



MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER

What's Been Happening This Week – 25.9.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Another productive and enjoyable week has passed at Mousehole School, with classrooms full of happy, engaged children who continue to demonstrate a positive attitude towards their learning. It is always a pleasure to see the enthusiasm with which our pupils approach new challenges and opportunities.

It has been particularly lovely to observe our Year 6 children spending time with their Reception buddies. Whether checking in with them, playing together at breaktimes or simply offering a friendly smile and helping hand, our older pupils have been wonderful role models. These buddy relationships have a hugely positive impact on the transition into school for our youngest children, helping them to feel secure, confident and valued. At the same time, they provide our Year 6 pupils with meaningful opportunities to develop their leadership skills and exemplify our school values of kindness, responsibility and respect.

A reminder that Tempest Photography will be visiting the school on Tuesday 29th September to take individual pupil photographs. Please ensure that all children come to school wearing their full school uniform on this day. If your child has PE scheduled, please send their PE kit in a separate bag so that they can change after their photograph has been taken. We appreciate your support in helping the children look smart and ready for their pictures.

We would also like to remind families that children should only wear a watch and stud earrings to school. Jewellery can present safety concerns during playtimes, PE and other activities, so we ask that all other items are left at home. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit to the Cape Cornwall School Open Morning this week, where they had the opportunity to explore the facilities and learn more about life in secondary education. Visits such as these help children begin to think about the exciting opportunities that lie ahead and support them in making informed decisions about their next steps. We hope many families were also able to attend the open evenings at Cape Cornwall School and Humphry Davy School this week, with Mount's Bay School hosting its event next week.

In assembly this week, we focused on the theme of Harvest and reflected on the importance of gratitude, generosity and supporting those in our local community who may need a helping hand. To mark the occasion, we will be collecting tinned foods and dry goods to donate to our local food bank. A collection box will be available in reception from next week, and we would be very grateful for any donations you are able to contribute. Every item, no matter how small, can make a real difference to families in need.

Today we held a non-uniform day to raise awareness and funds for Children's Cancer Awareness Month. It was wonderful to see the children taking part and showing their support for such an important cause. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped raise awareness. Together, we managed to raise £81 for this valuable charity. We appreciate your generosity and support.

Looking ahead, Thursday 1st October is School Census Day. This is an important date for schools, as census information helps determine future funding. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please ensure that a school lunch is ordered for that day. The information gathered helps secure additional funding that can be used to support resources, learning opportunities and enrichment activities for all pupils. Thank you for helping us maximise the support available to our school community.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our children thrive, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do. We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning and achievement ahead.

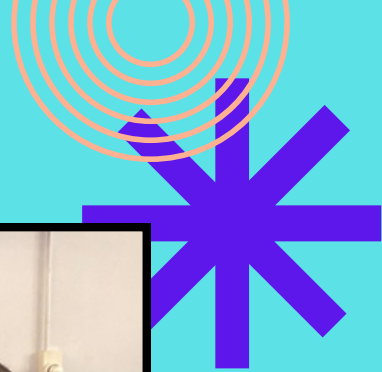
I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend with your families, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday.

With best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Trow



STARS OF THE WEEK



This week's Star of the Week goes to Axel, Alfie S, Margot and Patrick
for fantastic prehistoric writing, beautiful joined up writing,
excellent debating skills and super mathematics.
Well done to you all! 🌟🏆

