

MOUSEHOLE NEWS



Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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We've had a wonderful week at school, full of exciting activities and community spirit. Here's a roundup of what's been happening and what's coming up:

It was fantastic to welcome the Prussia Cove Musicians into school this week. They shared their expertise and demonstrated the different string instruments. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing along and confidently shared their own knowledge with enthusiasm.

This **Tuesday, 30th September**, Tempest photographers will be in school to take individual photos of the children. Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform. *Skiff Class* may bring their Forest School clothes to change into in the afternoon.

Thank you for your support with our non-uniform day on Friday. We raised over **£100** for the **Cornwall Children's Cancer Ward**—a wonderful achievement!

We're holding three **community garden sessions** this term on Saturdays from **11am to 2pm** with Mr Ansell in our school field. It would be lovely to welcome some of our new families to help prepare the beds for winter vegetables and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake. The sessions will take place on:

- **11th October**
- **8th November**
- **6th December**

Oli Adams, a professional surfer, will be visiting school this **Wednesday, 1st October** to deliver an assembly about his sport and achievements. He will also lead workouts with the children, so please send them to school in their **PE kits**. Sponsorship forms have been sent home to raise money for schools and British Athletics—please check your child's bag if you haven't received one yet.

Thank you for the **harvest donations** already received at reception. We will continue collecting throughout the week before delivering them to the food bank.

Congratulations to **Isaac**, who raised over **£100** selling ice lollies during the summer term! This money will be shared between the classes to spend on resources. Thank you for your brilliant idea and the time your family gave to support it.



Wishing You a Lovely Weekend

We hope you have a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

**Best wishes,
Sarah Trow**

HOUSE POINTS:



PORTHCHAPEL:

GWYNVER:

SENNEN:217

PRAA SANDS: 221



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

97.4%

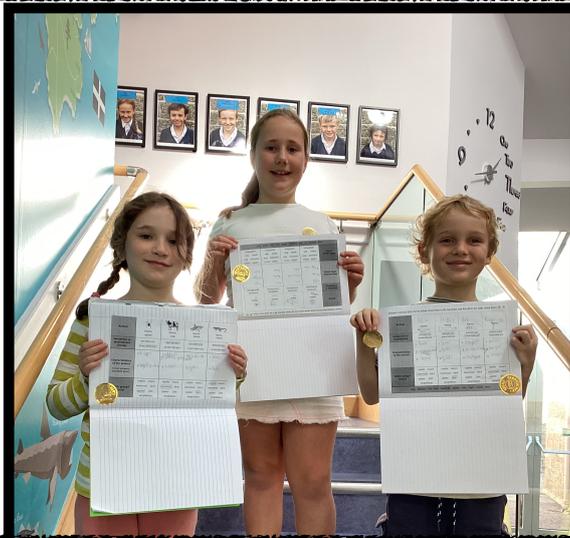
SKIFF-98.15%

LUGGER- 99.58%

SCHOONER- 95.33%

Cornish words of the week!

“Kynnyav”- Autumn



The Headteacher awards this week went to Henry, Martha and Eugenie for their fantastic understanding in science of vertebrates and invertebrates.



Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



Enys

For coming into school happily with a big smile on his face and always being a good friend. Well done Enys!

Stars of the week



Dinghy Class	- Rio	- We are thrilled to say Rio has had an amazing week, coming into school brilliantly each morning and settling into his morning routines with his friends. We are incredibly proud of his attitude to his learning and for being so brave. Rio is learning that we keep him safe and happy in school and it is a place where he has lots of fun too! Keep going Rio, even when it can be tricky. You're a true Dinghy Star!
Skiff Class	- Ivy	- For her fantastic attitude to her learning and always with a smile!
Lugger Class	- Rupert	- For his fab rhyme practice and multiplication in maths-keep it up Rupert!
Schooner Class	- Elizabeth	- Wow! Well done Elizabeth. You have continued the same excellent attitude and passion for learning that you had in Year 5 into year 6. I am sure you will have a very successful year! Mr M
	- Caleb	- Wow! What a super start to Year 5. I like how you quietly get on with tasks without causing fuss and how you are beginning to grow in confidence. I can't wait to see more of your work. Mr M

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 week HALF TERM: Monday 21st October 31st October -2025

W/C Monday 8th September 2025-Clubs start

Tuesday 30th September 2025- Tempest Individual Pupil

Photographs

Wednesday 1st October Oli Adams- Professional surfer assembly. All children to wear PE kit.

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

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

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

Saturday 11th October- Community Garden sessions 11-2pm Please come along!

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 21st-31st October

Return to school 3rd November

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

Friday 7th November 2025-Nasal Flu

Saturday 8th November- Community Garden sessions 11-2pm Please come along!

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

Saturday 6th December- Community Garden sessions 11-2pm Please come along!

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





Prussia Cove Musicians

This morning we had a special whole school assembly as we welcomed Prussia Cove musicians! The children discovered different string instruments listening to all the sounds they can make and even got to join in with some singing! It was so lovely to see the children so engaged and ask so many questions. We would like to say massive thank you to Prussia Cove musicians for taking the time to visit us!



Time to Apply for School!



Application Deadlines:

- Secondary School - 31st October 2025
- Reception Class - 15th January 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st 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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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>

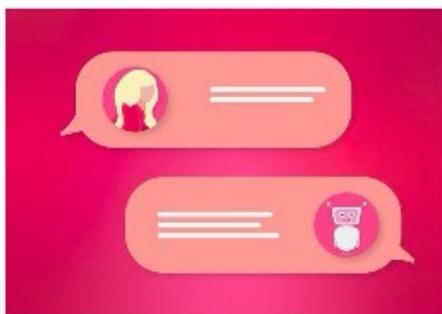
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Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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/>



Congratulations to Arlo for the medals she achieved this summer in surfing. Moving up and down her boards and jumping up and twisting around-very impressive Arlo!



Congratulations to Eugenie for all of her achievements in her first gymnastics competition. She took part in all of the different disciplines and is gaining in confidence. Well done Eugenie