

MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week – 16.10.26

Dear Parents and Carers,
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As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. It has been wonderful to see so many opportunities for our children both in and beyond the classroom this week.

Our Year 6 children have been out and about visiting local secondary schools for their taster days as they begin thinking about the next stage of their education. They enjoyed a range of activities including biking, PE, fitness suite sessions, drama, science and computing. A huge thank you to Mr Ansell and Ms Bezzi for accompanying and supporting the children throughout the visits. They were delighted to report back on the children's fantastic behaviour and positive attitudes. A reminder that secondary school applications must be submitted by 31st October.

On Wednesday, Year 5 attended the Life Skills event at the fire station. They had the opportunity to meet a range of services, take part in practical activities and learn valuable skills that will help prepare them for real-life situations. It was an informative and enjoyable experience for all involved. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parent consultation meetings this week. We had a fantastic turnout and received some lovely feedback through our questionnaires. These meetings are such an important opportunity to celebrate children's successes and discuss their next steps, and it was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school.

Our Leadership Team represented the school beautifully at the Paul Feast Church Service on Sunday alongside local dignitaries. They were excellent ambassadors for Mousehole School and demonstrated great maturity throughout the event. Ms Nicholls and I were incredibly proud of them all.

Well done to our football team, who competed in the Cornwall Small Schools Competition last Friday. Despite the pouring rain, the children showed great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the tournament. They won one match and narrowly lost two others. Thank you to Mr Ansell and Becky for giving up their time to support the team.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the Schooner Class Cake Sale, our first fundraiser of the year for FROMS. These events make a real difference and help provide additional resources, opportunities and experiences for our children.

A special thank you goes to Mr Matthews, who has been covering in Schooner Class this half term during Mr Mullaney's absence. He has been a fantastic support to the children and staff and has become a valued member of our team. We will miss him next term but wish him every success in his future adventures.

Finally, a reminder that school closes for a two-week half-term break. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable time with your families, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With best wishes,
Mrs Sarah Trow



STARS OF THE WEEK



This week's Star of the Week goes to Charlie S, Ivy, Pixie and Enys. They have been spotted for brilliant poetry, mathematics, sharing their expertise in nature and participating brilliantly on the Yera 6 taster days.

Well done to you all! 🌟🏆

Housepoints



Gwynver: 368



Praa Sands: 288

Sennen: 387



Porth Chapel: 303

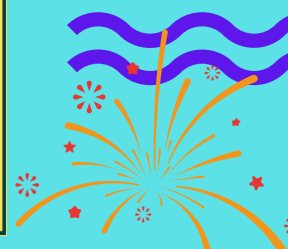
Marvellous Mouse



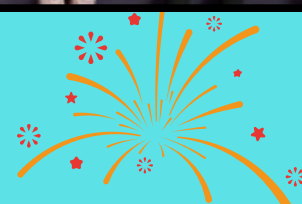
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For her kindness, great friendships and fabulous listening skills.



