectful class member
Year 5 – Isla for a week of being incredibly helpful and kind to others
Year 6 – Tommy for being so respectful during PSHE



Well done to our British values champions!

SUMMER 2 TRIPS

Friday 10th July Year 3 Eden Project

REMINDER

Friday 3rd July is a school inset day for staff training. The children will return to school on Monday 6th July.

Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom



Please find this week's Virtual Classroom video links in the document newsletter. These links enable children in Reception to Year 3 to practise their reading skills with you at home. They directly link to the skills they have been learning during their daily Read Write Inc sessions. You should be able to just click on the hyperlinks within the document and be taken straight to a video clip. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each week, find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop, phone or tablet and praise your child as they join in with the lesson. Please see the diary dates for the upcoming parent information sessions where you can find out more information about Read Write Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 1st July – New reception 'Stay and Play' 10.30-12.00

Wednesday 1st July – Sports festival 2.30 – 4.30

Friday 3rd July – CELT Inset Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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