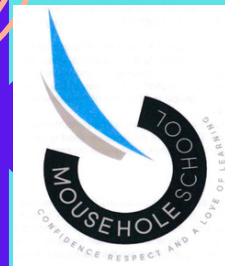




MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week – 2.10.26

Dear Parents and Carers,
Dydh da,

We have had a super week in school and the children have been producing some lovely work across all classes. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and positivity as we continue our learning journey this term.

A special thank you goes to Mr Matthews, who has been doing a fantastic job with Schooner Class during Mr Mullaney's absence. Alongside Mr Ansell, Ms Bezzi and Ms Munday, he has helped provide the children with a wonderful start to the new academic year. We are grateful for their hard work, commitment, and support.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Amy Roberts into school to begin the woodwind project with Skiff Class. Each child has been given either a Toot or a Doot to play and practise at home and we are already looking forward to hearing the progress they make throughout the project. Please remember to send instruments into school each Tuesday so that children can take part fully in their weekly sessions. We are all looking forward to the Paul Feast Games and Concert, which will take place on Wednesday 7th October. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits for the day so they can participate in the games. In the evening, they will need to attend the Paul Feast Concert at the Church Hall, arriving in full school uniform for a 5.45pm start. There will also be a special church service on Sunday 11th October at 11.00am to celebrate Feast and families are warmly invited to attend.

Please come along and support our FROMS AGM on Monday 5th October at 2.00pm. We will be voting in new committee members, as Becky and Sophie will be stepping down this year when their children leave Mousehole School. FROMS plays a vital role in raising funds for additional school resources, educational trips, and the upkeep of our minibus. Without their continued support, many of the enrichment opportunities we are able to offer our children would simply not be possible. We would be delighted to welcome some new faces to the team.

A reminder that Year 5 pupils will be taking part in Bikeability on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Children should come dressed in sensible clothing and bring their bicycle and helmet if they have them. Bikes will be provided for those families who previously requested one.

Please ensure that you have completed and returned your parent consultation forms by Monday afternoon at the latest, as we will then allocate appointment times. We look forward to welcoming families to our Parents' Consultation Evening on Wednesday 14th October. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress, and share their next steps in learning.

Reminder: Children do not need to bring Squishes or other sensory toys into school, as we have a range of sensory resources available for pupils to access in every classroom. Unfortunately, personal Squishes have been causing some issues, as they are sometimes lost, swapped between children, or become a distraction. We would therefore appreciate your support in ensuring these items remain at home.

If you have a child in Year 6, please remember to complete your secondary school application by 31st October. Further information has been shared via Seesaw by Mrs Freeman.

We would also appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete the parent questionnaire regarding the two-week half-term holiday that was sent via Seesaw. The Trust is gathering feedback to understand whether families continue to support this arrangement.

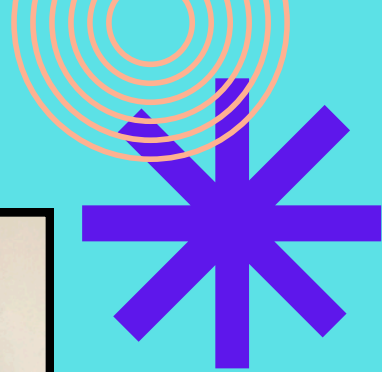
Please take time to plan your route into school from Wednesday 7th October due to the 5 week roadworks happening in Mousehole- see information that was sent via Seesaw.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday morning.

With best wishes,
Mrs Sarah Trow



STARS OF THE WEEK



This week's Star of the Week goes too, Remy, Frank, Clara and Charlie C for settling in well, working hard in science, computing and trying their hardest at all times, as well as being fantastic role models to their peers.
Well done to you all! 🌟🏆

Housepoints

Gwynver: 104



Praa Sands: 103

Sennen: 131



Porth Chapel: 158

Marvellous Mouse



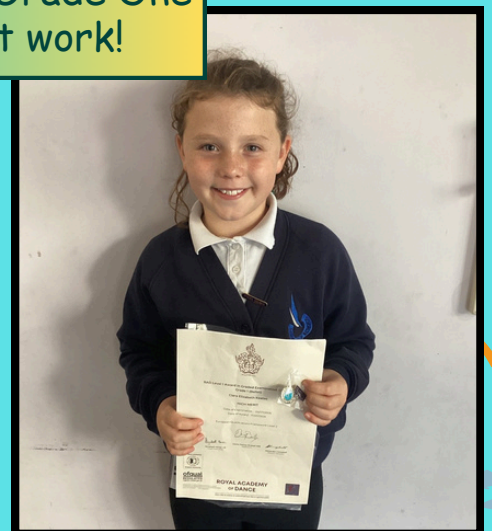
Gracie
For her beautiful letter formation and excitement for learning.