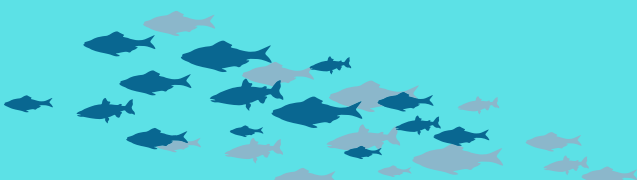
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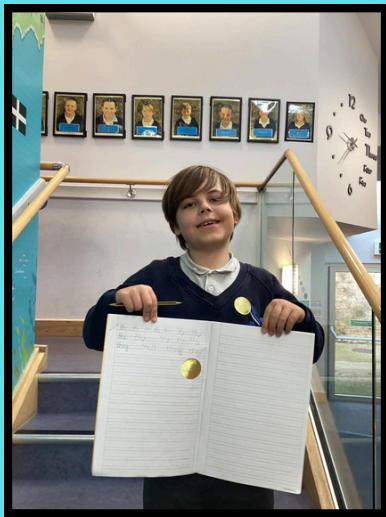
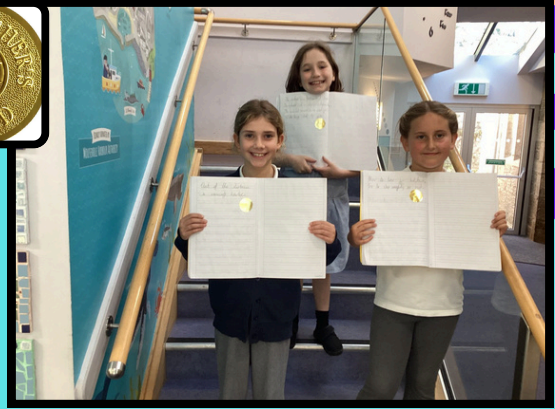
- Helping their classmates: Raphi, Eugenie and Charlie Steane
 - Helping Mrs Trow: Leo
 - Being kind at lunchtime: Rudy and Bunny
 - Being great ambassadors for our school: Sienna, Luna W, Mason, Milo, Patrick, Lamorna, Ezra and Rupert Roberts.
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Congratulations to Rowan, Samson, Clara and Spencer 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.

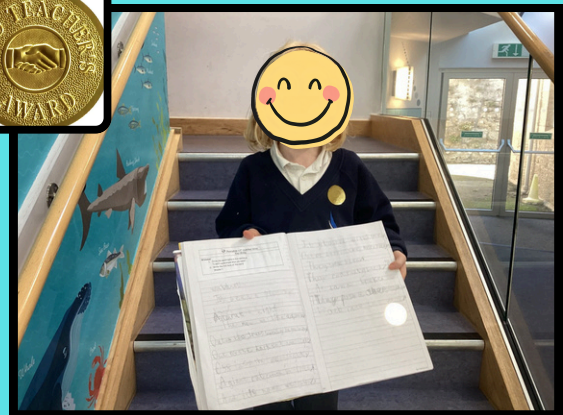


Congratulations to Zennor for achieving her 55 club in Luggar Class. Keep up the good work and keep practicing!!

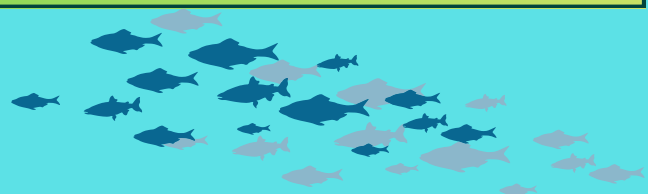




Headteachers awards this week go to Hugo, Levan, Eugenie, Arlo and Ivy for their beautiful poems and fantastic improvement in their handwriting. Also to Rudy and John for re-enacting their Stone Age-Iron Age history.

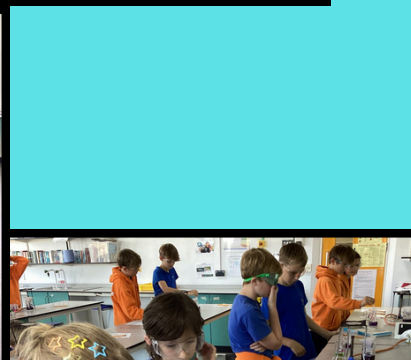


A big thank you to the Leadership Team for representing the school brilliantly at Paul Church on Sunday for the Paul Feast Service. They sang beautifully and took part in parts of the service confidently. Well done Mrs Trow and Ms Nicholls were very proud of you!





Year 5 had a fantastic time at Life Skills which was held at the fire station. This helps to prepare them for real world situations.



Year 6 had a great taster day at HDS on Tuesday taking part in Science, PE, IT and Drama



Last Friday the boys took part in the Cornwall small schools competition at Nanphysick, St Austell. A highly competitive 3 matches against Bishop Cornish, Five Islands and St Teath, all very closely fought matches, unfortunately we lost 2-1 (twice) & drew our last match. Well played but unlucky! Thank you to Mr Ansell and Becky for taking the children and to the boys for their sportsmanship and resilience despite the bad weather.

