

Friday 25th September 2026

# NEWSLETTER



Pondhu  
Primary School



**Rachel Clift**  
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had in school! We are incredibly proud of the hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitudes the children have shown throughout the week. It has been wonderful to see them embracing their learning, challenging themselves and demonstrating our school values each day. This term we have reviewed our school vision, mission and values and would like to share these with you.

Our vision is: **Inspiring every child to believe, achieve and thrive**

Our mission

- Every child will receive an exceptional educational experience.
- Every child will be supported to reach their full potential.
- Children and their families will always be welcome as part of the Pondhu family.
- All children will have the opportunity for enriching experiences.
- Our children will experience the unique landscape in which they live.
- Our children will develop the social, emotional and communication skills needed for life
- All children will leave our school prepared for the next stage of their education and with a sound knowledge of further education opportunities.
- All children will leave the school with a firm understanding of how to lead a healthy lifestyle.
- At Pondhu all children and staff will feel safe and valued.

# OUR VALUES

**P – Perseverance:** Encouraging students to have ambition, raise their aspirations and keep striving, even in the face of challenges

**O – Opportunity:** Creating opportunities for every child to explore, succeed and realise their full potential

**N – Nurturing:** Providing a caring and supportive environment for every child

**D – Diversity:** Celebrating the uniqueness and talents of all students, fostering inclusivity

**H – Honesty:** Promoting integrity, truthfulness, and ethical behaviour

**U – Understanding:** Building empathy and compassion for others, fostering strong relationships.

We are delighted to have started our new programme of clubs this week! It has been wonderful to see so many children getting involved, trying new activities and enjoying time with their friends. Our clubs provide fantastic opportunities for children to develop new skills, discover new interests and build confidence outside the classroom. We are looking forward to seeing the children continue to enjoy these experiences and make lots of wonderful memories throughout the year!



# STAR LEARNERS

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



POTTER CLASS  
**FRASER**

for being a keen learner and showing excellent Fred Talk in Read Write Inc

MRS RUNDLE | R/Y1



KAHLO CLASS  
**ROMAN**

for being a sensible, inquisitive and enthusiastic learner.

MRS VINE | Y1/Y2



ARMSTRONG CLASS  
**EMILY**

for settling into school so well and joining in with so many activities with a smile this week

MRS NEWNES | Y3/Y4



GOODALL CLASS  
**MOLLY**

for hard work, great listening and growing independence

MRS NEWNES | Y3/Y4



EARHART CLASS  
**JAMES**

for working hard and being an enthusiastic learner

MRS JOLLIFF | Y4/Y5



OWENS CLASS  
**JACK**

for working so hard at improving his understanding in both English and Maths

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  
**PARKER**

for consistently being a kind,  
helpful and sensible member of  
the class

MRS RUNDLE | R/Y1



KAHLO CLASS  
**AYLA**

for showing tolerance and  
resilience when things are tricky

MRS VINE | Y1/Y2



GOODALL CLASS  
**ETHAN**

for being a respectful member of  
our class

MRS NEWNES | Y3/Y4



EARHART CLASS  
**RILEY**

for always being respectful

MRS JOLLIFF | Y4/Y5



OWENS CLASS  
**PIPER**

for being so consistently kind and  
helpful to others in class

MR DAWES / MR MARTIN Y6

# AUTHOR VISIT

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Julie Sykes (the author of Luna Grace girl from outer space) is visiting Pondhu to speak to our Year 2 and Year 3 children.



If you would like to pre-order a book for your child then please click on the following link - [Julie Sykes School Visits - Luna Grace - Reading Rocks](#) or scan the bar code below



## SCAN ME

**RRP £7.99**

**OUR  
PRICE  
£6.50**

The children will have the opportunity to get their book signed by Julie Sykes

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Top Class for Attendance EYFS / KS1  
**Kahlo**



Top Class for Attendance KS2  
**Goodall**



Most improved Attendance  
**Potter**



**TARGET: 96 %**

Whole School Attendance Snapshot  
**94.8%**

## 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 authorise 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.



