

MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 7th March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

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We have had a wonderful week celebrating St Piran's and world Book Day.

It started with the children singing Cornish songs at the St Piran's Concert on Tuesday in St Johns Hall. They sang with gusto and joy alongside several other schools in the community. This was followed by learning new dances with the Penzance Gizers.

This was followed by the St Piran Parade through Penzance. We were blessed with sunshine and the children looked fabulous dancing through the streets to the wonderful music from our school band. Thank you for coming along and supporting these events and also to Ms Judge for her supporting our musicians.

We had a magnificent turn out for World Book Day with a whole range of costumes and book characters. Thank you for supporting your children with completing the 20 reads in 20 days challenge and sending in the photos of reading in different places. It is so important to listen to your child read daily to develop their love of reading, imagination and deepen their vocabulary. We ask that you encourage your child to read regularly to support all their learning.

The girls football team played against St Erth on Tuesday. They worked hard as a team and had to play in different positions as some of the girls were in the St Piran's Concert. Well done to Coco who scored the two goals ensuring that we won 2-0.

Year 4 children enjoyed planting trees from the Woodland Trust this week in the sunshine up in the school woodland. They learnt about the different types of trees and where is the best place to plant them.

If you have a spare moment this weekend, please come and help Mr Ansell in the garden this Saturday from 10.30am- 1pm. We have more trees to plant, beds to prepare and seeds to sow. Come for as little or as long as you are able. Everyone welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you!

I am sure you are all aware that some of our new gates are in place to make the boundary secure. These are timed to open and shut in accordance to our start and finish times. If you should arrive late, please check that the gate isn't already unlocked before pressing the buzzer. We hope to have the final gates installed in the next couple of weeks.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow



Stars of the week



Skiff Class	- Zennor - Stanley	- For her brilliant focus and solo in recorder session. -For his wonderful story writing , brilliant ideas and writing so much.
Lugger Class	- Jordan -Kerra	-For his fantastic work ethic this week, a role model to others, superb engagement all week and on school trip. -For wowing us with her examples of direct speech and using the correct punctuation with this. Her varied choice of rich vocabulary too.
Schooner Class	- Leonie	-Leonie has consistently worked hard to improve all areas of her learning. She takes responsibility for her own learning and realises that determination and perseverance pays off with good progress.



Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



Avi

For helping our new friends to understand the rules and routines in Mousehole mice. Well done Avi!

HOUSE POINTS:



PORTHCHAPEL:160

GWYNVER:164

SENNEN:166

PRAA SANDS:203

Cornish words of the week!

“”Lili Korawys-daffodil



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

98.14%

SKIFF-98.7%

LUGGER- 99.23%

SCHOONER-96.07%



The girls had a fantastic game of football against St Erth and won 2-0! Great work girls and particularly to Coco for scoring the goals!



The children sang with such joy and enthusiasm at the St Piran Concert. True role models for Mousehole School!



The Year 4 children enjoyed planting trees from the Woodland Trust in our woodland as part of their forest skills this week.



Congratulations to our World Book Day costume winners and children who completed the 20 read challenge!

We were so proud of the band and Schooner class who represented us brilliantly in the St Piran's Parade. Demonstrating their playing and dancing expertise!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term:

Fridays- Schooners swimming

Jumping Mice weekly on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am

Wed 12th March Parent Consultations

Fri 21st March Red Nose Day

Wed 26th March Tempest whole school photos

Thurs 27th March Songfest 3.30-8.45pm St Johns Hall

W/B 31st March No Clubs

Friday 4th April Easter egg Raffle

Friday 4th April- Last Day of Term

Yr 6 SAT's w/b 12th May 15th May

Summer Term Begins 22.4.25

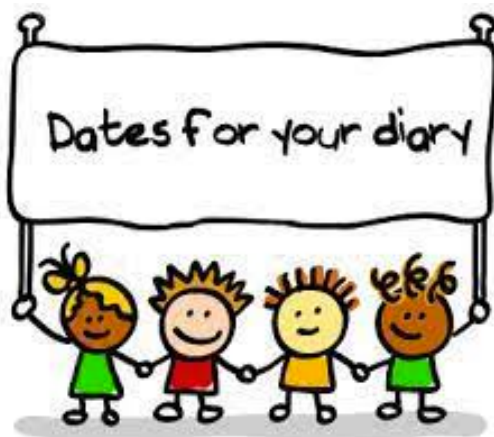
2024-2025 INSET Days:

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Autumn Term Begins 2.9.25





Online Safety Newsletter

March 2025

The impact of smartphones



There is a growing concern on how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children.

