



MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week - 3.7.26

Dyth da, Parents and Carers,

What an incredibly busy and exciting week we have had at Mousehole School!

Firstly, I would like to say how immensely proud I am of our staff and children. Over the past week we have welcomed a number of visitors into school, and the children have been outstanding ambassadors for Mousehole. They demonstrated our school values beautifully, showing kindness, caring, respect and hard work in everything they do. They truly are a credit to our school community.

On Friday we welcomed the author Michaela Morgan who spoke to all the children about her new book "Star." It was about a refugee from Pakistan who became a famous footballer and doctor. The children found the story inspirational and interesting. Thank you to Sea, Salt and Sails for funding this fantastic opportunity and to Michaela for sharing her wonderful story. The younger children got to act out their own poem based on the story she had written called "Shy Shark". The children were incredibly creative and thoroughly enjoyed this amazing experience. We do have some copies of her books in school to purchase or you can go to the Library in Penzance and borrow her book for free. Poetry came to life in an extraordinary way as only Mousehole School can! A fantastic way to end our incredibly busy week!

Meanwhile, Year 6 enjoyed a memorable cycling trip along the Camel Trail with Mr Mullaney and Mr Ansell. As they approach the end of their primary school journey, it was wonderful to see them enjoying time together and creating lasting memories. Thank you to the staff who made this experience possible.

On Monday, several of our talented musicians will be travelling to the Hall for Cornwall to perform as part of the Super Orchestra, alongside children from other schools within our Trust. We wish them every success and know they will represent Mousehole School brilliantly. We cannot wait to hear all about it.

(Remember to bring your music, instrument, wear school uniform, bring a packed tea and drink).

Looking ahead, tickets for our much anticipated Peter Pan production will go on sale from the school office on Monday at £2.50 each. We are incredibly excited to share the children's hard work with you. As always, we appreciate your understanding regarding ticket allocations due to venue capacity and safety requirements.

You may have seen in the news that SAT's results have been moved from 7.7.26 to 16.7.26. We will be sending them home with the children on the 17.7.26.

We have Move up day on Wednesday 8th July. Please see the class structure below:

Mousehole Mice:- Melissa Hocking and Jade Starkey

Dinghy:- Ms A Nicholls, Mrs E St Pierre, Miss J Buzza

Skiff:- Miss G Cane, Mrs G Perry

Lugger:- Mrs S Williams, Mrs S Trow, Miss A Hook, Mrs A Munday McFadden

Schooner:- Mr Mullaney, Mr Ansell, Ms E Bessi, Mrs A Munday McFadden

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, enjoy the Sea, Salt and Sails festivities, and we look forward to seeing you next week in school on time on Monday.

Best wishes,
Sarah Trow
Headteacher

Housepoints

Gwynver:186

Praa Sands:122

Sennen: 152

Porth Chapel: 167

Attendance

Whole School: 97.5%

Target: 96%

Dinghy: 94.8%

Skiff: 92.7%

Lugger: 98.7%

Schooner:99.3%



Dates

- 6th July TPAT Super Orchestra-Hall For Cornwall
- 8th July Move Up Day to meet new classes
- 14th July Lugger -Minack Production
- 16th July 2 whole school performances of Peter Pan
- 21st July Beach Skills
- 22nd July Jubilee Pool
- 24th July Leavers assembly
- 24th July last day of Summer Term

INSET DAYS:

1st September 26

19th,20th and 21st October 26

4th January 27

Stars of the week

Congratulations to Avi, Kit, Otis and Ezra. You have been spotted for fantastic improvements in handwriting, patterns in maths, Hundertwasser artwork and super work on telling the time and sharing their knowledge with others. We are so proud of you all. Keep up the great work.

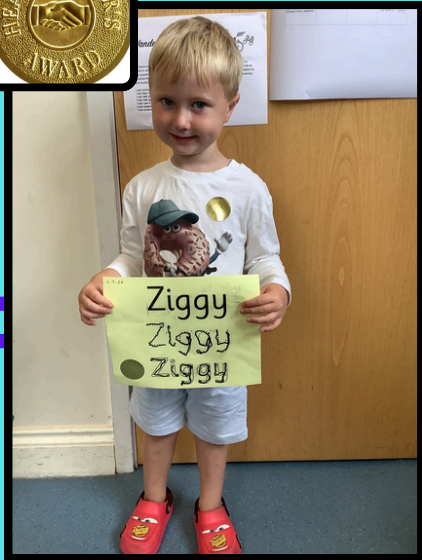
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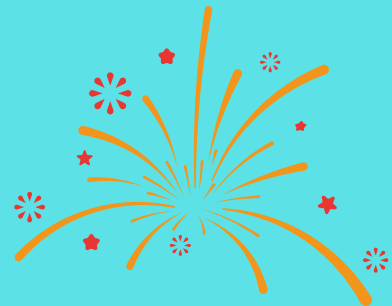
Alba

For settling into Mousehole Mice so well. Alba is always happy and kind to everyone. She is a pleasure to have.

