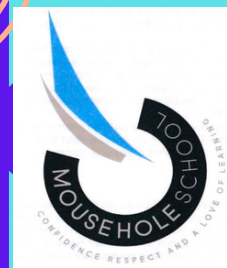




MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week - 11.9.26

Dear Parents and Carers,
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As we settle into the new school year, it has been wonderful to see the children returning with enthusiasm and excitement for the term ahead.

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in the annual leadership hustings. I was incredibly proud of every child who put themselves forward for a role. The candidates stood confidently in front of their peers, speaking clearly and thoughtfully about why they would make effective leaders and how they could contribute to our school community. Following the presentations, all pupils were given the opportunity to vote for the candidates they felt would represent the school most effectively. This democratic process is an important part of helping children understand responsibility, leadership and pupil voice. Congratulations to all of our successful candidates. I am looking forward to working closely with our leadership team over the coming year and seeing the positive impact they will have across the school.

Skiff Class recently enjoyed a fascinating visit to Penlee Gallery as part of their new topic on toys from the past. During the visit, the children explored a range of historical toys and artefacts, learning how childhood experiences have changed over time. The children asked thoughtful questions, handled objects carefully and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the trip. Visits such as these help to enrich classroom learning and provide valuable real-life experiences that bring topics to life. We look forward to seeing how the children use what they have learned as their topic develops over the coming weeks.

We currently have spaces available in the following after-school clubs:

- Multi-Skills Club on Mondays
- Film Club on Tuesdays

These clubs provide wonderful opportunities for children to develop new skills, build friendships and enjoy activities beyond the classroom. If your child would be interested in joining either club, please contact the school office for further details.

As the term gets underway and children become increasingly active around the school site, we would like to remind parents and carers to ensure that all items of uniform, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, PE kits, water bottles and lunch boxes, are clearly named. Named items can usually be returned to their owners very quickly, whereas unnamed belongings can be difficult to identify. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

One of the highlights of the past two weeks has been seeing so many children arriving at school confidently and independently each morning. Developing independence is an important life skill and it is wonderful to see the progress the children are making already. Thank you for supporting your children as they become more confident in managing routines, organising their belongings and preparing themselves for the school day. These small steps make a significant difference to their confidence and resilience.

We value the positive communication we have with families and appreciate the messages we receive through Seesaw. We will always endeavour to respond as promptly as possible. However, as staff are teaching throughout the day, there may be occasions when responses are delayed. If you have an urgent message regarding your child, please contact the school office directly by telephone or email rather than using Seesaw. This helps us ensure that important information is received and acted upon as quickly as possible.

Finally, please take a moment to read our Ofsted report, which has been shared via Seesaw. We are incredibly proud of the outcome and feel it really captures what makes our school such a special place.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We are looking forward to a busy and successful term filled with learning opportunities, exciting experiences and plenty of reasons to celebrate our children's achievements.

With best wishes,
Mrs Sarah Trow



STARS OF THE WEEK



This week's Headteacher's Award goes to our wonderful new starters: Florence, Henry, Riley, Margaux, M, Marni, John, Lachlann and Sienna.

We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled into life at Mousehole School. They have embraced new routines, made new friends and shown a fantastic attitude to learning. It has been a pleasure to welcome them to our school community, and we look forward to watching them flourish in the years ahead.

Well done to you all! 🌟🏆

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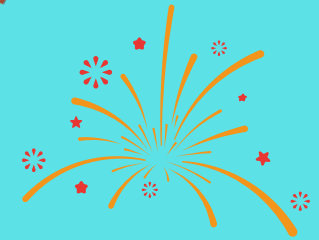
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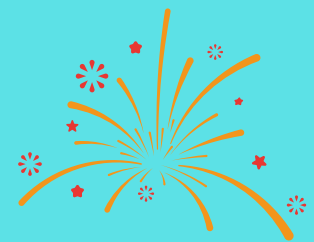
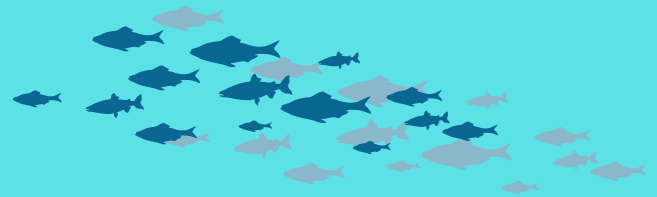
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Ziggy

