



MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



• What's Been Happening This Week - 17.7.26

Dyth da, Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic and memorable week it has been! We are so proud of all the children for the way they have worked together, stepped up to new challenges, and embraced so many different experiences of school life. Throughout the week they demonstrated resilience in the heat as well as confidence, enthusiasm and excellent teamwork.

It all began on Tuesday with Lugger Class taking part in the Bal Govenek production at the Minack Theatre. The children worked alongside John Brolly, Patrick Bailey, Grace Murdoch and Christine Judge, as well as pupils from other primary schools, to create a wonderful evening of singing, dancing and acting. We were incredibly proud of every child who took part. They truly demonstrated the value of teamwork by supporting and encouraging one another throughout the performance. Mrs Williams and I could not be prouder of you all.

This was followed on Thursday by our wonderful double production of Peter Pan. The children excelled themselves in the heat, singing, dancing and delivering their lines with energy and enthusiasm. Every member of staff was immensely proud of their efforts. A huge thank you goes to Mr Mullaney, Ms Judge and the rest of the staff for bringing together another fantastic extravaganza.

On Friday, our Year 6 children received their SATs results, and all of their hard work has come to fruition. Mr Mullaney and I were delighted with their achievements, and the children should feel extremely proud of themselves. This is the icing on the cake for all they have accomplished throughout their years at school and shows just how ready they are for their transition to secondary school. Well done, Year 6!

The winning house this term is Praa Sands-Red and they are looking forward to their team treat next week. Congratulations on a fantastic effort from everyone involved!

Next Wednesday, we will be visiting the Jubilee Pool. Please ensure that your child brings a swimming costume, towel, sun cream, hat, packed lunch and a drink. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit and comfortable trainers, as they will be walking there, with the exception of Dinghy Class. Please collect your child from the pool at 2.30pm. Thank you for your support.

On Thursday, the children will be taking part in Harbour Skills. They will need a swimming costume, sun cream, a hat and a wetsuit if they have one. If not, one can be borrowed. Children in Lugger and Skiff Classes will also need a packed lunch. A school packed lunch can be ordered by Monday morning.

Next Friday, we will be celebrating our Mousehole Mice Graduation at 9.00am, followed by the Year 6 Leavers' Celebration at 2.00pm in the hall. We look forward to marking these special milestones with our school community.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and that the children enjoy a well earned rest after such a busy and successful week.

Best wishes,

Sarah Trow

Headteacher

Housepoints

Gwynver: 2056

Praa Sands: 2538

Sennen: 2262

Porth Chapel: 1957

Attendance

Whole School: 95.8%

Target: 96%

Dinghy: 98.6%

Skiff: 92.6%

Lugger: 93.8%

Schooner: 95.9%



Dates

CLUBS have finished-only 325 club available if booked in.

- 22nd July Jubilee Pool collect at 2.30pm from the pool.
- 23rd July Beach Skills-see Seesaw
- 24th July Leavers assembly 2pm
- 24th July last day of Summer Term
- 1st Aug 10.30-2pm Garden session with Dax at the school field- all welcome.

INSET DAYS:

1st September 26

19th, 20th and 21st October 26

4th January 27

Linda Hodgson Award

At the end of each academic year a child is chosen from each class that represents Confidence, Respect and a Love of Learning in memory of our Linda Hodgson who was the previous chair of governors. She left a shield to present each year to the winner and silver stars to all the candidates. This year Eli, Stanley, Luna J and Iona were chosen by their staff for shining through. Congratulations to you all a wonderful achievement and recognition of your hard work. The overall winner was Luna J who won the shield!



Marvellous Mousehole Mouse



Star of the week goes to Charlie S for his enthusiasm in our production of Peter Pan.

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For being so enthusiastic with everything she does. She has been such a pleasure to have in Mousehole Mice.

Wellbeing ambassadors spotted this week:

Being a resilient team player: Theo and Arlo
Being kind to their classmates: Noah and Ruby



Congratulations to Avi, Ivy, Rudy and Sonny 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 Luna for achieving her Bronze award in the keyboard. Great work Luna!



