

# MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER

## What's Been Happening This Week - 15.1.26

Dear Parents,  
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This week has been less stressful with better weather and heat in the school. Thank you again for your continued support and communication throughout the storms. The children are all settled back into a normal routine happily and enjoying their new topics for this term which have been shared with you on Seesaw.

We have participated in two football leagues this week with several results. We won against Nancledra 2-1 and lost to St Ives 3-0 on Tuesday. On Wednesday the scores were 7-0 win against Pendeen, a 0-0 draw with Gulval and lost 2-1 to St Just. They all played well as a team and a special thank you to Leonie who joined the boys, and to Mr Ansell for taking them to both fixtures. Great start to the year!

Congratulations to our Wellbeing ambassadors for completing their Decider Skills training. They are going to be delivering this training in an assembly for the parents to join on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm. Please see the poster below and come along to support the children. The second poster is about two Video Interactive Guidance (VIG) opportunities for any parents who would like support managing behaviours. Please take time to read it and get in contact with Ms Munday if you are interested. We are very lucky to be offered this resource with MHST and it would be a shame if no one engaged with it.

I am having a meeting with Kiers and the Environment Agency this week regarding the completion of the playground and will keep you updated. In the meantime please can I ask you not to walk through or park in it as we have lots of external vehicles moving around, it is the staff carpark and there is very limited space. Thank you.

A reminder that the children are expected to be in school on time for an 8.45am start. I have attached the termly reminder attendance penalty notice letter about holidays in term time and the accumulation of more than 10 sessions missed. Thank you for ensuring that your child is in school daily and have informed the office if unwell.

Lugger class have a cake stall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Please could the children from Lugger provide the cakes and buns for this school fundraiser. We had great support from our previous cake stall. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please can you make sure that your child has a named coat, uniform and bottle in school. They need to be wearing black school shoes on the days they are not doing PE.

We hope you have had a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,  
Sarah Trow and all the Mousehole Staff

# Housepoints

Gwynver: 299

Praa Sands: 420

Sennen: 402

Porth Chapel: 372

## Attendance

Whole School: 95.31%

Dinghy: 89.41%

Skiff: 89.81%

Lugger: 93.98%

Schooner: 95.93%

## Dates

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January Lugger Class Hockey
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January Inset Day School Closed
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January-Yr 5 Life Skills
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January Lugger Class Hockey
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January Bikeability Yr 5
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February Lugger Class Hockey
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February Parent Consultations
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February Lugger Class Hockey
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Valentine disco 5.30-7pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February last day of half term

**2025-2026 INSET Days:**

Monday 26th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2025

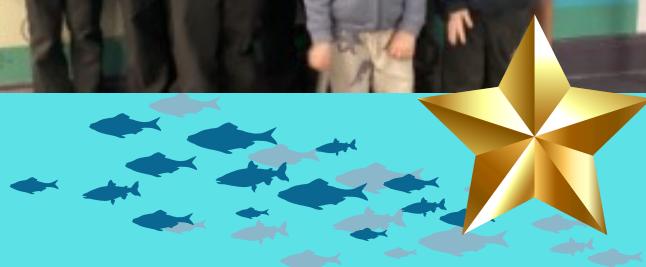
# Stars of the week

Congratulations to our brilliant stars of the week- Arlo, Arthur, Spencer, Otis, Katie, Owen and Tyson. These children have been spotted for a wide range of reasons including helpfulness, kindness, respect, engaging with enthusiasm in their learning, fantastic writing, reading and maths. All the traits we look for in our school values-well done to you all.

## Marvellous Mouse



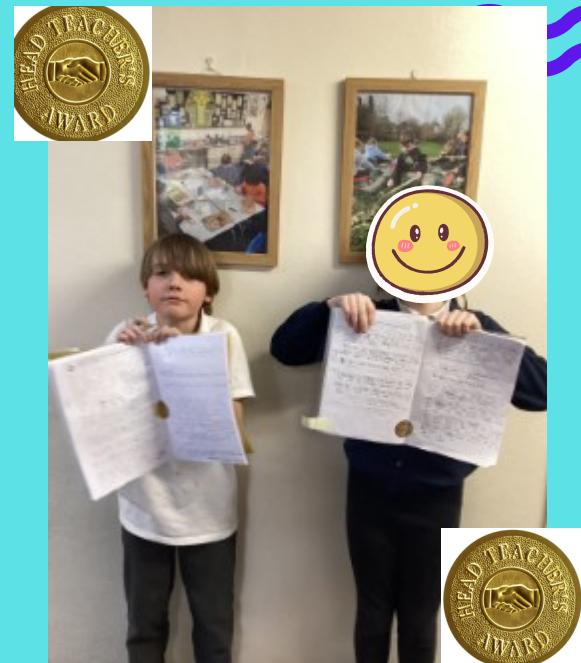
Kitto- for being kind and caring to his friends in Mousehole Mice and taking turns brilliantly whilst playing games.



Well done to the boys and Leonie who played several matches this week in the MBA league and the TPAT league.



Headteacher awards this week for Arthur and Lilah for improved handwriting and use of expanded noun phrases in their writing-keep up the great work both of you!



Congratulations to Kerra for her success in her gymnastics competition. She had medals ranging from gold to bronze in all areas- a great achievement Kerra.



Free  
parent  
workshop

Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> January  
2:30pm  
At Mousehole  
School

M.H.S.T



Decider Skills

- Mousehole school's Wellbeing Ambassadors would like to invite you to school to learn about the Decider Skills.
- The Decider Skills are 12 skills that children can use to manage big feelings.
- Come and learn what they are so you can also use them with your children

Run by Mousehole School's Wellbeing Ambassadors

Exciting offer.....  
We have 2 spaces  
for 2 families from  
Mousehole school  
to do VIG



M.H.S.T

Video Interactive Guidance  
(VIG)



- VIG consists of being filmed playing with your child in school or at home. Then we edit the footage to show you all the positive things you are doing, and analyse this together. This is one cycle. We offer 3.
- VIG is really positive and strength based
- VIG works well if you are struggling to manage your child's behaviour or if you'd like to feel more connected to your child.
- All the families I have worked with have had amazing results and enjoyed the process

If you think you and your child could benefit from VIG, then please speak to your mental health lead in school - Ms Addrienne Munday

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

### **What are the changes?**

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.
3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

Please see FAQs below with more information about how the new rules may affect you.

### **FAQs**

**If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards?**  
No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

**If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate?**

Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

**Who can be issued with a penalty notice?**

- Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school.
- In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

**Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?**

No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

**How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time?**

You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

**Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued?**

No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

**What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it?**

Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

**What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?**

Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.