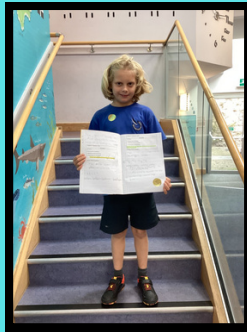
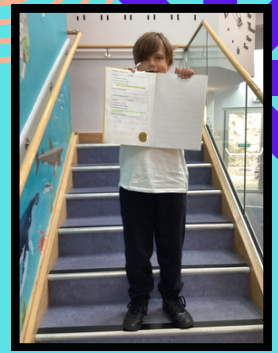
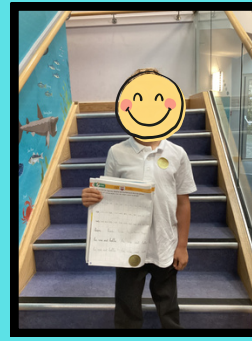
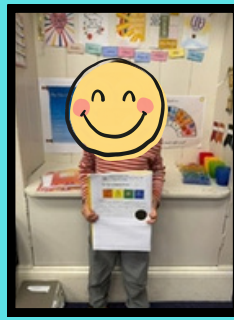
For being kind and caring to new members of Mousehole Mice. Well done Ziggy!



Congratulations to Lizzie, Hamish, Delilah and Ivy for showcasing their work. We are working hard to produce our best work at all times by demonstrating our school values of respect, hard working, confidence and kindness.



Congratulations to all of the children in Lugger Class who achieved for either 11, 22 or 33 Club this week. Keep up the good work and keep practicing!!



Headteachers awards this week go to Otto, Hugo and Rupert for their fantastic writing and grammar, Matilda who produced a lovely detailed picture and Axel for his fabulous french. Well done all of you and keep up the hard work



We were so proud of our Year 6 children who took part in the Hustings on Monday. They spoke with confidence and clarity about the roles they put themselves forward for.



Skiffs had a wonderful time at Penlee Gallery learning about toys from the past as part of their new topic. They were fantastic role models for Mousehole School!



Attendance

Attendance target for all pupils: 96% or above

Dinghy: 98.5 %
Skiff: 98.5 %
Lugger: 98%
Schooner: 99%



Attendance Matters

Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities, and even a small amount of missed time can have a significant impact on a child's progress, confidence and friendships.

We understand that children will occasionally be absent due to illness, but we encourage families to ensure that pupils attend school whenever possible and arrive on time each day. Establishing strong attendance habits from an early age supports children in developing routines, resilience and a positive attitude towards learning.

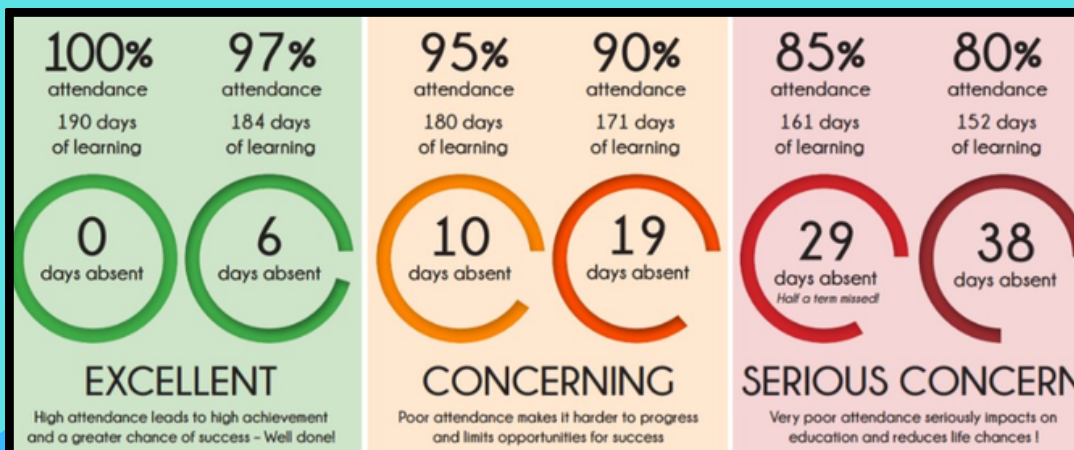
This year, we will continue to work closely with families to promote excellent attendance and to provide support where needed. If you are experiencing any difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