Cornish words of the week
seyth, eth, naw and deg- 7, 8, 9 and 10



We were so proud of Luggar Class who took part in the Minack Theatre School production of Bal Govenek written by John Brolly on Tuesday evening. They worked alongside 4 other schools and danced, sang, spoke and acted with clarity, confidence and joy. It was a delight to watch and share with you. 😊



Some of the shots from Peter Pan- well done on a wonderful production!





Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Mental Health Support Team Wild Wellbeing



This summer please join MHST and other partners for a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.**

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book **EACH** child on to a session

The sessions will last approx. 2 hours and sign up will close one week before the event, or when sessions are full.

Locations and dates

All sessions begin at 10am

Tuesday 28 July - **Trengwainton Gardens**

Tuesday 28 July - **Golitha Falls**

Thursday 30 July - **The Core, St Ives Orchard**

Monday 3 August - **Tehidy Woods**

Tuesday 4 August - **Penrose Estate**

Wednesday 5 August - **Lanhydrock**

Wednesday 12 August - **Kennack Sands**

Thursday 13 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**

Tuesday 18 August - **Lanhydrock**

Wednesday 19 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**

Monday 24 August - **Tehidy Woods**

Tuesday 25 August - **Trengwainton Gardens**

Tuesday 25 August - **Dipping Pond**

To book a place please complete the online form or scan the QR code to sign up



<https://forms.office.com/e/XSQp0XRw5a>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



Humphry
Davy
School

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**TIME
MOVE**
Holiday Programme



Summer Activities at Humphry Davy School

Monday
24th Aug

Tuesday
25th Aug

Thursday
27th Aug

Open to children age 7 - 16

Visit

www.playwaze.com
to book your child's
space today!





Online Safety Newsletter

July 2026

Social media to be banned for under-16s

The government has announced that social media platforms will be blocked from offering services to under-16s from next Spring. The ban will include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X.

Furthermore, there will also be blocks on live streaming and communication with strangers (these restrictions will also apply to 16 and 17-year-olds) and the government will also be looking at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling.

You can read the Government's press release here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-media-to-be-banned-for-under-16s-in-landmark-government-move-to-give-kids-their-childhood-back>

In addition, you can find some FAQs here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online>

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WhatsApp

We frequently receive reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out. It is important to think about whether WhatsApp is the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying and can they manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, can see all messages within that group.
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting, so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Screentime due to addictive nature**
- **AI:** WhatsApp includes Meta AI including Incognito Chat with Meta AI so nobody (including Meta) can read your conversations.

What can I do?

- Check privacy settings e.g. who can add them to groups.
- Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>
- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received.
- Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Livestreaming

What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.



How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Further information

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Netflix Playground

Netflix Playground hosts a number of games aimed at kids aged 8 and younger. The games include Sesame Street and Peppa Pig.

It is available as an app to all Netflix subscribers and has no additional in-app purchases and no adverts. Find out more here:

<https://www.netflix.com/tudum/articles/playground-kids-game-hub-news>

Moving to secondary school

Is your child moving to Secondary school this year? If so, Internet Matters have published a variety of resources on their website to support this transition:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Screentime balance over the summer holidays

With Summer holidays approaching, we know children may be spending more time alone. Vodafone and SWGfL have published some advice on how to navigate common digital risks and tips on how to balance screen time. We hope you have a lovely, safe summer!

- <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/digital-awareness-uk-30-digital-risks-young-people/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/balancing-screen-time-over-the-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

Instagram: New supervision tool

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Instagram have introduced a new supervision tool allowing parents/carers to view the general topics their child is engaging in. Find out more here:

<https://about.fb.com/news/2026/05/new-supervision-tools-parents-insights-teens-algorithm/>

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Dear Parent/Carer

Here at Mousehole School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under '*exceptional circumstances*'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's '*Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances*' request form.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