## **Virtual Classroom**

### **Links for home practice WB: 21.9.2026**

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.

| <b>Colour Group<br/>RWI Teacher</b>      | <b>Sounds or<br/>skills</b>                                                          | <b>Links</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Reception<br>Mrs Rundle                  | i<br>n<br>p<br>g<br>o<br>Fred game                                                   | <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/87y8hkwN/5gY7A8kb">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/87y8hkwN/5gY7A8kb</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/80gpLE7F/RFTy0BGD">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/80gpLE7F/RFTy0BGD</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YkFAJPwm/SRq3fjd8">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YkFAJPwm/SRq3fjd8</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YkFAJPwm/SRq3fjd8">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YkFAJPwm/SRq3fjd8</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/G2wqH6bC/HmS2kkFv">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/G2wqH6bC/HmS2kkFv</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/00mvL7wd/37fuGKgh">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/00mvL7wd/37fuGKgh</a> |
| Green Group<br>Mrs Chappell/ Mrs<br>Vine | ay<br>ow<br>oo (look)<br>speeding up<br>word reading                                 | <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8Mj5b4qY/sfxDUH0a">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8Mj5b4qY/sfxDUH0a</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GY7kcoZB/lwbCBnoJ">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GY7kcoZB/lwbCBnoJ</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TGI4pXqj/4yE5MjyN">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TGI4pXqj/4yE5MjyN</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sTdzMYeg/MfUcohgg">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sTdzMYeg/MfUcohgg</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Pink/Orange Group<br>Mrs Hackworth       | are<br>ow<br>ai<br>word challenge<br>speeding up<br>word reading                     | <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jtie5tc r/wY5jdZA2">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jtie5tc r/wY5jdZA2</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Z0nU7vwV/PluOncCu">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Z0nU7vwV/PluOncCu</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/87aXj jkq/V5T2sHXv">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/87aXj jkq/V5T2sHXv</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/z0STFfLB/uszebxiy">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/z0STFfLB/uszebxiy</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iLaloQnW/fFxeiEh">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iLaloQnW/fFxeiEh</a>                                                                                                                                              |
| Yellow/ Blue Group<br>Mrs Bailey         | ow/o-e/oa<br>oo/u-e/ew<br>red words<br>word challenge<br>speeding up<br>word reading | <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/es1yHCB/03y71dxU">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/es1yHCB/03y71dxU</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nrWlJXQz/2IEFKrim">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nrWlJXQz/2IEFKrim</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ao5vmmo0/nJL3Rp0o">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ao5vmmo0/nJL3Rp0o</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/T9RxP5H3/TXH5sCLE">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/T9RxP5H3/TXH5sCLE</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VyC96G8j/4RQIGQ7M">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VyC96G8j/4RQIGQ7M</a>                                                                                                                                                  |



[View Full Calendar](#)

## Coming up at Pondhu



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Pondhu Harvest Festival



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Y3/4 Rugby at Penrice



Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Y3/4 and Y5/6 Football vs Gorran  
Y5/6 Netball vs Gorran



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September -  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Bikeability Y6 / Y4

### TERM DATES 2026-2027

#### Autumn Term 2026

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026 - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026: Half-Term

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2026 - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2027: Christmas Holidays

#### Spring Term 2027

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 - Term Begins

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2027 - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2027: Half-term

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 (Bank Holiday) - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2027: Easter Holidays

#### Summer Term 2027

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027: Term Begins

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027: Bank Holiday

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2027 - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2027: Half-term

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027: Final Day of Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September will be our school Harvest Festival. We are collecting food for the St.Austell Foodbank from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

# HARVEST FESTIVAL



## ***Help support your food bank this Harvest***

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 110 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

# ***Harvest appeal***

## ***Donate food***



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

## ***Shopping list***

Tinned meat

Tinned fruit

Pasta sauces

Small instant coffee

Milk (Long Life)

Biscuits

Fruit juice (long-life)