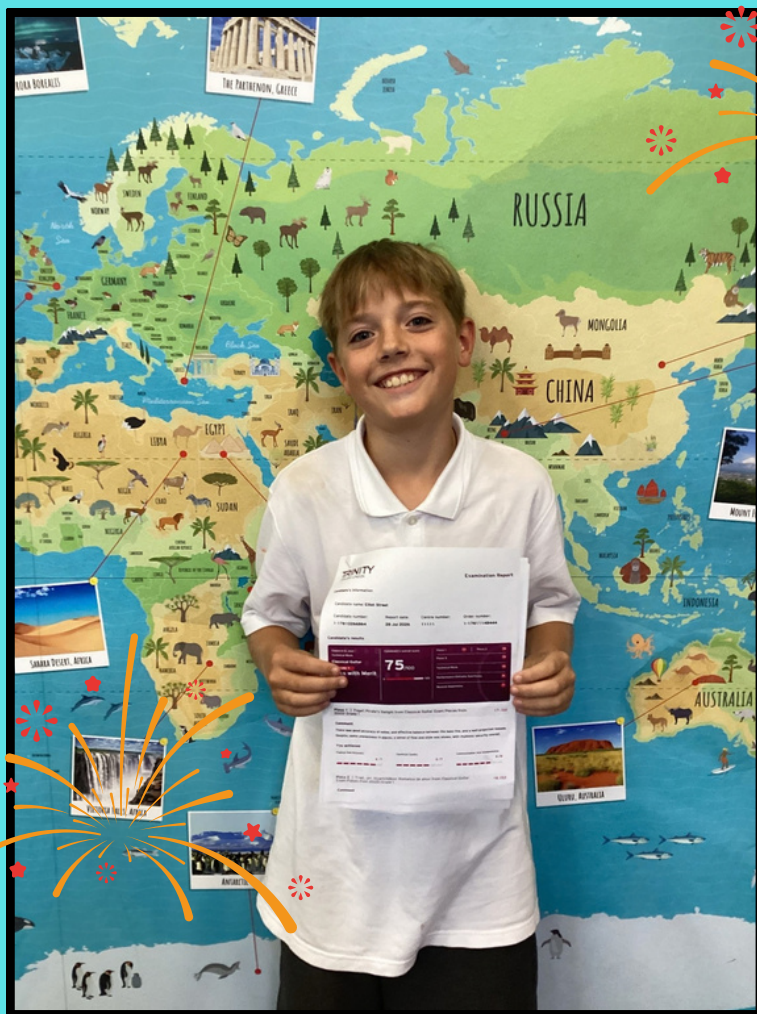
Our attendance target for all pupils is 96% or above.

Did you know?

- 95% attendance means your child misses around 10 school days each year.
- 90% attendance means your child misses almost 4 weeks of learning across the school year.
- Regular attendance supports academic achievement, wellbeing and positive relationships.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that every child is in school, on time and ready to learn each day. Together, we can help every child make the most of the opportunities available to them at Mousehole School. ★





Congratulations to Elliot for succeeding his Grade 1 in classical guitar. This is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to listening to him in the future.

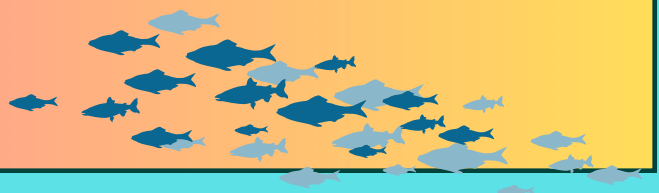
Up and coming dates:

- Wednesday 16th September -Phonics meeting for Dinghy Parents 2.45pm
- Tuesday 29th September -Tempest Individual School Photographs
- Tuesday 6th October- Nasal Flu immunisations
- Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October -Bikeability Yr 5
- Wednesday 7th October-Paul Feast Sports and buns in school day
- Wednesday 7th October- Paul Feast Concert (Paul Church) 6-7pm
- Wednesday 14th October-Parent Consultations 1pm-6pm
- Friday 16th October- Last day of half term
- Half Term Monday 19th October- Friday 30th October
- Monday 2nd November-School starts Autumn second half term
- Wednesday 16th December- Christmas Carol Concert
- Friday 18th December- Last day of Autumn Term

2026-2027 INSET Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027





Online Safety Newsletter

Sept 2026

Childline under 12s site

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.

You can access this area here:
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/>

How to manage parental controls for different ages?

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Hopwood and Richard Waite to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages. Find out more here:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/september-2026-primary/>

New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images

Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create sexualised or abusive images. There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help you understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.



The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

- Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.
- Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.
- AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as 'nudifying'.

[source: IWF <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/> accessed 25.08.26]

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

- Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.
- Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.
- Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

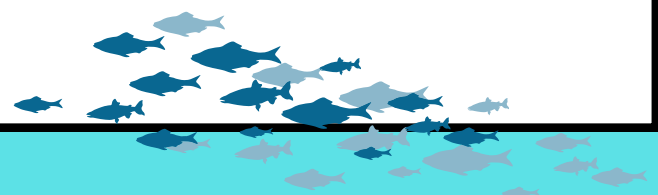
Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

You can find the full press release/announcement here:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-as-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-become-a-growing-concern>



YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. **YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13**, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:



1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screen time** – particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying** – particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms** – algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

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A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read:

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features, however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb>

Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

WhatsApp Usernames

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denney provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-username-what-parents-need-to-know/>

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