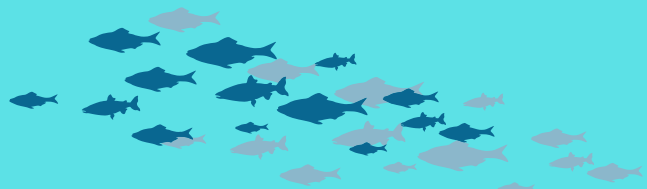


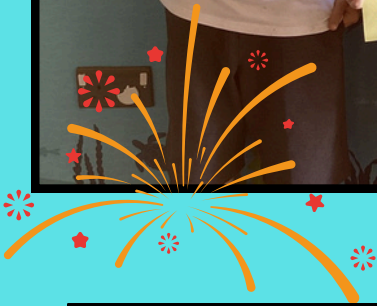


Headteacher awards this week go to Ziggy for his fabulous independent name writing. Also to Noah and Axel for swimming 25m and Arlo B for completing 1500m in their swimming lessons- fantastic achievements from our children in and out of school!



Thank you to Michaela Morgan who came into school today to share her fabulous books "Star" and "Shy Shark". The children had the opportunity to buy signed copies as a memory and we have several in our library for all to share.

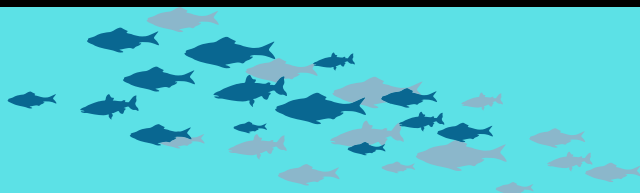




Congratulations to Remy, Jude, Rudy and Elliot for showcasing their work. We are working hard to produce our best work at all times by demonstrating our school values of respect, hard working, confidence and kindness.

Cornish words of the week
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A huge thank you to everyone for taking part in our Mazey Parade last weekend. You all looked amazing and represented our school brilliantly. A big thank you to David Eddy for creating our wonderful image of Tinkerbell! Here are a few photos of the day!





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.

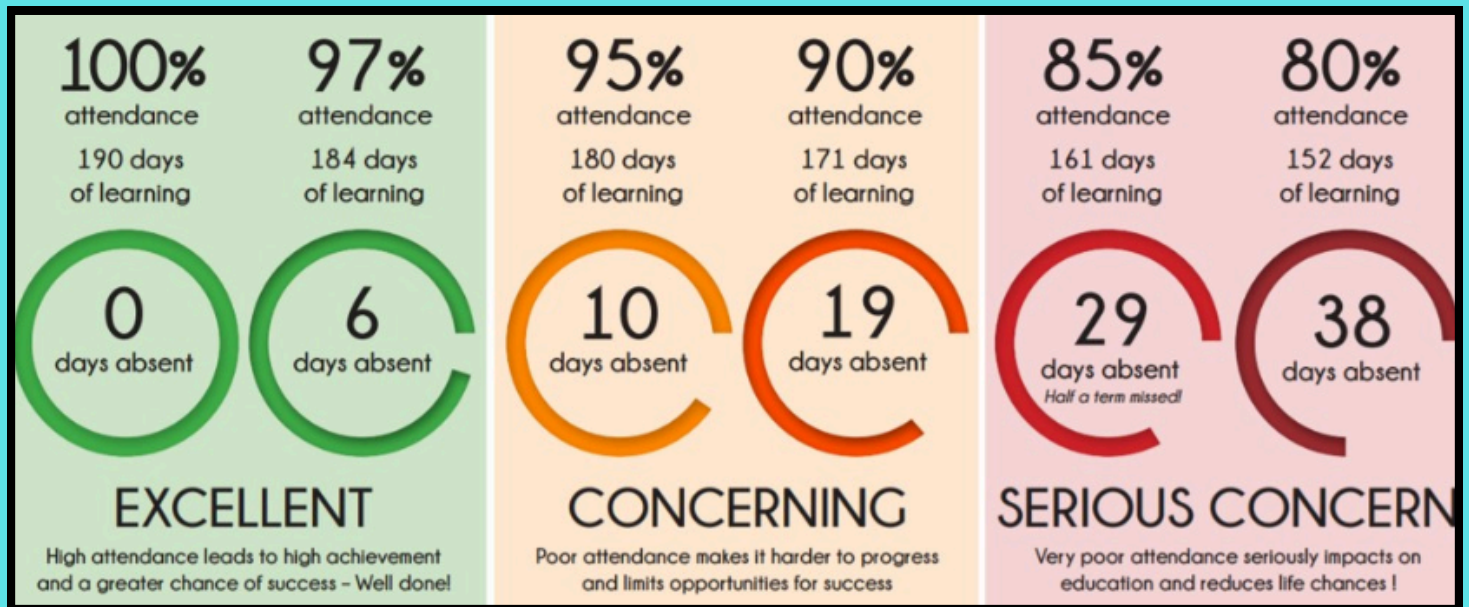
Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the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

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Home Learning Environment Survey

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<https://ipsos.uk/LA13WWT7>

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?**

The **Department of Education** wants to hear **about your experiences.**



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