Tinned rice-pudding

Tinned soup

Jam

***St Austell Foodbank***

**staustell.foodbank.org.uk**

Registered Limited Company in England & Wales 1128866



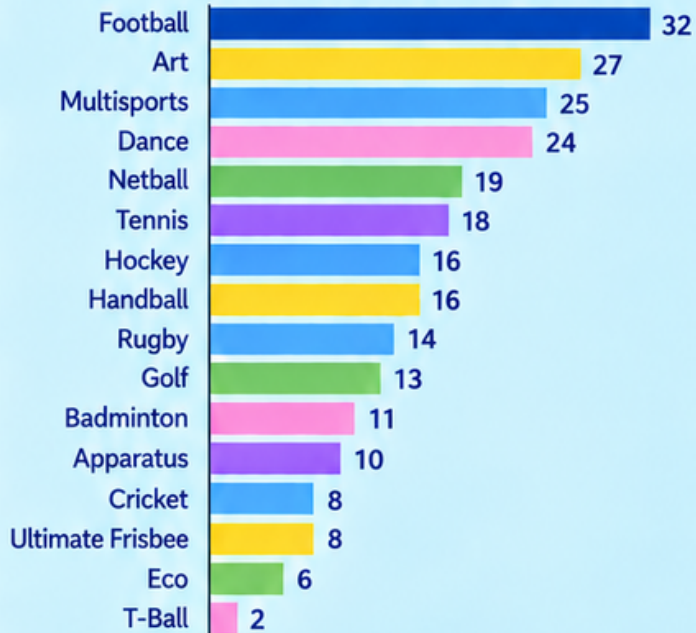


# Pondhu School You Said, We Did!

Thank you to everyone who completed our after-school club survey.  
Your feedback helps us to shape an exciting and varied club offer for all our children.

## Which clubs would you like to see at Pondhu?

45 responses (you could tick as many clubs as you liked)



## Top three clubs

32 responses

- 1 Football
- 2 Art
- 3 Multisports



You asked  
for these  
the most!

## You also suggested...

22 responses

- Lego Chess Cross Country Field Gun  
Martial Arts / Boxing Singing / Choir  
Story Writing / Drawing Coding / Computer Skills Debate  
Gardening Woodwork Forest School / Using the Nature Garden  
Repairing Items / Mending Basketball Volleyball Awards Club  
Languages (including Spanish) Table Tennis / Ping Pong  
Baking / Cookery Life Skills / Money Management TV / Film Club  
Music / Band Dodgeball Crochet Sand and Water Garden  
A SEN club



Brilliant  
ideas!

## What we will do



### Keep and grow our most popular clubs

- Continue to offer popular sports clubs such as football, netball and hockey.
- Look for opportunities to increase places where there is high demand.
- Continue to review our offer based on your feedback.



### Add new clubs where possible

- We have added in new clubs based on your feedback. These include Lego, chess, food technology and art.
- We will also look into offering other clubs, such as eco, computing and choir, subject to funding and staffing.



### Be inclusive and for everyone

- We will explore and implement ways to support all children to access clubs alongside their peers.
- We will strive to offer a mix of sports, creative, cultural, nature-based and life skills clubs.
- We will continue to seek or develop specialist coaches and community partners to support our growing offer.



### Keep listening

- We will review our club offer regularly.
- We'll continue to ask for your views so we can keep improving.
- If there is a club you are passionate about, let us know — we can explore how to make it happen.