In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health.

If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screentime limit.

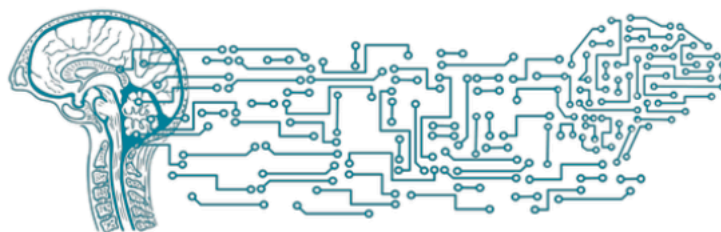
According to King's College London, "two new studies of smartphone habits in teenagers have identified links between problematic smartphone use and depression, anxiety and insomnia." You can read more about these studies here:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/teens-with-problematic-smartphone-use-are-twice-as-likely-to-have-anxiety-and-many-are-eager-to-cut-down>

Compass have published an article as well on what effects mobile phones have on children here:

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

Artificial Intelligence (AI)



What is AI?

AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity continues to increase, and examples include:

- **Virtual assistants** like Alexa and Siri.
- **Chatbots** such as ChatGPT and My AI from Snapchat

Potential Risks of AI?

- **Chat apps** - A simple search of "AI Chat" within the App store highlights the number of apps already available and just scrolling through, you can see that they are not suitable for children with many rated as 17+.
- **Image manipulation** – there are AI tools that can be used to digitally remove clothes from photos, which clearly raises serious safeguarding and privacy concerns.
- **Deepfakes** – there are also AI tools that create realistic, fake videos which can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

Child Rescue Coalition discuss the dangers in more detail here:

<https://childrescuecoalition.org/educations/the-dark-side-of-ai-risks-to-children/>

How can I protect my child?

As always, to keep your child safe online, it is important to:

- Develop your child's digital literacy by highlighting the risks of AI and showing them how important it is to verify what they see online.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

For further information, the NSPCC and Internet Matters provide useful guides on their websites:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

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TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security/privacy settings are applied.



Account set up

It is important that when setting up an account, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age e.g., Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15. In addition, advertisements are tailored by age. By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available, such as switching off comments and restricted mode here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/privacy-and-safety-settings-for-users-under-age-18>

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. Some of the songs available to lip sync to may contain inappropriate lyrics or adult themes. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

Stranger contact

Talk to your child about who is following them online and ensure that they understand that people may not be who they say they are when online. It is important that children understand not to share personal information.

Refresh your feed

You can refresh your "For You" feed to update the content recommended: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/refresh-your-for-you-feed>

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>
- <https://safeguarding.thekeysupport.com/factsheets-and-briefings/child-safety-tiktok-parent-factsheet/>

Talk PANTS with the NSPCC

Talk PANTS was developed to help you have conversations with your child to help them understand that their body belongs to them.

You can find out more here as well as a further link to helpful questions:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

LEGO Arcade

Are you looking for games for your child to play online? LEGO have a selection of fun games including Lego Ninjago and Lego Friends:

<https://kids.lego.com/en-gb/arcade>

Stars Messenger App

The Stars Messenger App is rated as 4+ on the App store. It is a free messaging and video app designed for children to use. Users need their friend's username as well as their unique private Friend Code to add each other. There is also an optional Parent View available for a monthly charge.

South West Grid for Learning provide a full guide to staying safe on this app as well as safety considerations:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/a-guide-to-staying-safe-with-the-stars-messaging-app/>

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