Congratulations to Alma, Zelda, Arlo and Luna 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 Henry, Kerra, Mawgan and Ivy for completing the Cornwall reading challenge this summer. A fabulous achievement!! Also, to Clara for achieving her Grade One in Ballet- great work!

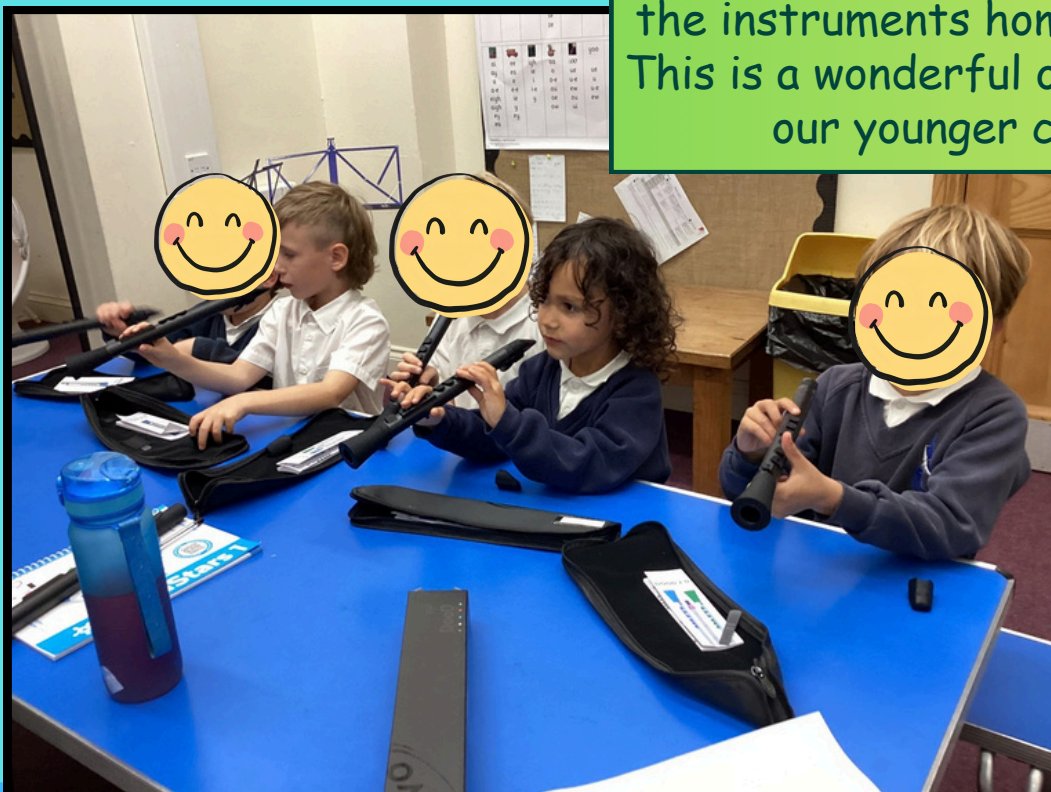


Congratulations to Eugenie for her 55 club in Luggar Class. Keep up the good work and keep practicing!!



Headteachers awards this week go to Rowan for her fantastic character description of Johnny Dory.

Skiff class have been learning to play Toots and Doots this week as part of a woodwind project. They are having a series of lessons with Amy Roberts and are able to take the instruments home to practice. This is a wonderful opportunity for our younger children.



Attendance

Attendance target for all pupils: 96% or above

Dinghy: 97%
Skiff: 97.7%
Lugger: 94%
Schooner: 93.7%



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.

