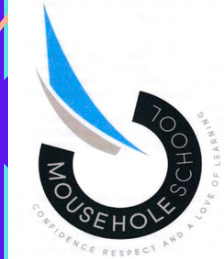




MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week - 4.9.26

Dear Parents and Carers,
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A very warm welcome back to everyone as we begin another exciting school year at Mousehole School. It has been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm, energy and smiling faces. The school has been buzzing with excitement, and it has been a pleasure to visit classrooms this week and see children already engaged in their learning.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of the new pupils and families who have joined our school community this term. Starting a new school is a significant milestone, and we are delighted to have you as part of the Mousehole family. We look forward to building strong partnerships with you throughout the year.

The children have settled quickly into their new classes and routines. Our staff have been impressed by their positive attitudes, kindness towards one another and readiness to learn. We have an exciting year ahead with engaging topics, memorable experiences and many opportunities for children to develop both academically and personally.

The children have looked extremely smart in their school uniforms this week and have taken great pride in returning to school looking ready for learning. As a reminder, our recycled uniform rack remains available for families to access. We currently have a good supply of uniform and appreciate your support in ensuring all clothing and belongings are clearly named.

School clubs will begin on Monday, offering a range of opportunities for children to develop new skills, interests and friendships. We encourage every child to consider joining a club and making the most of these enriching activities. Information about club choices has been shared through Seesaw.

We continue to offer our Breakfast Club each morning from 8.00am to 8.30am, providing a calm and positive start to the school day. Our 3:25 After School Club operates daily from 3.15pm to 4.15pm, with extended provision available until 5.00pm when booked in advance.

Communication between home and school is incredibly important. Please keep an eye on Seesaw for updates regarding class timetables, trips, sporting fixtures and other key events. If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing Seesaw, please contact the school office and Mrs Freeman will be happy to help.

On Tuesday, we will be welcoming a film crew into school to capture and celebrate some of the wonderful experiences and opportunities available to our pupils. If you do not wish for your child to take part, please ensure that the school office has been informed.

As we begin this new academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support. The strength of our school lies in the partnership between pupils, families and staff. Together, we will ensure that every child feels happy, safe and inspired to achieve their very best.

I am looking forward to all that this year will bring and to celebrating many successes with you over the coming months.

With best wishes,
Mrs Sarah Trow

Attendance

Attendance target for all pupils: 96% or above

Dinghy: 72 % (transition)
Skiff: 100%
Lugger: 100 %
Schooner: 95%



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.

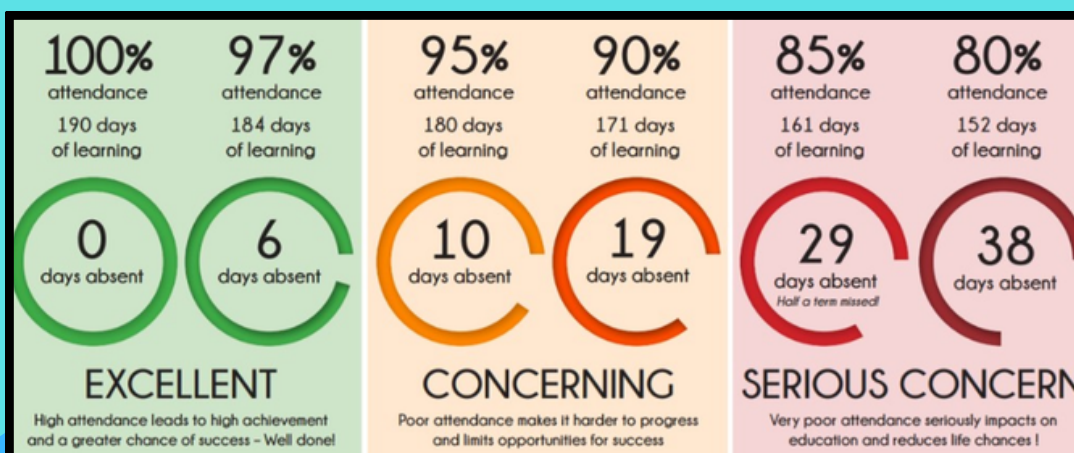
This year, we will continue to work closely with families to promote excellent attendance and to provide support where needed. If you are experiencing any difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

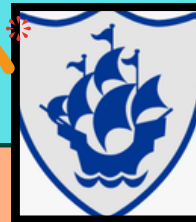
Our attendance target for all pupils is 96% or above.

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 Yael for receiving her Blue Peter badge over the summer for her fantastic artwork. She has rightly been wearing it with pride all week. This is a fantastic achievement Yael- well done!



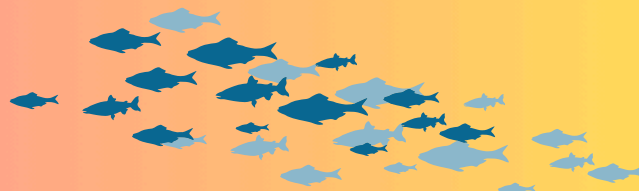
Up and coming dates:

- Monday 7th September Clubs begin
- Tuesday 8th September Filming of the school.
- Wednesday 9th September Skiff trip
- Friday 11th September Swimming lessons begin
- Tuesday 29th September Tempest Individual School Photographs
- Tuesday 6th October Nasal Flu immunisations
- Wednesday 7th Paul Feast Sports and buns
- Thursday 8th October Paul Feast Concert TBC (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
- Thursday 17th December Christmas Carol Concert TBC
- 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.knowsleyccs.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.

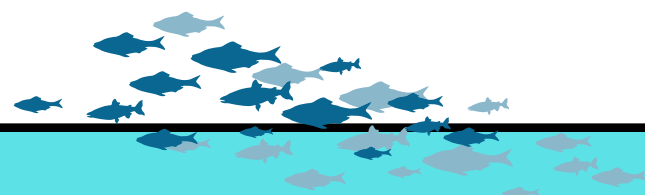
Where can I find the new guidance?

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/>

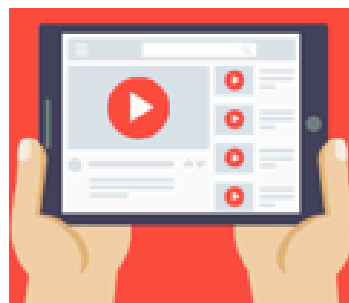
You can find the full press release/announcement here:

<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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