



MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week - 10.7.26

Dyth da, Parents and Carers,

We have had a productive and exciting week, filled with music, sport and opportunities for children to meet their new classes.

Several children took part in the TPAT Super Orchestra on Monday at the Hall for Cornwall. This was a wonderful opportunity to perform as part of an orchestra of over 100 children, ranging in age from 7 to 18 years old. Throughout the year, they attended four rehearsals led by Patrick Bailey and Amanda Bradley-Metcalf, working hard to prepare for this special event. They were true ambassadors for the school, performing with confidence, enthusiasm and pride. Thank you to Mrs St Pierre and Ms Judge for accompanying me and supporting the children throughout the day.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed spending time with their new teachers and classmates as part of Move Up Day. There were lots of smiles, excitement and enthusiasm as they began to learn about the topics and opportunities that await them next year. We would also like to thank the new parents of Dinghy Class who joined Ms Nicholls and Mrs St Pierre for an information session about school routines and helping children become school ready for September. It was lovely to welcome so many families into school and to see such a positive turnout.

Children from Skiff and Schooner Classes proudly represented the school at the Cornwall School Games on Friday. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event and were fantastic ambassadors for Mousehole School.

We are also looking forward to seeing the Luggers perform at the Minack Theatre next Tuesday alongside other local schools. We wish them every success and know they will do us proud. John Brolly was extremely impressed with their acting during rehearsals this week!

A reminder that we still have a limited number of Peter Pan tickets available from the school office if you have not yet purchased yours. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you on Thursday for what promises to be a fantastic performance.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the sunshine and for those who will be watching the football! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday morning for another busy week.

Best wishes,
Sarah Trow
Headteacher

Housepoints

Gwynver: 96

Praa Sands: 136

Sennen: 133

Porth Chapel: 111

Attendance

Whole School: 95.95%

Target: 96%

Dinghy: 98.5%

Skiff: 100%

Lugger: 95.6%

Schooner: 92.2%



Dates

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

- 14th July Lugger -Minack Production
- 16th July 2 whole school performances of Peter Pan
- 22nd July Jubilee Pool
- 23rd July Beach Skills
- 24th July Leavers assembly
- 24th July last day of Summer Term

INSET DAYS:

1st September 26

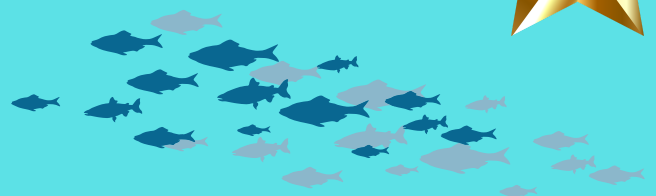
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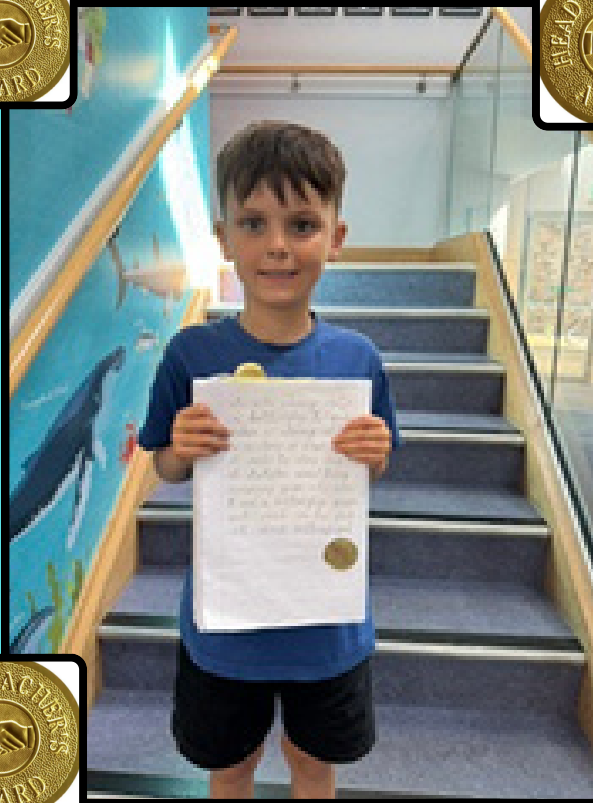
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Stars of the week

Congratulations to Hamish, Stanley, Ruan and Lamorna You have been spotted for fantastic improvements in handwriting, leadership and team building skills, dedication and determination in your learning and for fanatastic progress and enthusiasm for learning throughout the whole year. We are so proud of you all.

