

MOUSEHOLE NEWS



Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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What a joyful and busy week it has been at Mousehole School! Our Paul Feast celebrations brought the whole school community together in the most wonderful way. From the energetic house team games on Wednesday — congratulations to Sennen House for coming out on top — to the delicious saffron buns enjoyed by all, the spirit of teamwork and tradition was truly alive.

Our Paul Feast concert was a beautiful evening of music, poetry, and celebration. The children sang with enthusiasm, read their autumn poems with pride, and played their instruments with confidence. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and joined in with the singing of *The Paul Feast Calypso*. We are especially grateful to the church for their warm hospitality and delicious refreshments.

On Sunday, Arlo, Agnes, Iona, and Uma represented the school at the Paul Feast church service. They spoke with clarity and confidence about our school's connection with the church, and we were incredibly proud of their leadership and poise.

We also marked World Mental Health Day on Friday by exploring emotions through poetry. The children wrote thoughtful and emotive pieces, and Ms Munday will be showcasing some of these on our wellbeing board — do take a look when you're next in school.

Congratulations to our boys' football team, who had a fantastic 3-1 win against St Uny on Tuesday. A brilliant start to the season — thank you to Mr Ansell for coaching and supporting the team.

Saturday saw a productive morning in our community garden. It was lovely to welcome parents, children, and members of the local community to help harvest, tidy, and prepare for the next season. Thank you to Leonie for the delicious cake and to everyone who joined us. We'll be holding another garden morning on 8th November — we'd love to see even more volunteers!

This week we are holding parent consultations — please check your child's bag for your appointment slip. It's always a pleasure to welcome you into school and share your child's progress. We also kindly ask you to complete the parent questionnaires and place them in the box outside the hall.

Finally, a reminder that the Friends of Mousehole School will be meeting on Monday 3rd November at 2pm. Please join us for a cup of tea and a biscuit as we brainstorm fundraising ideas and discuss future plans for the community garden. We're looking to grow our committee, so all support is welcome.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mrs Trow and the Mousehole Team

HOUSE POINTS:



PORTHCHAPEL: 182

GWYNVER: 172

SENNEN: 363

PRAA SANDS: 279



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

97.8%

DINGHY-99.15%

SKIFF-98%

LUGGER- 97%

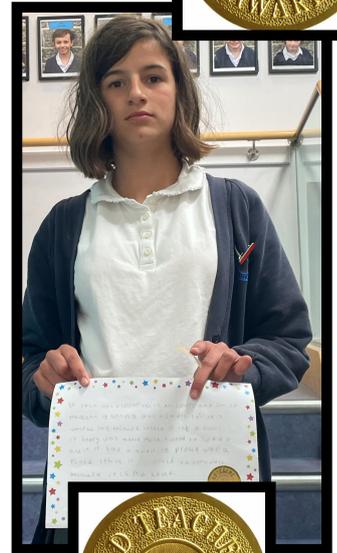
SCHOONER- 96.67%

Cornish words of the week!

“Awel”- gale



Headteacher awards this week go to Ruby, Rupert and Esme for their fantastic poems about feelings that the whole school wrote to celebrate World Mental Health Day. Super descriptive language used in their thought provoking poems. Well done to you all.



Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



Freddie

For having such an incredible variety of new words and sentences. Well done Freddie.



Stars of the week



Dinghy Class	- Eli	-Eli comes into school ready to learn everyday. He is focussed and has an excellent attitude in all he does. We particularly recognise him this week for his growing knowledge and understanding in his maths, patterns that repeat. He is able to talk through his learning and this shows great maturity. Keep up your willingness to try out new things Eli and well done!
Skiff Class	- Stanley P	-for setting such a brilliant example to others at the Paul Feast Concert.
Lugger Class	- Caleb M	- For always putting 100% effort into all that he does and being a great role model and representative to others in Lugger Class and around the school.
	- Eugenie	- For always putting 100% effort into all that he does and being a great role model and representative to others in Lugger Class and around the school.
Schooner Class	- Varya	- For her resilience and determination and her great reading and writing skills.
	- Iona	-For seizing all the opportunities that Mousehole School have to offer with great enthusiasm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

W/C Monday 8th September 2025-Clubs start

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/Wed 15th/Thurs 16th October Parent Consultations 3.30pm-6pm

2 week half term 21st-31st October

Return to school Monday 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-collect from Penzance Cinema

2025-2026 INSET Days:

Monday 20th and 21st October 2025

Monday 26th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2025





PAUL FEAST GAMES



Congratulations to the boys for winning their first football match of the season against St Uny 3-1. Great start boys-keep it up!

Well done to Arlo, Agnes, Iona and Uma for representing the school at the Paul Feast Church Service. They spoke with confidence and clarity about the connections we have with the church and gave thanks for all the support they give to us through Open the Book, RE weeks, and out Feast and Carol concerts. Mr Mullaney and I were very proud of you all.



We had a lovely time at the community garden on Saturday clearing the poly tunnel, harvesting the potatoes, turning over the beds and cutting back the hedges. We stopped to eat a delicious cake made by Leonie and have a lovely cup of tea. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to join both Dax and I we greatly appreciate it and look forward to welcoming you all again on the 8th November.



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>

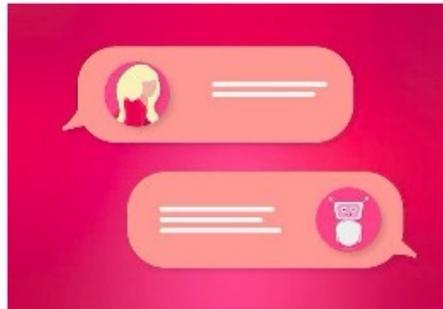
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Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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/>



Community Gardening Days

At Mousehole School
Community Garden

Come along and get involved in the garden,

- ✓ Help with gardening
- ✓ Bring a cake
- ✓ Or just enjoy the company!



Everyone is welcome –

Upcoming dates

(11am – 2pm)

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





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 nature based creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.
Please book EACH child on to a session.

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

The Core at St Ives Community Orchard - Thursday 30 October

Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October

We are also offering a **Parentwell session** at
Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

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



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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