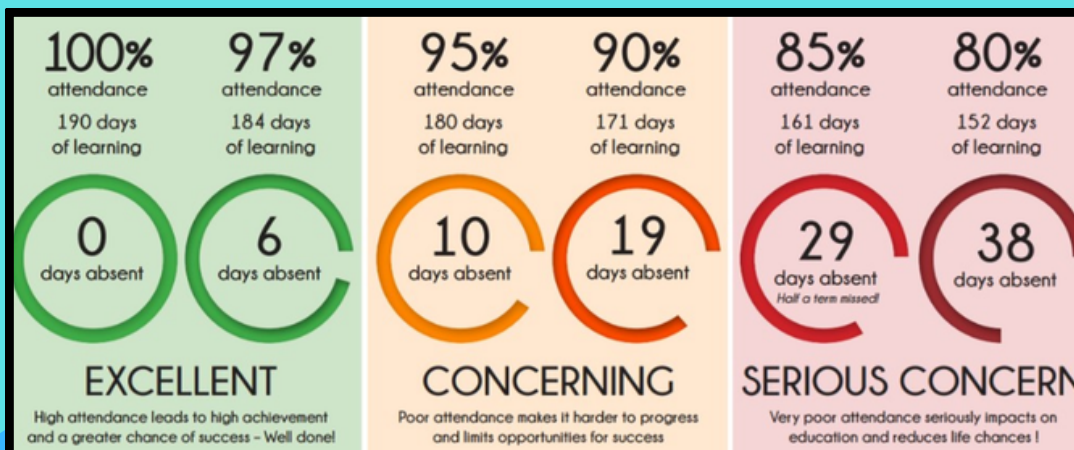
This year, we will continue to work closely with families to promote excellent attendance and to provide support where needed. If you are experiencing any difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

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. ★





Up and coming dates:

- Monday 5th October-FROMS AGM- 2pm
- 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
- Monday 12th October- -Yr 6 MBS visit
- Tuesday 13th October -Yr 6 HDS visit
- Wednesday 14th Yr 5 Life Skills
- 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 4th November Mousehole Mice and Dinghy open morning 10-12pm- please come and join us.
- Friday 13th November-Children in Need- dress in spots(see poster for fundraiser)
- Wednesday 16th Decemembr- Christmas Dinner
- 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 ↗

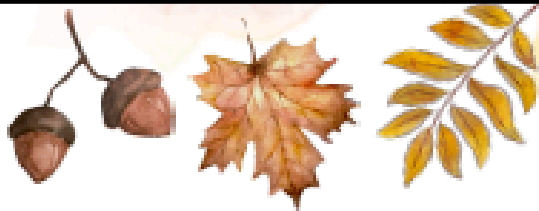
To arrange a tour and make an appointment please contact us:



Tel: 01736 731427



Email: mousehole@tpacademytrust.org



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term we are offering
**FREE “drop in” nature based creative
sessions linked to the 5 ways to
wellbeing.**

This is for parents and children aged 5-11
in Cornwall.

 **The Core at St Ives Community Orchard**

 **Thursday 29 October 2pm -4pm**

 highlighted.flamed.hours

Coming along?  Please let us know by completing our short
booking form so we know how many people to expect.



[Book here!](#)

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)





Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Join us for our 5-week online
**Parent-Led CBT or Behavior as
Communication.**

Sessions are available on Tuesdays or
Wednesdays beginning 10 November
2026 at 10am or 1pm.

Parent-led cognitive behavioural
therapy (CBT) is a short psychological
intervention that helps parents and
carers apply CBT principles in their
child's daily life, to support with
childhood worries.

Behaviour as communication provides
parents with some practical strategies
to foster positive behaviour and
communication at home.

Please sign up via the online form
here:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ACeKmRZfn5>



Sign up closes 23/10/2026 at 5pm

**All sign ups will require an individual pre group
assessment phone call**



Online Safety Newsletter

October 2026

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Wayne Denner provides further information about the social side of CapCut including a comments section: <https://www.waynedenner.com/capcut-parents-guide/>

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/october-2026/>

AI companions

What are AI companions?

AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.



Why are children using AI companions?

There are many reasons a child might want to use an AI companion, including:

- To ask advice and questions that they may be embarrassed to ask another person. It may be easier to talk to an AI companion, so it is imperative children understand the difference between AI and real people.
- They feel lonely and are looking for friendship.
- Children may just be curious and want to try new technology.

What should I be aware of?

- **Age restrictions:** it is important to check the age rating to see if it is appropriate for your child.
- **Inappropriate content:** there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Emotional dependence:** AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence. This may lead to your child becoming over reliant on the service. A chatbot should never replace a parent, a medical professional or other trusted adult.
- **Relationships:** repeated use of AI may influence a child's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.
- **Privacy and personal information:** children should not share personal or confidential information with AI companions.

What can I do?

