

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS



Friday 19th September 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

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## **Thank You for Your Patience**

Firstly, thank you for your patience during drop-off and pick-up times. We have been trialling different approaches to make these times smoother for everyone. To help reduce congestion on the hill, we kindly ask that you encourage your child's independence by leaving them at the gate on the hill if they are in Years 1–6. Staff will be on hand to guide them safely into the playground.

## **Lugger Class Brass Sessions**

It was wonderful to see Lugger Class begin their whole-class brass instrument sessions this week with Kirsten Burden. The children have brought home letters for you to read and sign regarding taking their instruments home for practice. This is a fantastic opportunity for all the children to develop their music reading skills and experience the joy of learning an instrument. We look forward to their performance at the end-of-term assembly!

## **Secondary School Applications & Visits**

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is **31st October 2025**. Our Year 6 children will be visiting Cape Cornwall School next Wednesday morning—please look out for further information on Seesaw. Local secondary school open evenings are as follows:

- **Tuesday 23rd September:** Humphry Davy School, 4:30–7:30pm
- **Wednesday 24th September:** Cape Cornwall, 5–7pm
- **Wednesday 1st October:** Mounts Bay School, 4:30–7:30pm

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Next week, we are excited to host the Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall. Children will have the chance to browse during the school day, and the fair will be open to the wider community from Tuesday after school. If you wish to purchase books, forms will be available for you to complete. Please note that books are for display only and cannot be taken home on the day.

## **Non-Uniform Day – Friday 26th September**

On Friday 26th September, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for the Children's Cancer Ward. Any donations are greatly appreciated for this important cause—a collection bucket will be available in Reception.

## **Paul Feast Concert**

We are delighted to confirm that the Paul Feast Concert will take place on **Wednesday 8th October at 6pm**. We warmly invite you to join us for this annual celebration and to enjoy the Paul Feast Calypso. On the same day, children will take part in the Paul Feast games and may come to school in their PE kits, but should wear school uniform to the evening concert.

## **Wishing You a Lovely Weekend**

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

**Best wishes,**

Mrs. Sarah Trow  
Head Teacher

## HOUSE POINTS:



**PORTHCHAPEL: 171**

**GWYNVER: 174**

**SENNEN: 244**

**PRAA SANDS: 255**



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

97%

SKIFF-98.15%

LUGGER- 99.07%

SCHOONER- 94.4%

## Cornish words of the week! "Gwedhen"- tree



The Headteacher award this week goes to Esme for her fantastic work in maths for rounding large numbers-keep up the good work Esme!



Marvellous Mouse  
Of The Week



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For settling in so well this term and being a kind friend to all.

# Stars of the week



<b>Dinghy Class</b>	<b>-Ben</b>	<p>-We are super proud of the way Ben has settled into his new class and school here at Mousehole.</p> <p>He is showing us that he is a kind and caring friend and is eager to explore lots of new experiences both indoors and outdoors.</p> <p>Well done, a great start already!</p>
<b>Skiff Class</b>	<b>-Morwenna</b> <b>-Levan</b>	<p>Well done to both of you for your brilliant story writing. Keep up the good work!</p>
<b>Lugger Class</b>	<b>- Cian</b>  <b>- Martha</b>	<p>-for an excellent start in y3 - outstanding effort and wowing us with some brilliant maths.</p> <p>for a really strong start to y4 getting stuck into poetry and place value in maths</p> <p>- always striving to challenges.</p>
<b>Schooner Class</b>	<b>- Elliot</b>  <b>-Charlie</b>  <b>-Arthur</b>	<p>- Well done you have settled in brilliantly. It was great to see your joy at your tremendous run of the field and goal in our football session.</p> <p>- Well done Charlie. We have been really impressed with your maths this week. Keep up the hard work and listen carefully.</p> <p>-Well done. You have settled into Schooner Class really well. I have been very impressed with your written work and enthusiasm in lessons.</p>

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## **2 week HALF TERM: Monday 20th October-Friday 31st October -2025**

W/C Monday 8th September 2025-Clubs start

Schooner Class swimming 12.9.24 - 5.12.24

Tuesday 23rd September Yr 6 Parents Open Evening at Humphry Davy School 4.30-7pm

Wednesday 24th September Yr 6 visit Cape Cornwall visit 9-12am  
Parents Open evening 5-7pm.

Friday 26th September-Non Uniform day- Children Cancer Ward Fund

Tuesday 30th September 2025- Tempest Individual Pupil  
Photographs

1st October Parents Open Evening at Mounts Bay School 4.30-7pm

**8th October Feast Concert 6pm St Pol Du Leon Church**

**Wednesday 8th October - Paul Feast Activities in School-come in PE kits**

Sunday 12th October - Paul Feast Service St Pol Du Leon Church 11am

Monday 13th October-Skiff trip to the Minack

Thursday 18th October 2025-Nasal Flu

Tuesday 14th/Wed15th/ Parent Consultations 3.30pm-6pm

2 week half term 20th-31st October

**Return to school 3rd November**

Tuesday 4th -7th November 2025 Mousehole Mice parent Meetings

Friday 7th November 2025-Nasal Flu

Friday 14th November 2025- Children in Need-wearing spots!

