



MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week - 5.6.26

Dyth da, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. It has been lovely to see everyone back in school and we have already had a very busy start.

Schooner Class had a fantastic time at Porthpean. The children were wonderful company and showed real grit and determination in all of the activities. We were so proud of them, and the Porthpean staff commented on their excellent behaviour, confidence, and resilience to have a go. A big thank you to all the staff who supported the trip and helped create such special memories for the children.

Skiff Class had a great visit to Paradise Park, where they took part in a dinosaur workshop as part of their history learning. They loved feeding the birds and animals and came back full of excitement sharing their experiences with joy, representing Mousehole School beautifully as always.

It has also been really lovely to welcome new children into the school across the year groups. Our younger children have enjoyed their transition sessions in Dinghy Class and are settling in well.

Next Friday (12th June) is Sports Day. We are hoping for good weather and look forward to seeing you on the school field from 1pm. Please make sure your child comes in their PE kit with a water bottle, hat, sun cream applied, and a packed lunch. If you need to order one, please let the office know.

On Saturday 13th June, we are holding a community garden session. There is plenty to do, including weeding and planting, so it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. Details have been shared on Seesaw.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Please keep an eye on Seesaw, the diary dates in the newsletter and the school website, as we have lots coming up over the next few weeks.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning at 8:30am.

Best wishes,
Sarah Trow
Headteacher

Housepoints

Gwynver:147

Praa Sands:360

Sennen:115

Porth Chapel:286

Attendance

Whole School: 95%

Target: 96%

Dinghy: 93%

Skiff: 92%

Lugger: 96%

Schooner:95%



Dates

- 12th June Sports Day
- 19th June Back up Sports Day
- 27th June Mazey Day Parade
- 6th July TPAT Super Orchestra
- 14th July Lugger -Minack Production
- 16th July 2 whole school performances of Peter Pan
- 24th July Leavers assembly
- 24th July last day of Summer Term

Stars of the week

Congratulations to Noah, Frank, Alfie S, Clara, Charlie C, Allora, Elizabeth, Arthur S and Elliot for showing kindness to new members of our school, for settling in so well to Mousehole school with enthusiasm and joy, beautiful kenning poetry writing, for amazing grit and determination to overcome their fears on camp and amazing wall climbing with an overhang, beating the Porthpean record!. We are so proud of all our stars. Keep up the great work all of you!

Marvellous Mouse



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For being so kind and helpful to our newest members of Mousehole Mice. We are so proud of you using our school values so beautifully.





SCHOONER CAMP

Schooner class had a blast up at Pothpean Outdoor Adventure Centre these past few days on camp! The days were jam packed full of activities where the children had to work together and conquer some fears! Paddleboarding, caving, wall climbing, laser tag, high ropes, silent disco and a music quiz were just a few of the activities the children got to try. I also heard that the evening entertainment was a very funny ventriloquist! A huge thank you to all of the staff at Porthpean for making camp special! Well done Schooners for giving everything a go and for making some fantastic new memories which we hope will stay with you forever. We are so proud of each and every one of you!



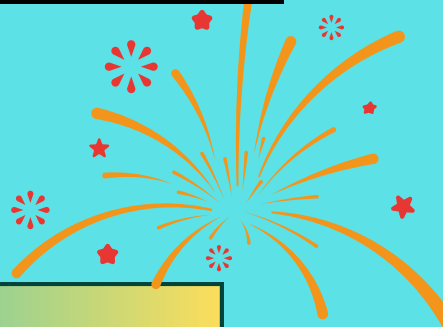
Congratulations Varya for her achievements in her gymnastics competition at the weekend winning medals in beam, bars and coming third overall. Well done.



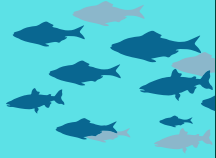
Congratulations to Meadow for excellent effort in her keyboard lessons from Maria Hestleine.



Congratulations to Levan, Ruby and Leonie 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.



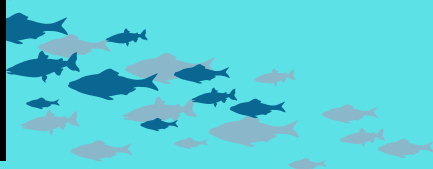
Congratulations to Bunny and Zennor for achieving their 33 club this week- fantatsic effort!



Cornish words of the week
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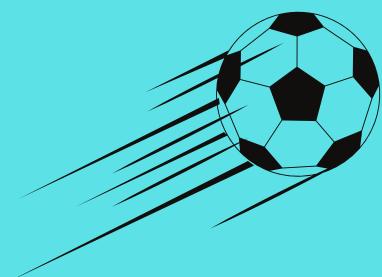
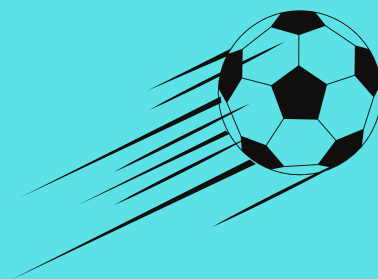


What a brilliant day we had at Paradise Park! We managed to see the penguins being fed, feed some goats and sheep, meet some big birds, feed the lorikeets, examine some dinosaur skeletons and even meet some dinosaur hatchlings! What a jam packed day we have had, full of brilliant question asking. Well done Skiff class.



Another fun week of football
for our Tear 3 and 4 mixed
team!

We played St Hilary this week,
a tricky team for our
developing players, but we still
really enjoyed it, despite losing!
Well done everyone.