Keep up the great work.





Headteacher awards this week go to Kit for his amazing writing- keep up the great work Kit!

Wellbeing ambassadors spotted this week:

Being kind to younger children: Jude and Frank

Showing good sportsmanship: Owen

Being great team mates: the Cornwall School games team

Being resilient: Charlie and Charlie!

Being kind and helpful: Arlo, Clara, Cian, Eugenie, Rudy and Luna

Being friendly and good ambassadors for Mousehole School: Margot, Morwenna and Ivy

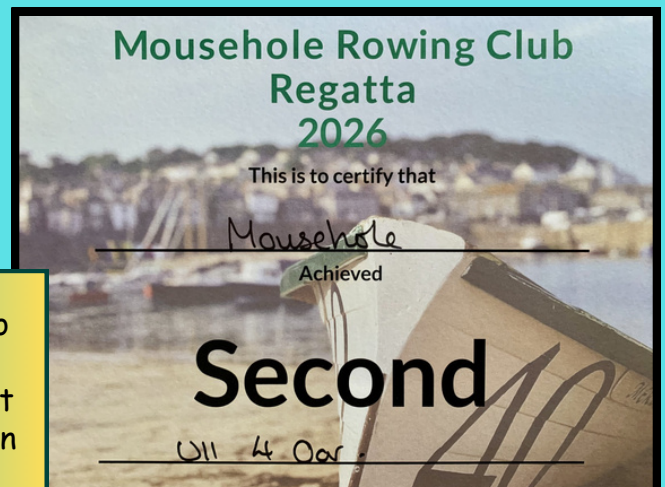


Congratulations to Zelda, Patrick, Delilah and Bethannie for showcasing their work. We are working hard to produce our best work at all times by demonstrating our school values of respect, hard working, confidence and kindness.



Congratulations to the Mousehole Under 11's team at our regatta held on 28/6.

They all rowed amazingly as did Martha who stepped up with Suki to row for another team. Well done all.



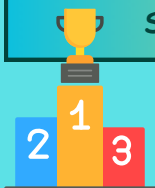
Cornish words of the week
seyth, eth, naw and deg- 7, 8, 9 and 10



A massive well done to our musicians that took part in the TPAT Super Orchestra at the Hall for Cornwall. A wonderful experience for our children to play in such a large orchestra with other students in a wonderful setting!



Well done to all the children who took part in the Cornwall School Games- you demonstrated confidence and determination whilst remembering your sportsmanship!





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>

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Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



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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

June 2026

Pinterest

You need to be at least 13 years old to use Pinterest.

Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos (called Pins). Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests, for example cooking. Users can then 'pin' (save) these images to their own boards to revisit.

There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers? Therefore, if your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools. You can find out more information, including how to set up parental controls here:

<https://help.pinterest.com/en/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-pinterest-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/june-2026-primary/>

Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games. These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity. This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok. Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>



Digital Footprints

When we go online, we create a digital footprint, which is a record of what we do online. This can be by visiting websites, sharing photos, liking or commenting on other people's posts or playing games. It is important that children are aware of the digital footprint that they are creating and the lasting effect it can have. Childline provides further information about digital footprints, including advice on how to protect our privacy online:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>

Risks of Auto saving

Does your child use the likes of WhatsApp, which may automatically download any image/video that is sent to them to their phone's own camera roll? We would advise switching this feature off.

Children may receive lots of photos/videos, particularly within group chats, that they have not requested. If auto download is allowed, then your child does not have control over what is being saved to their camera roll. Potentially, it may also be content that you would not want your child to have saved. Additionally, from a safeguarding perspective, if everything is automatically downloaded to your child's camera roll, it can become difficult to ascertain the source of the image.

How can I disable this feature?

If your child is using a platform that allows this, then there is usually an option to disable this feature, so your child has control over the images saved to their device. The option to disable will be within the settings of the App, here is how to do this on WhatsApp:

- In WhatsApp, go to settings (click on 'You' in the bottom right).
- Click on 'Chats'.
- Toggle 'Save to Photos' to off.



