



MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week - 24.4.26



Dyth da, Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back for the start of the Summer Term. The children have returned smartly and ready to learn, and it has been wonderful to see the school full of energy again. The coming weeks promise to be busy and exciting, so please keep an eye on the newsletters and the school website for upcoming dates and information. School clubs will recommence from next Monday.

We already have much to celebrate this term. Skiff Class are to be congratulated on having all of their monster illustrations published. We very much look forward to seeing their work featured in the *Monster Mayhem* book. The pride, excitement and joy shown by the children has been truly heart-warming and we hope this experience inspires them to continue developing their creativity as future authors and illustrators.

Our girls' football team played their play-off match against Gulval on Tuesday, finishing with a well-earned 1-1 draw. Congratulations to Lamorna for scoring the goal, and well done to the entire team for demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the season. You have represented the school superbly.

It is with some sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bond at the end of next week. I would like to express my sincere thanks, on behalf of the whole Mousehole School community, for her commitment, expertise and kindness during her time with us. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. We wish her every success and happiness in her future adventures and travels, and we hope she will be able to visit the school in the coming weeks.

Thank you to everyone who continues to take part in Beat the Streets. We are currently in third place as a school, which is a fantastic achievement. Please keep up the brilliant effort. A poster detailing events taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend has been shared for those who would like to get involved.

I would also like to remind families of the importance of regular school attendance. Being in school every day makes a significant difference to children's learning and progress. Please reconsider booking holidays during term time, as missing school can result in gaps in learning that are difficult to recover. Thank you for your continued support in this important matter.

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure that your child brings a hat, sun cream and a water bottle to school each day. Children may wear summer uniform; however, black school shoes or closed-toe sandals must be worn, including on non-uniform days. The children returned looking very smart this week, and we appreciate your ongoing support. Please remember that our uniform rail is available at school should you require any summer uniform items.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. I hope you enjoy the wonderful weather and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Trow and all the Mousehole Staff

Housepoints

Gwynver: 164

Praa Sands: 220

Sennen: 240

Porth Chapel: 135

Attendance

Whole School: 94.4%

Dinghy :92.8%

Skiff: 86.1%

Lugger: 95.83%

Schooner: 95.79%

Dates

- First day of Summer Term is Monday 20th April
- 27th April-Summer Clubs start
- 27th May Mock SAT's week
- 4th May-Bank Holiday-school closed
- 5th/6th May -Lugger Camp
- 11th May-Year 6 SAT's Week
- 25th-29th May-Half Term
- 1st-3rd June-Schooner Camp

2025-2026 INSET Days:
Monday 1st June 2026- School closed

Stars of the week

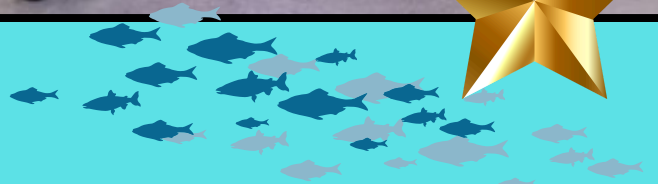
Congratulations to our amazing stars this week they are Eli, Levan, Rupert R, Deilah, Isaac W and Allora. They were spotted for thier fantatsic attitude to learning, poetry writing, an amazing pop up book in DT,facts about dinosaurs, super maths beyond 10 and confidence in speaking to adults. A fabulous achievement from you all. Keep up the great work!

Marvellous Mouse

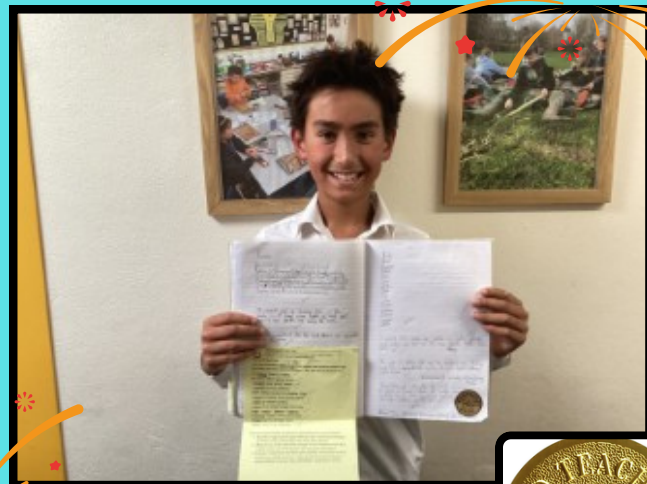
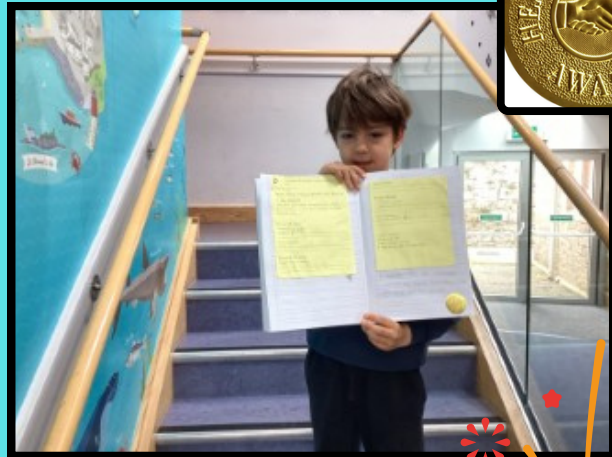


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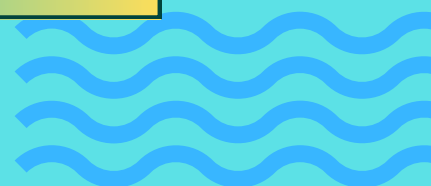
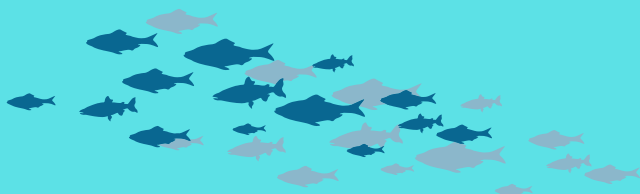
For settling into Mousehole Mice so well, making new friends and bringing a lovely smiley face into pre-school every day.



