

MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week - 18.9.26

Dear Parents and Carers,
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What a wonderful week it has been at Mousehole School. As I walk around the classrooms and outdoor learning spaces, I continue to be impressed by the enthusiasm, determination and kindness shown by our children every day. It has been a pleasure to see pupils working hard, supporting one another and sharing their learning with such pride and joy. Their positive attitude and curiosity make our school a truly special place to be.

A particular highlight of the week was our visit from the Prussia Cove Musicians on Tuesday. We were incredibly privileged to welcome talented musicians representing America, Wales and Cornwall. The children were treated to a captivating string quartet performance featuring music from a variety of composers and musical traditions. The quality of the performance was outstanding, and it was wonderful to watch our children listen so attentively. The visit was not only an opportunity to enjoy beautiful music but also a chance for the children to learn about different cultures and musical experiences. We especially enjoyed singing a song in Polish and taking part in some lively banana themed actions led by Patrick Bailey, which brought plenty of smiles and laughter.

Our learning across the school continues to flourish. The children have settled brilliantly into the new academic year and are already demonstrating excellent learning behaviours. Classrooms have been buzzing with discussion, creativity and thoughtful questioning. It is lovely to see children growing in confidence and taking pride in their achievements. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in ensuring that children arrive at school ready to learn each day.

A reminder that our Parents' Phonics Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th September. We would like to thank families for their understanding and cooperation regarding the change of date. This session will provide valuable information about how phonics is taught in school and practical ways that you can support your child's reading journey at home. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing some of the exciting learning taking place in our classrooms.

Next week we are delighted to be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. Promoting a love of reading remains one of our key priorities, and we are excited to offer children the opportunity to explore a wide range of books. Teachers will introduce the books to their classes, and children will bring home a wish list so that families can see the titles available. Parents and carers are warmly invited to visit the Book Fair after school and browse the selection for themselves. If you would like to purchase any books, orders can be placed using the link sent home by the school office. Every purchase helps us to earn rewards that can be exchanged for new books and resources for our school library and classrooms.

We are also beginning to welcome prospective families who are considering Reception places for September next year. If you know of any families with children due to start school, please encourage them to look at the information on the poster below and book a visit. We are always proud to share our wonderful school community with new families and showcase the fantastic opportunities available to our pupils.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff, pupils and families for making the start of term such a positive one.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for another exciting week of learning.

With best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Trow



STARS OF THE WEEK



This week's Star of the Week go to Martha, Morwenna, Rowan and Lil for excellence in art, kindness, hard work in all subject areas, settling so well into our school and being fantastic role models.
Well done to you all! 🌟🏆

Housepoints

Gwynver:112



Praa Sands:101

Sennen: 112



Porth Chapel: 87

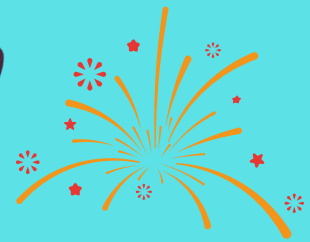


Marvellous Mouse

For Charly for settling in so well to Mousehole Mice. For being kind and making new friendship.



Congratulations to Gigi, Ben, Marni and Ula 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 Kit and Mawgan for achieving 22 Club, Meadow her 33 club and Clara her 44 Club in Luger Class. Keep up the good work and keep practicing!!



Headteachers awards this week go to M for her fantastic work in Maths on Place Value. Keep up the great work Mila!



The Yr 6 children , School Councillors and Go Cornish students have been presented with their leadership roles and new badges so children can recognise them around the school.



Please welcome our new Wellbeing Ambassadors for the Autumn term. They will be sharing ideas and looking out for children who require support at break times and around the school. They will share weekly reports and attend meetings with Ms Munday .

Attendance

Attendance target for all pupils: 96% or above

Dinghy: 94.1 %
Skiff: 94.4 %
Lugger: 96.8%
Schooner: 97%



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.

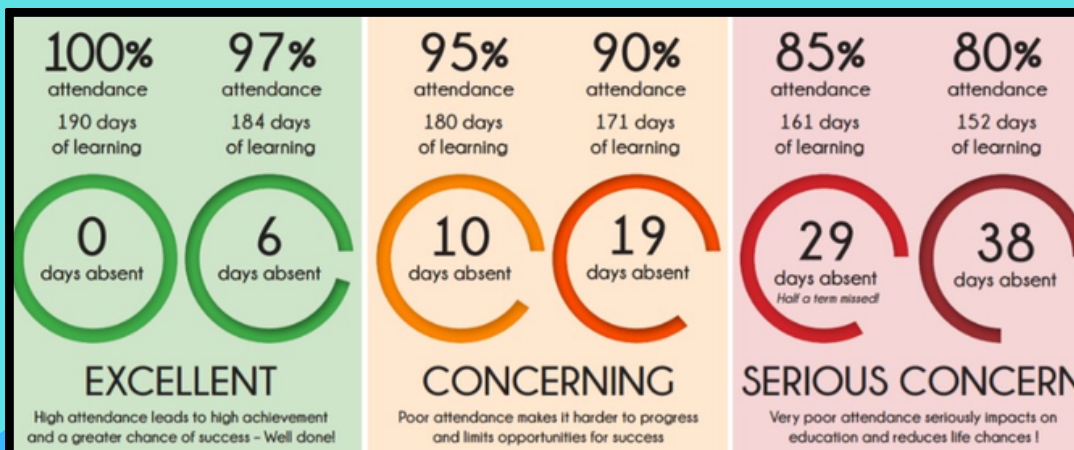
This year, we will continue to work closely with families to promote excellent attendance and to provide support where needed. If you are experiencing any difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

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. ★





Prussia Cove Musicians

This morning we had a special whole school assembly as we welcomed Prussia Cove musicians! The children discovered different string instruments listening to all the sounds they can make and even got to join in with some singing! It was so lovely to see the children so engaged and ask so many questions. We would like to say massive thank you to Prussia Cove musicians for taking the time to visit us!



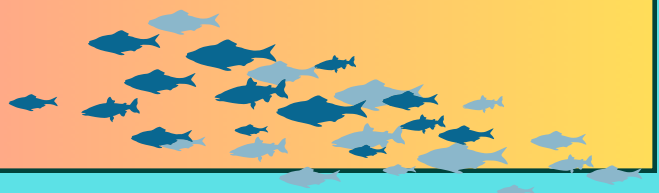
Up and coming dates:

- Wednesday 23rd 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



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

Ofsted



Read our report ↗

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



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Join us for our annual Open Evening

Meet our staff and students and
experience the atmosphere

Thursday 24th September, from 5:30pm



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.

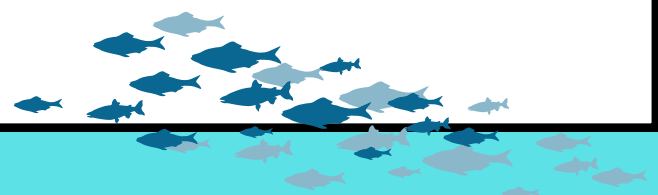
Where can I find the new guidance?

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

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