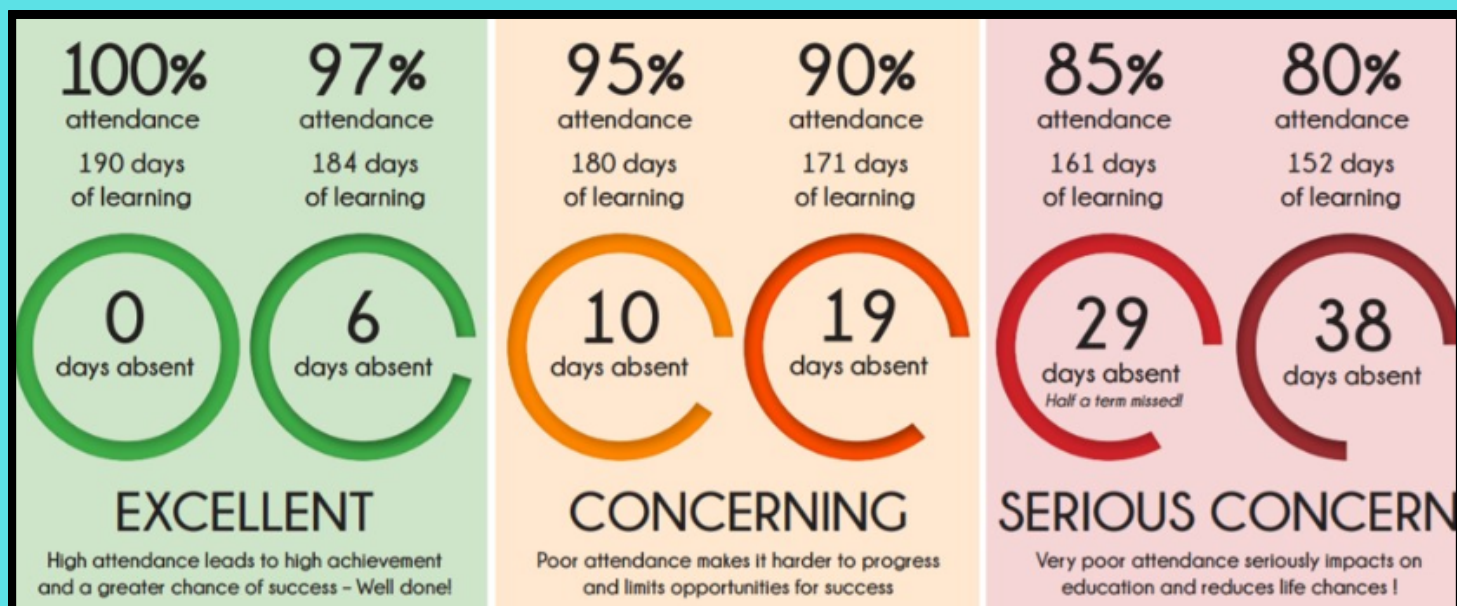
Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Mousehole School is committed to enabling every child to reach their full potential and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.

Yours sincerely
Sarah Trow
Headteacher



Did You Know?

Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better grades and build stronger friendships.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/link-between-attendance-and-attainment>

Academic Achievement:

Pupils with 95-100% attendance at Key Stage 2 were 1.3 times more likely to meet expected standards in reading, writing, and maths than those with 90-95% attendance

At Key Stage 4, students with 95-100% attendance were 1.9 times more likely to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Maths GCSEs

Missing just 10 days in Year 6 can reduce the chance of meeting expected standards by 25%, and in Year 11, it can cut the likelihood of achieving a Grade 5 by 50%

Social and Emotional Development:

Regular attendance helps students build stronger friendships, develop better communication skills, and feel a greater sense of belonging in school

Long-Term Life Outcomes:

Each additional day of absence in secondary school is linked to a £750 reduction in future earnings

Higher absence rates increase the likelihood of long-term unemployment and benefit dependency by age 28

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Home Learning Environment Survey

Have your say!

<https://ipsos.uk/LA13WWT7>

Are you a parent or caregiver of a **child born between April 2021 and March 2023?**

Did you access any home learning environment services between **April 2025 and March 2026?**

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