Storybooks and games from the BookTrust

BookTrust have a whole host of storybooks and games on their website. They have storybooks to read, story time videos to watch and kid's games to play.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/have-fun-at-home/storybooks-and-games/>

Emoji Meanings

Did you know that some children and young people may be using emojis to mean something completely different? For example, a cap emoji may be used to represent a lie. It is important that you are aware of how emojis can be used and keep up to date with the way in which they can be used as their meanings are changeable. You can find out further information here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/emoji-slang-guide/>

"Retro – Photos with Friends" App

This is a photo sharing app, and it is rated as 13+ by the App store. The aim of the app is users share their photos with close friends only, like a photo journal. Whilst it is marketed as a safer alternative to other social media apps, you do need to be aware of the following:

- Privacy and data access.
- It does include group chats so there is still the potential for cyberbullying and peer pressure.
- Users may feel safer sharing images as it is with close friends, but content can still be shared with others (through screenshots).

If your child is using this app, make sure you check that privacy settings are set up appropriately.

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Omoggle

Omoggle is an online platform that is for adults only. However, you can simply lie and say you are over 18 to access it. The platform joins two strangers together and uses AI to rate their appearances in a "mog battle."

As you are paired up with a stranger and can see and hear them, there are serious safeguarding concerns and young people should not be accessing this site. Find out more here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/omoggle-parent-guide/>

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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.

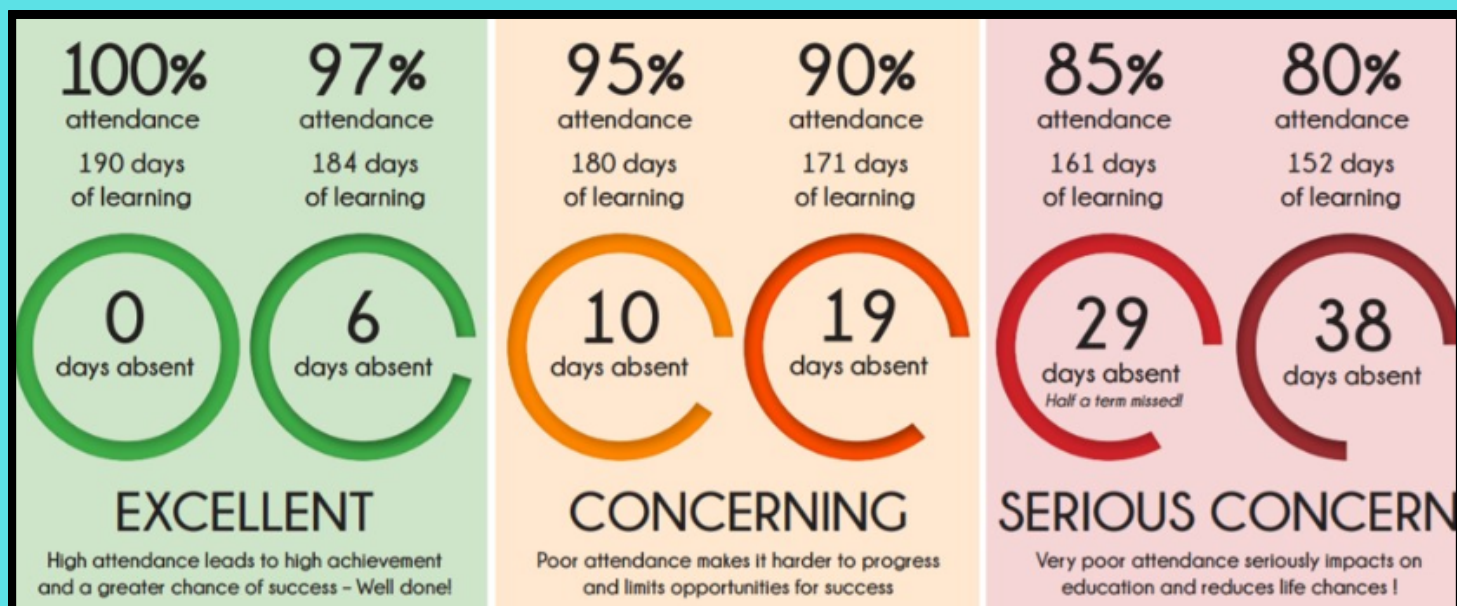
Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the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