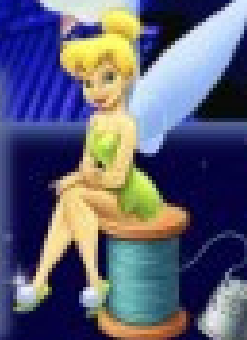
MAZEY DAY 2026

MazeY Day 27th June

2026

"Flying High"

Come and join Mousehole School as part of our Peter Pan themed parade. This year, the children will dress up as the characters that they will be in the school play: a mixture of fairies, lost boys, pirates and warriors...



Truro and Penwith
Academy Trust



ONLINE WORKSHOP: Raising Children in a Connected and Digital World

JOIN US

FREE 45-minute workshop designed for primary parents and carers who want to support their children and young people's relationship with technology.



Thursday 18th June

9.15-10am

1.45-2.30pm

5.45-6.30pm

✦ The Modern Digital Playground

✦ Navigating Key Online Challenges

✦ Practical tools and family strategies

✦ Family tech planner and resources



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

MHST Wild Wellbeing

MHST, in collaboration with the National Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session in Cornwall during May half term.**

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

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

Locations and dates

27 May 2026 - Tehidy Woods

28 May 2026 - Lanhydrock in
collaboration with the National Trust

All sessions will begin at
10am. Please wear weather
appropriate clothing!

To request a place,
please complete the
online form

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/f1Vd5Y29rL>



Scan to sign up



Please be aware that spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you cannot attend after being allocated a place, inform us so we can give your spot to someone else.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)



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.knowsleycitycs.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.

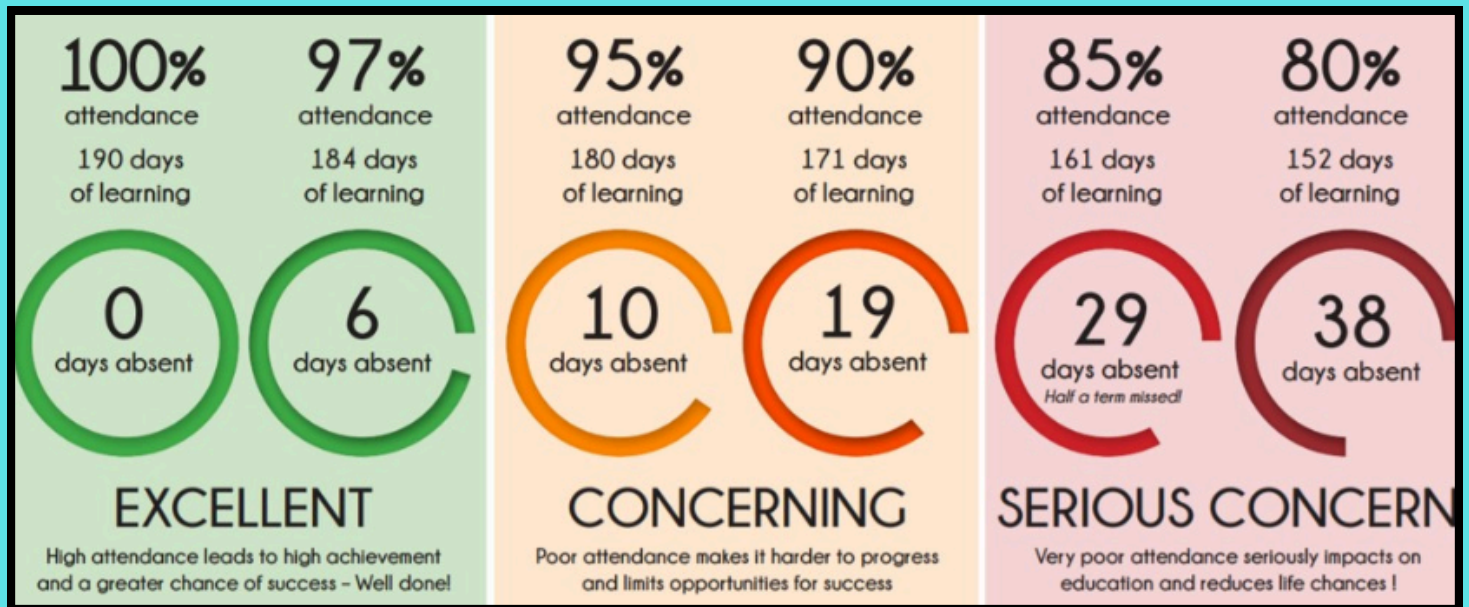
Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the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

PAPAYA

Let's talk about our kids and their tech

ONLINE PARENT TALK WITH NICOLA:

CORNWALL SCHOOLS PARENT TALK
MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026 – 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM



JOINING LINK:

[ACCESS VIA THE TEAMS LINK HERE](#)



Nicola
MacDonald

Nicola MacDonald is a Resilience Coach and Author of the non-fiction book, *Resilient Teen*. She is the Founder of My Resilient Mind and Co-Founder of The Digital Detox Club. She runs resilience workshops and talks for schools, parents, and adults in the workplace. She specialises in mindfulness, tech addiction, youth mental health and conscious parenting.

Nicola is an empowering and uplifting speaker who shares her knowledge in a non-judgemental way linking to her own experiences of parenthood and her own previous struggles with teen anxiety.

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Helping families to thrive in a digital age

Parenting in the **digital age** has never been more complex, with issues surrounding screen time, social media use, and gaming.

Many parents are concerned about their children's mental health, especially the impact of screens on it.

In this interactive talk, Nicola unpacks some of the **complex issues** surrounding smartphone use and, in a **non-judgmental** manner, aims to help you find solutions that work for your family.

Topics

- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online
- Strategies for delaying the smartphone
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology
- Question and discussion time

"The talk is so relevant, full of insight and eye-opening. You will walk away inspired to connect, reflect, and find out more. I highly recommend it."

– Claire Curtis, parent and SFC volunteer.