- Check the age rating and any privacy settings.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online. Ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ai-chatbots-and-virtual-friends-how-parents-can-keep-children-safe/>

Discord

Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers, but is now used by lots of different people to chat to each other online. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. The App store rates it as 17+.

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and it can be set as either public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (rather than using the game's own chat facility). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.



How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available:

<https://discord.com/safety-family-center>

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord, as well as inappropriate language. Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions:

<https://discord.com/safety-library>

5 fun online activities

Whilst we must be aware of the negative aspects of the internet, it's also important to remember that it can also be a great place to have fun or learn something new as a family. Why not try the following?



1. Play a game together.
2. Take a family quiz – it could be around the topic of online safety (e.g. from Childnet) or you could use Kahoot to create your own.
3. Learn something new – explore BBC Bitesize, National Geographic Kids or Khan Academy.
4. Create something – make a digital drawing or video.
5. Read an Audio book.

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Doki Doki Literature Club

Doki Doki Literature Club is a game that, due to its cartoon anime appearance, may appear to be a game suitable for all. However, as the game progresses, it contains much darker and potentially distressing themes. The game includes references to suicide, self-harm and death.

The App store rates it as 18+ as it has cartoon or fantasy violence and horror/fear themes as well as infrequent profanity and crude humour. The game is described as psychological horror. You should also be aware that the app also includes in app purchases.

The game's own website also states that it "is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed."

Please ensure you have set up appropriate parental controls on any devices and platforms that your child uses to ensure they can't access games that are not suitable for their age.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is another animated series that might look harmless because of its cartoon graphics, but the programme contains violence, death and blood. Clips of Happy Tree Friends are also circulating on social media platforms.

As above, we would recommend that you have set up appropriate parental controls to limit exposure to content like this. Also, chat to your child about what they are watching online and ensure they know that if they do see something online that upsets them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information:

<https://www.common sense media.org/website-reviews/happy-tree-friends>

Friends of Mousehole School

WE NEED YOU!



FROMS is currently run by two parents, both of whom, are now Year 6 parents so it is vital that we find the next generation to take over this charity otherwise it will have to be closed down!

Last academic year FROMS spent over £11,000 to support Mousehole School and all the children in it, from Mousehole Mice right up to Schooner Class every single child will have benefitted in some way! Without this financial support the children would not have had the school experience they did.

Here is a list of just some of the things that we cover each year....

- > The minibus (tax/services/MOT)
- > School sports entrance fees (football/Cornwall School Games)
- > School disco
- > Christmas Cinema trip
- > Hi-Vis vests for trips out
- > Endless items for the classrooms and playgrounds
- > Kitted out the new school sensory room this year
- > Maths books for Year 6 SATs revision
- > Artist to create the Mazey Day Willow Structure
- > Songfest entrance fees

Join the PTA!



Please come along to our FROMS AGM on MONDAY 5th OCTOBER at 2pm in the school hall for more information and to see how you can help support our school community!

You don't have to give up heaps of your time and the more people that support the easier it will be.

For a charity to run you need minimum 2 people but ideally 3 trustees.

A treasurer, currently Becky Watkins. A chairman, currently Sophie Walleth

A secretary, currently shared between Becky and Sophie

Time is needed to change over all the bank details before they leave so please ACT NOW!!



Walky Wheely Wednesdays



Let's travel to school the fun way...

Walk or wheel your way to school every Wednesday
and earn points for your class to win prizes while
competing against other schools in Penzance!



Why join in?

-  Healthier, happier children
-  Less traffic around school
-  Builds confidence and independence
-  Better for the environment

What you get:

-  Your school will be given a **repair toolkit** for everyday use—perfect for pumping tyres and simple repairs.
-  Families can take part in a special full-day session with a **qualified mechanic** to get bikes fixed and ready to ride!



Launching 5th October

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED



WE'RE RAISING MONEY

WHAT

We will be walking, running or rolling 2 miles a day for 2 weeks!

WHEN & WHERE

This challenge will start on the 1st of November and run until the 13th of November.
1 mile a day will be done at school, the other mile each day must be done outside of school.

CONTACT

To sign up, follow the link and use the unique code: F082
<https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/mousehole-school>

DONATE ONLINE



Scan the QR code or head to
[runpudsey.co.uk](https://www.runpudsey.co.uk) to sign up
for your challenge





Humphry Davy School

Raising Aspirations | Achieving Excellence

Presents

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SUPER SATURDAY 2026

Saturday 3rd October, 9:00am - 1:00pm