Thursday 11th December 2025 Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 18th December 2025 Christmas Concert 6pm St Pol Du Leon Church

Whole School Christmas Dinner TBC

Friday 19th December Whole school cinema trip and  
last day of term

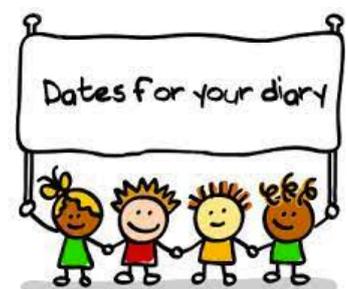
**2025-2026 INSET Days:**

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 20th and 21st October 2025

Monday 26th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2025



# Time to Apply for School!



## Application Deadlines:

- Secondary School - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025
- Reception Class - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, you need to apply for a reception place or if your child is currently in Year 6 at primary school, you need to apply for your preferred secondary school.



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# Online Safety Newsletter

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## Coverstar

Coverstar say they are “the safe TikTok alternative.” They state, “there is no specific age limitation...however, if you are under the age of 13, you must obtain parental consent.” Users can post, comment and livestream.

Whilst Coverstar does not include private messaging, users can still interact via public comments. Coverstar does use moderation tools to scan all user-generated content. It is also important to be aware that Coverstar does allow in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 - £59.99.

If your child is using this app, ensure they know how to use the reporting tools. Bark provide a full review of Coverstar here, but they rate it as suitable for 10+:

<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/coverstar-app-review>.

## Test your knowledge: Online Scams

Childnet have created a quiz for 9-13 year-olds that includes a range of potential online scams, as well as tips to help your child protect themselves online. Find out more here:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/test-your-knowledge-about-online-scams-with-our-quiz-for-9-13-year-olds/>

## Online Safety Act

### What is the Online Safety Act?

The Online Safety Act 2023 is a set of laws introduced to protect children and adults online. Ofcom is the regulator for online safety in the UK, responsible for ensuring companies follow the new rules. As part of this role, Ofcom have designed the Children Codes of practice, which came into force in July 2025. The codes outline what all online services likely to be accessed by children must do to protect children online, for example:



- Enforce age limits.
- Protect children from accessing harmful or age-inappropriate content. This includes content relating to self-harm and eating disorders.
- Ensure users can easily report harmful content.

Ofcom has the power to enforce the rules as well as issue fines if companies fail to comply. You can find out more here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/new-rules-for-a-safer-generation-of-children-online>

### How will it help to protect my child?

One of the main purposes of the Act is to protect children online. Ofcom has published information on how they are helping children to be safer online. The first link is a guide for parents, which also includes a section on what you can do as a parent. You can access this information here:

- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>
- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-the-online-safety-act-will-help-to-protect-children>

### Further information

Online Safety Act: explainer:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer>

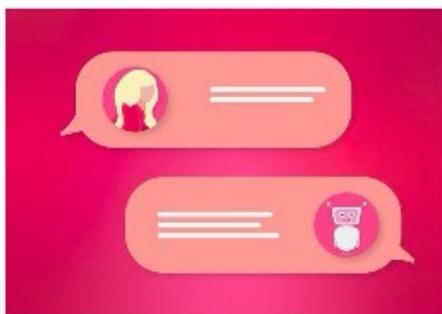
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<https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/sept-2025/>

# Artificial Intelligence (AI)

## What is AI?

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

- **Search engines** such as Google now include an AI-generated overview as part of their results.
- **Virtual assistants** like Alexa, Meta AI and Siri.
- **Chatbots** such as ChatGPT and My AI from Snapchat.



## Opportunities

AI can be an effective tool when used correctly, for instance:

- **Homework** – children can use AI to support and assist their learning.
- **Advice** – AI can be used to provide information and suggestions on a variety of topics.

## Risks and concerns

- **Misinformation** – ensure your child understands that AI can sometimes provide incorrect or misleading information.
- **Privacy issues** – read any privacy policies before using.
- **Chat apps** - a simple search of “AI Chat” within the App store highlights the number of apps already available that are not suitable for children as many are 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 that can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

## How can I protect my child?

To help keep your child safe online, it is important to:

- Check age ratings of any apps or websites that your child accesses.
- 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

- Overview: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/>
- Should you worry if your child has an AI friend? <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/should-you-worry-if-your-child-has-ai-friend>

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## Roblox: Grow a Garden

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Grow a Garden is one of the latest games available on Roblox and is extremely popular. The game is labelled as ‘minimal’ for content maturity, which Roblox define as “may contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear.” Roblox believe that the game play is suitable for everyone. However, as the game is on Roblox, it is important to be aware of the following:

- **Chat** – strangers can interact with your child.
- **In-game purchases** – this game does include in-game purchases.
- **Screen time** – set limits for how long your child is playing.

**A lot of the content on Roblox is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing, ensure they know how to use any reporting tools and set up appropriate parental controls.

## Further information

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>

## Grooming online

Grooming is when somebody seeks to build a relationship with a child to exploit them or cause harm.

It is important that we teach our children how to recognise red flags. Childline have lots of useful information on their website, including where to get further support from:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/online-grooming/>