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Believe



Achieve



Thrive



# Pondhu School Clubs



| Year Group                                                                                                | Autumn 1                                                                                                             | Autumn 2                                                                                                             | Spring 1                                                                                                                         | Spring 2                                                                                                                  | Summer 1                                                                                      | Summer 2                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Year 1/2</b><br>       | <b>Multisports</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Food Technology</b><br>Miss Green                                           | <b>Multisports</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Food Technology</b><br>Miss Green<br><br><b>Gymnastics</b><br>Mr Keast      | <b>Golf</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Dance</b><br>Miss Terry<br><br><b>Lego</b><br>Mrs Vine                                         | <b>Tag Rugby</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Dance</b><br>Miss Terry<br><br><b>Lego</b><br>Mrs Vine                             | <b>Cricket</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Art</b><br>Miss Millington/<br>Mrs Theobald              | <b>T-Ball</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Art</b><br>Miss Millington/<br>Mrs Theobald<br><br><b>Sand and Water</b><br>Mrs Rundle |
| <b>Year 3/4</b><br>      | <b>Football</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Hockey</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Dance</b><br>Miss Terry                       | <b>Football</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Rugby</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Dance</b><br>Miss Terry                        | <b>Football</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Apparatus</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Art</b><br>Miss Millington/<br>Mrs Theobald            | <b>Table Tennis</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Badminton</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Art</b><br>Miss Millington/<br>Mrs Theobald | <b>Cricket</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Food Technology</b><br>Miss Green                        | <b>Handball</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Basketball</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Food Technology</b><br>Miss Green               |
| <b>Year 5/6</b><br>     | <b>Netball</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Football</b><br>Mr Martin<br><br><b>Art</b><br>Miss Millington/<br>Mrs Theobald | <b>Netball</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Football</b><br>Mr Martin<br><br><b>Art</b><br>Miss Millington/<br>Mrs Theobald | <b>Netball</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Football</b><br>Mr Martin<br><br><b>Food Technology</b><br>Miss Green                       | <b>Ball Games</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Food Technology</b><br>Miss Green<br><br><b>Volleyball</b><br>Mr Keast            | <b>Cricket</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Tennis</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Dance</b><br>Miss Terry | <b>Hockey</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Rugby</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Dance</b><br>Miss Terry                                |
| <b>KS2</b><br>          | <b>Girls Football</b><br>Mr Keast<br><br><b>Chess</b><br>Mr Dawes                                                    | <b>Cross Country</b><br>Lunchtime Club<br>Mr Martin<br><br><b>Chess</b><br>Mr Dawes                                  | <b>Cross Country</b><br>Lunchtime Club<br>Mr Martin<br><b>Ultimate Frisbee</b><br>Mr Keast<br><b>Board Games</b><br>Mrs Scotland | <b>Cross Country</b><br>Lunchtime Club<br>Mr Martin<br><br><b>Board Games</b><br>Mrs Scotland                             | <b>Languages</b><br>Mrs Howsley<br><br><b>Funfit</b><br>Mr Keast                              |                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Years 1-5</b><br>    | <b>Rainbows and Brownies</b><br>Mrs Newnes and<br>Mrs Morley                                                         | <b>Rainbows and Brownies</b><br>Mrs Newnes and<br>Mrs Morley                                                         | <b>Rainbows and Brownies</b><br>Mrs Newnes and<br>Mrs Morley                                                                     | <b>Rainbows and Brownies</b><br>Mrs Newnes and<br>Mrs Morley                                                              | <b>Rainbows and Brownies</b><br>Mrs Newnes and<br>Mrs Morley                                  | <b>Rainbows and Brownies</b><br>Mrs Newnes and<br>Mrs Morley                                                               |
| <b>Whole School</b><br> |                                                                                                                      | <b>Singing</b><br>Lunchtime Club<br>Mrs Jolliff                                                                      | <b>Singing</b><br>Lunchtime Club<br>Mrs Jolliff                                                                                  | <b>Singing</b><br>Lunchtime Club<br>Mrs Jolliff                                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                            |



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Believe



Achieve



Thrive

# Family Worker Drop In

For families of Pondhu Primary School. Penwinnick Road,  
St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DS

**These sessions will be run by the Restormel Early Help Team**

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behavior?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running regular drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary. The next session is on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September between 9:00am and 10:00am.** Please chat with Miss Theobald (Parent Support Advisor) for more information.

**Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.**

**For more information please contact:**

Email: [Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk)

Call: 01872 324929

**TIMES TABLES**  
**ROCK STARS**

# TOP OF THE ROCKS



## CELT ROCKS

DATE:

21.09.2026 - 02.10.2026

TIME:

07:00 - 19:00

**\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \***  
**PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS**  
**WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT**  
**ANSWERS PER PUPIL \* ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR**  
**FULL DETAILS AND RULES \***

# SOCCER SATURDAYS



FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE

BOYS' FOOTBALL

AGES 5-15

SQUAD

FUNFOOTBALLFORGIRLS AGES 12-16

WILDCATS

FUNFOOTBALLFORGIRLS AGED 7-11

COMETS

9:00 - 10:00am

STARTS 26TH

Every Saturday morning

SEPTEMBER



BRANNEL SCHOOL  
EXCELLENCE | CREATIVITY | COMMUNITY



£7.50 per session