Housepoints



Gwynver:98



Praa Sands:149

Sennen:137



Porth Chapel:110

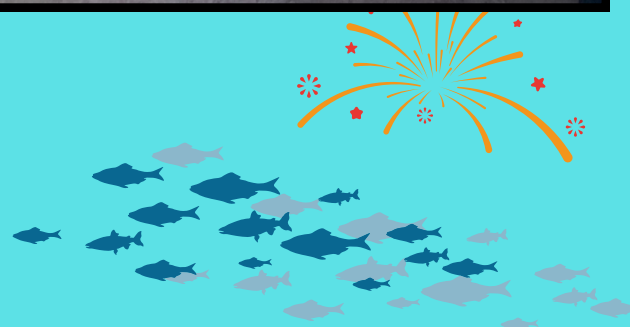
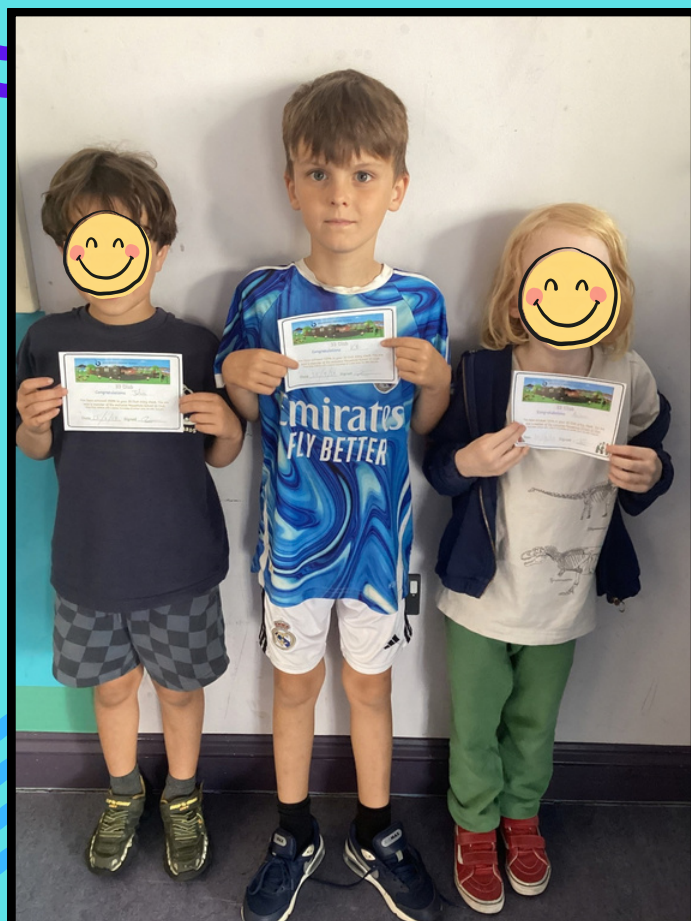
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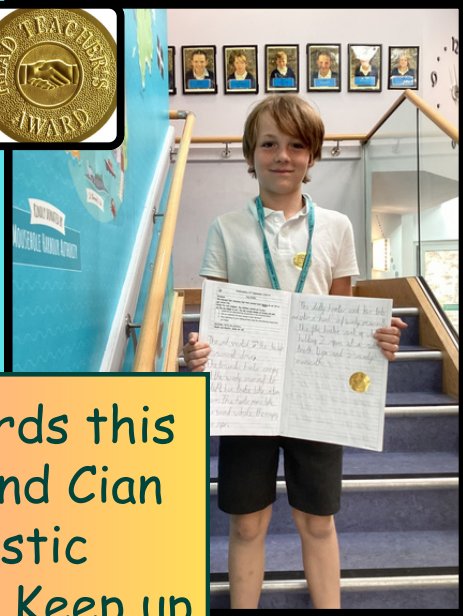
Ocean for settling in so well
to Mousehole Mice and
making lovely friendships.



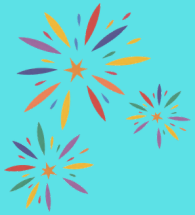
Congratulations to ... for showcasing their work. We are working hard to produce our best work at all times by demonstrating our school values of respect, hard working, confidence and kindness.



Congratulations to Levan for achieving 22 Club and Kit and John for their 33 club in Luger Class. Keep up the good work and keep practicing!!



Headteachers awards this week go to John and Cian for their fantastic descriptive writing. Keep up the great work!



Ms Nicholls has been having a wonderful time with her cooking club over the last few weeks creating chocolate cornflake buns, jam tarts and muffins. The smells are delicious!!



Attendance

Attendance target for all pupils: 96% or above

Dinghy: 99%
Skiff: 92%
Lugger: 97%
Schooner: 89%



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.