Headteacher awards this week go to Isaac, Theo and Otis for fantastic achievements in their maths and writing this week.



Congratulations to Yael who achieved her medal for winning the dance competition at the Time To Move activities in the Easter holidays- fantastic achievement Yael!

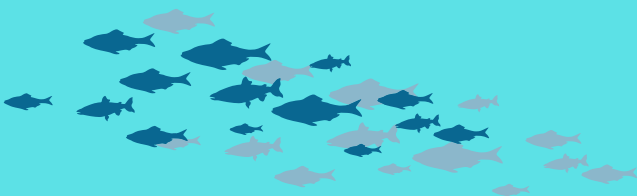


BE PROUD OF YOUR WORK



Congratulations to Arlo, Luna, Morwenna and Noah for showcasing their work, and themselves with pride and beautiful presentation. 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 Deliah and Luna W for achieving their 44 Club this week. Keep up the good work and keep practicing girls!!



Cornish words of the week
liwyow-paints

Well done to our girls football team who played Gulval School on Tuesday. A great goal scored by Lamorna

Such improvement & fantastic teamwork shown by all the players. The final score was 1-1.



A huge congratulations to all the children in Skiff class who had their labelled monsters published as part of the Monster Mayhem book by the Young Writers. A fabulous achievement for all these budding authors and illustrators!

Family Tennis Open Day



Saturday 2nd May

9-2pm

**Penzance Tennis Club
Penlee Park
TR18 4HE**



**Scan to book
a place**

Free Classes

9-10am 5-8 years old

10-11am 9-12 years old

11-12noon 13+ years old

11-12noon Pickleball (all ages)

12-1pm Adult Tennis

1-2pm Cardio Tennis & Walking Tennis

All ages and abilities are welcome

**There will be fun games and stalls to
entertain the whole family**

**For more information email
ian@mail.ivtenniscoaching.com**



**Scan to book
your place**

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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.

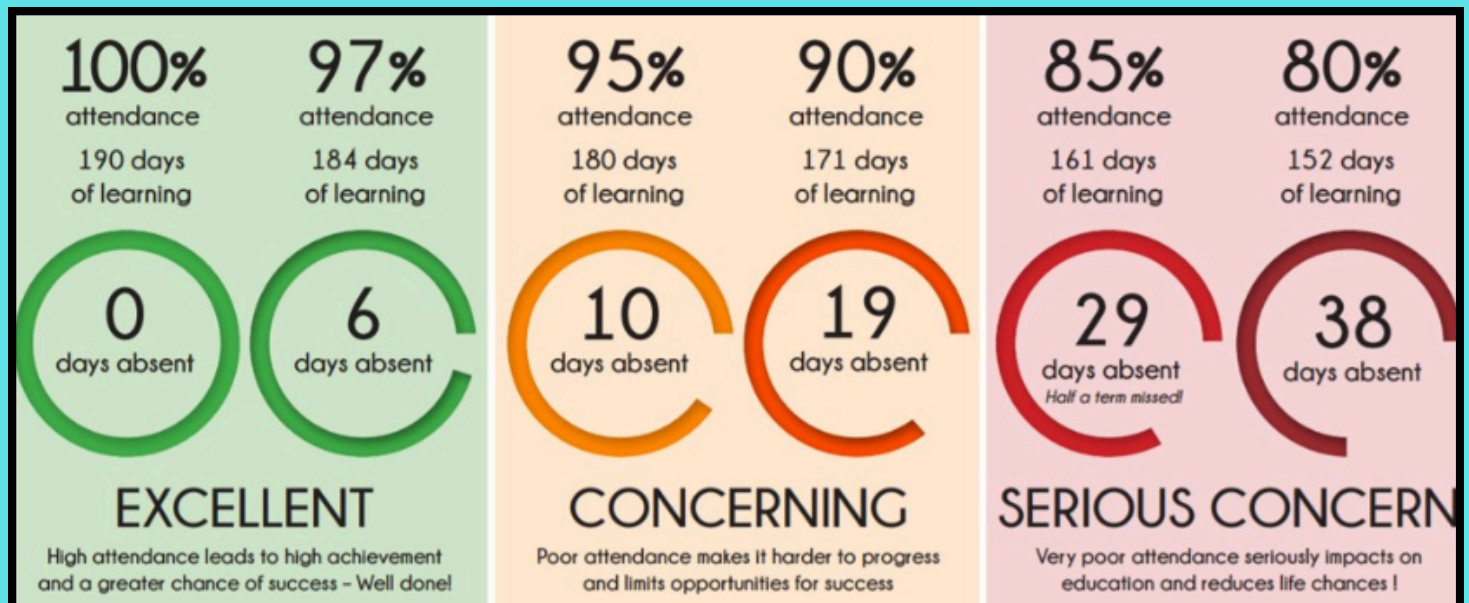
Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the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



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.

PAPAYA

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.