Attendance

Attendance target for all pupils: 96% or above

Dinghy: 94.8%

Skiff: 92.2%

Lugger: 96.35%

Schooner: 95.6%



Attendance Matters

Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities, and even a small amount of missed time can have a significant impact on a child's progress, confidence and friendships.

We understand that children will occasionally be absent due to illness, but we encourage families to ensure that pupils attend school whenever possible and arrive on time each day. Establishing strong attendance habits from an early age supports children in developing routines, resilience and a positive attitude towards learning.

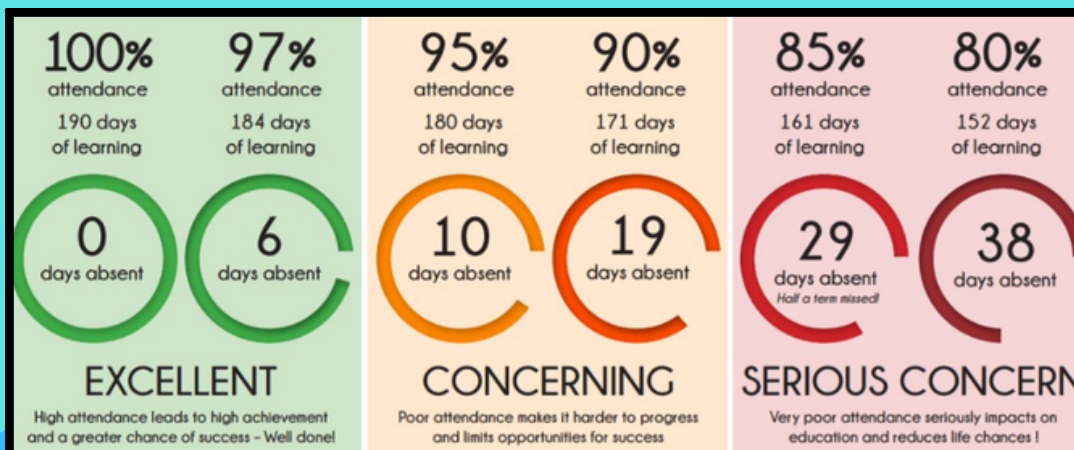
This year, we will continue to work closely with families to promote excellent attendance and to provide support where needed. If you are experiencing any difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

Our attendance target for all pupils is 96% or above.

Did you know?

- 95% attendance means your child misses around 10 school days each year.
- 90% attendance means your child misses almost 4 weeks of learning across the school year.
- Regular attendance supports academic achievement, wellbeing and positive relationships.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that every child is in school, on time and ready to learn each day. Together, we can help every child make the most of the opportunities available to them at Mousehole School. ★





MOUSEHOLE SCHOOL
EYFS OPEN MORNING

We are excited to invite prospective parents and carers to our Early Years open morning on Wednesday 4th November.
Drop in anytime between 10am and 12pm.

You are invited to have a look around our lovely rural school, meet our Mousehole Mice Nursery team, Early years teachers and Headteacher and see what wonderful opportunities we can offer.

COME AND VISIT US!

Ofsted
Read our report

To arrange a tour and make an appointment please contact us:
Tel: 01736 731427
Email: mousehole@tpacademytrust.org

Up and coming dates:

- Half Term Monday 19th October- Friday 30th October
- Monday 2nd November-School starts Autumn second half term
- Wednesday 4th November Mousehole Mice and Dinghy open morning 10-12pm- please come and join us.
- Friday 13th November-Children in Need- dress in spots(see poster for fundraiser)
- Friday 20th November-Lugger cake stall fundraiser
- Wednesday 2nd December Billy Wynter Humphry Davy Lantern Work shop with Yr 5/6- parents welcome to come along and support.
- Monday 7th December- School Christmas Fair
- Friday 11th December- Humphry Davy Lantern Parade
- Wednesday 16th December- Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 16th December- Christmas Carol Concert
- Friday 18th December- Last day of Autumn Term

2026-2027 INSET Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

COME AND
VISIT US!