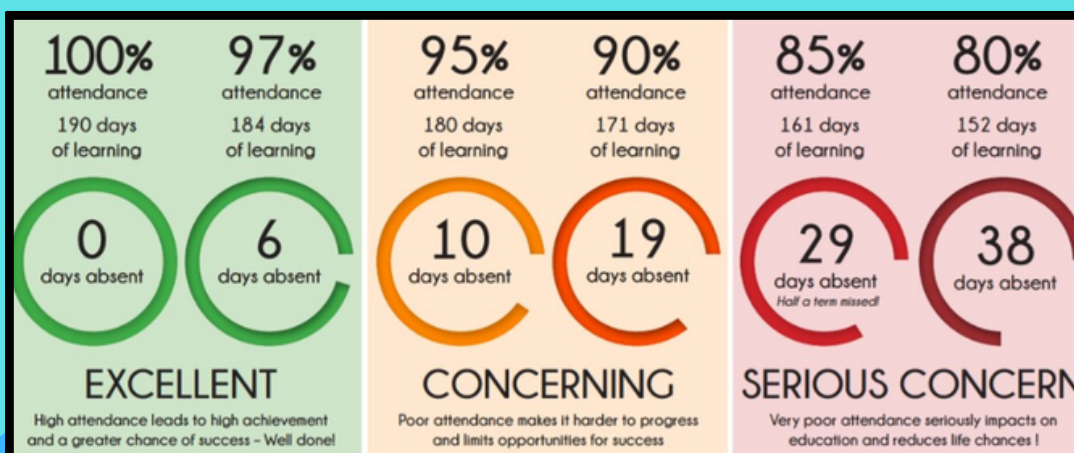
This year, we will continue to work closely with families to promote excellent attendance and to provide support where needed. If you are experiencing any difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

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. ★





Humphry Davy School
Raising Aspirations | Achieving Excellence

Open Evening 2026

Thursday 24th September

Join us from 5:30pm to explore our school
Meet our staff and students and
experience the atmosphere

"HDS excels in recognising and nurturing individual strengths
and supporting the needs of their students."

(HDS Parent)

"Pupils enjoy attending Humphry Davy School.
They feel safe, happy and well-cared for."

(Ofsted 2023)

"My child has thrived.
Thank you!"

(HDS Parent)

Can't wait for our Open Evening to step
inside our wonderful school?

Take our Virtual Tour today!

www.humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk



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Presents

SUPER SATURDAY 2026



Saturday 3rd October, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Up and coming dates:

- 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 4th November Mousehole Mice and Dinghy open morning 10-12pm-please come and join us.
- 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



COME AND
VISIT US!



Mousehole School

Starting Reception in 2027?

At Mousehole School we are proud of our local community and all the rich opportunities it brings our children. We would love for you to come and take a look around our fantastic school, have a chance to meet our school team and see where your child could thrive in our little community! We look forward to meeting you!

CONFIDENCE

RESPECT

LOVE OF LEARNING



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Read our report ↗

To arrange a tour and make an appointment please contact us:



Tel: 01736 731427



Email: mousehole@tpacademytrust.org



MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY

OPEN EVENING INFO

THURSDAY

1ST OCTOBER

5PM-7:30PM



Our doors are open! Come and take a look around, speak to students and staff, and find out what makes MBA such a great place to learn, grow and thrive.

Everyone is welcome!

Our Academy doors will be open from 4.30pm for a Quiet Start: a calmer, low-key start to our Open Evening, designed with our neurodivergent and SEND families in mind, but open to anyone who'd find a quieter visit easier.

We hope you can join us, we can't wait to see you all!



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.

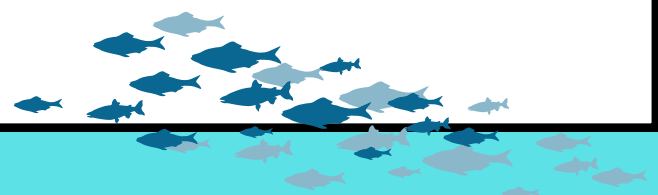
Where can I find the new guidance?

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-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/>

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