Mousehole School

Starting Reception in 2027?

At Mousehole School we are proud of our local community and all the rich opportunities it brings our children. We would love for you to come and take a look around our fantastic school, have a chance to meet our school team and see where your child could thrive in our little community! We look forward to meeting you!

CONFIDENCE

RESPECT

LOVE OF LEARNING

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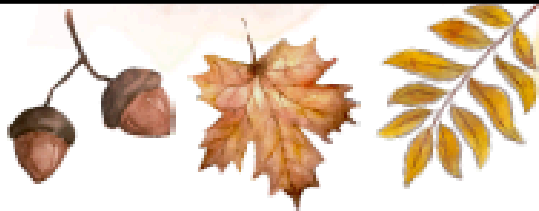
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Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term we are offering
**FREE “drop in” nature based creative
sessions linked to the 5 ways to
wellbeing.**

This is for parents and children aged 5-11
in Cornwall.

 **The Core at St Ives Community Orchard**

 **Thursday 29 October 2pm -4pm**

 highlighted.flamed.hours

Coming along?  Please let us know by completing our short
booking form so we know how many people to expect.



[Book here!](#)

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

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





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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Join us for our 5-week online
**Parent-Led CBT or Behavior as
Communication.**

Sessions are available on Tuesdays or
Wednesdays beginning 10 November
2026 at 10am or 1pm.

Parent-led cognitive behavioural
therapy (CBT) is a short psychological
intervention that helps parents and
carers apply CBT principles in their
child's daily life, to support with
childhood worries.

Behaviour as communication provides
parents with some practical strategies
to foster positive behaviour and
communication at home.

Please sign up via the online form
here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ACeKmRZfn5>



Sign up closes 23/10/2026 at 5pm

**All sign ups will require an individual pre group
assessment phone call**



Online Safety Newsletter

October 2026

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Wayne Denner provides further information about the social side of CapCut including a comments section: <https://www.waynedenner.com/capcut-parents-guide/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/october-2026/>

AI companions

What are AI companions?

AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.



Why are children using AI companions?

There are many reasons a child might want to use an AI companion, including:

- To ask advice and questions that they may be embarrassed to ask another person. It may be easier to talk to an AI companion, so it is imperative children understand the difference between AI and real people.
- They feel lonely and are looking for friendship.
- Children may just be curious and want to try new technology.

What should I be aware of?

- **Age restrictions:** it is important to check the age rating to see if it is appropriate for your child.
- **Inappropriate content:** there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Emotional dependence:** AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence. This may lead to your child becoming over reliant on the service. A chatbot should never replace a parent, a medical professional or other trusted adult.
- **Relationships:** repeated use of AI may influence a child's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.
- **Privacy and personal information:** children should not share personal or confidential information with AI companions.

What can I do?

- Check the age rating and any privacy settings.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online. Ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ai-chatbots-and-virtual-friends-how-parents-can-keep-children-safe/>

Discord

Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers, but is now used by lots of different people to chat to each other online. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. The App store rates it as 17+.

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and it can be set as either public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (rather than using the game's own chat facility). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.



How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available:

<https://discord.com/safety-family-center>

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord, as well as inappropriate language. Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions:

<https://discord.com/safety-library>

5 fun online activities

Whilst we must be aware of the negative aspects of the internet, it's also important to remember that it can also be a great place to have fun or learn something new as a family. Why not try the following?



1. Play a game together.
2. Take a family quiz – it could be around the topic of online safety (e.g. from Childnet) or you could use Kahoot to create your own.
3. Learn something new – explore BBC Bitesize, National Geographic Kids or Khan Academy.
4. Create something – make a digital drawing or video.
5. Read an Audio book.

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Doki Doki Literature Club

Doki Doki Literature Club is a game that, due to its cartoon anime appearance, may appear to be a game suitable for all. However, as the game progresses, it contains much darker and potentially distressing themes. The game includes references to suicide, self-harm and death.

The App store rates it as 18+ as it has cartoon or fantasy violence and horror/fear themes as well as infrequent profanity and crude humour. The game is described as psychological horror. You should also be aware that the app also includes in app purchases.

The game's own website also states that it "is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed."

Please ensure you have set up appropriate parental controls on any devices and platforms that your child uses to ensure they can't access games that are not suitable for their age.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is another animated series that might look harmless because of its cartoon graphics, but the programme contains violence, death and blood. Clips of Happy Tree Friends are also circulating on social media platforms.

As above, we would recommend that you have set up appropriate parental controls to limit exposure to content like this. Also, chat to your child about what they are watching online and ensure they know that if they do see something online that upsets them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information:

<https://www.common sense media.org/website-reviews/happy-tree-friends>



Walky Wheely Wednesdays



Let's travel to school the fun way...

Walk or wheel your way to school every Wednesday and earn points for your class to win prizes while competing against other schools in Penzance!



Why join in?

-  Healthier, happier children
-  Less traffic around school
-  Builds confidence and independence
-  Better for the environment

What you get:

-  Your school will be given a **repair toolkit** for everyday use—perfect for pumping tyres and simple repairs.
-  Families can take part in a special full-day session with a **qualified mechanic** to get bikes fixed and ready to ride!



Launching 5th October

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED



WE'RE RAISING MONEY

WHAT

We will be walking, running or rolling 2 miles a day for 2 weeks!

WHEN & WHERE

This challenge will start on the 1st of November and run until the 13th of November.
1 mile a day will be done at school, the other mile each day must be done outside of school.

CONTACT

To sign up, follow the link and use the unique code: F082
<https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/mousehole-school>

DONATE ONLINE



Scan the QR code or head to
[runpudsey.co.uk](https://www.runpudsey.co.uk) to sign up
for your challenge





MBFDC FOOTBALL CAMPS

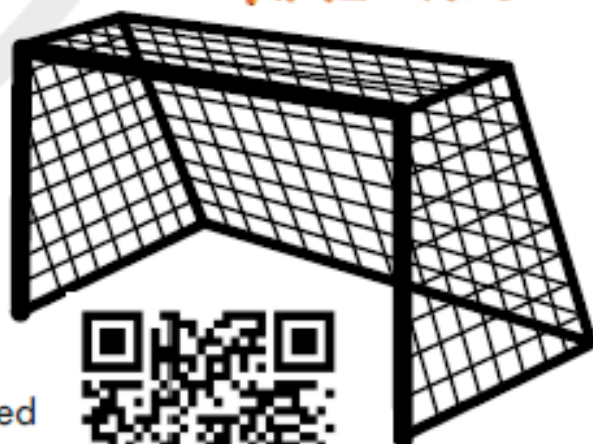
OCT HALF TERM

 **HAPPY** 
HALLOWEEN

All children welcome to attend 
Have fun, score goals & play football!

THURS 22ND OCT
FRI 23RD OCT
MON 26TH OCT
TUES 27TH OCT

- ✓ UEFA/FA Qualified Staff & DBS Checked
- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Fun activities, matches & tournaments
- ✓ Penalty shootouts, prizes & more!



TIMES / AGES:

School Years 2 - 8
U7s - U13s
10am - 3pm
£18 (1 day), £33 (2 days)
£45 (3 days), £55 (4 days)

PLAYERS NEED:

Packed lunch & drinks
Wet weather clothing & spares!
Football boots for the new 3G pitch
Shin pads
Indoor Footwear (in case of poor weather!)

MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G PITCH

Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Online Registration Link
www.mbfdc.co.uk

Scan the QR code to visit the MBFDC website
for further details!

