

MOUSEHOLE NEWS



Friday 17th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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We have had a busy final week of the year. Luggers put on a fantastic performance at the Minack Theatre as part of the Cornish Avengers. The children spoke, sang and danced with joy and enthusiasm despite the rain coming in at the end. We were so proud of them all.

Sadly, due to the bad weather we missed our trip to the Jubilee Pool but this was made up for by the harbour skills on Thursday with Sennen Surf Club. The children had a fantastic time and came back buzzing from the beach.

We celebrated our Mousehole Mice children that have graduated and will be moving up into our reinstated Dinghy Class in September. They are very excited about their move and have benefited from their transition sessions. Thank you to Jade and Melissa for preparing them so well.

We had an assembly to celebrate the children with 100% attendance for the year and the nominees for the Linda Hodgson Award. These children have been recognised for the all-round positive approach to their learning, school life and our school values. The nominees were Raphi, Margot, Charlie C, Luna J, Leonie and Annabelle. Each received a silver star and the overall winner was Margot who will have their name engraved on the shield. Well done to you all for this fantastic recognition.

Today we celebrated the success of our Year 6 in their leavers assembly. Not only have they achieved academically but also as all round individuals who are ready to start their new chapter at secondary school. We wish them the best of luck for the exciting futures and we are extremely proud of you all!

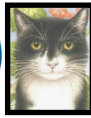
Sadly we say goodbye to Ms Williams who retires, Mrs Symons as she goes onto new adventures and Bex Williams in the kitchen and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best in the future and thank you for all their commitment to Mousehole School over the years.

We will be welcoming Ms Nicholls in Dinghy, Miss Cane back in Skiffs and Sarah Madron who will be staying on to run the servery in the kitchen.

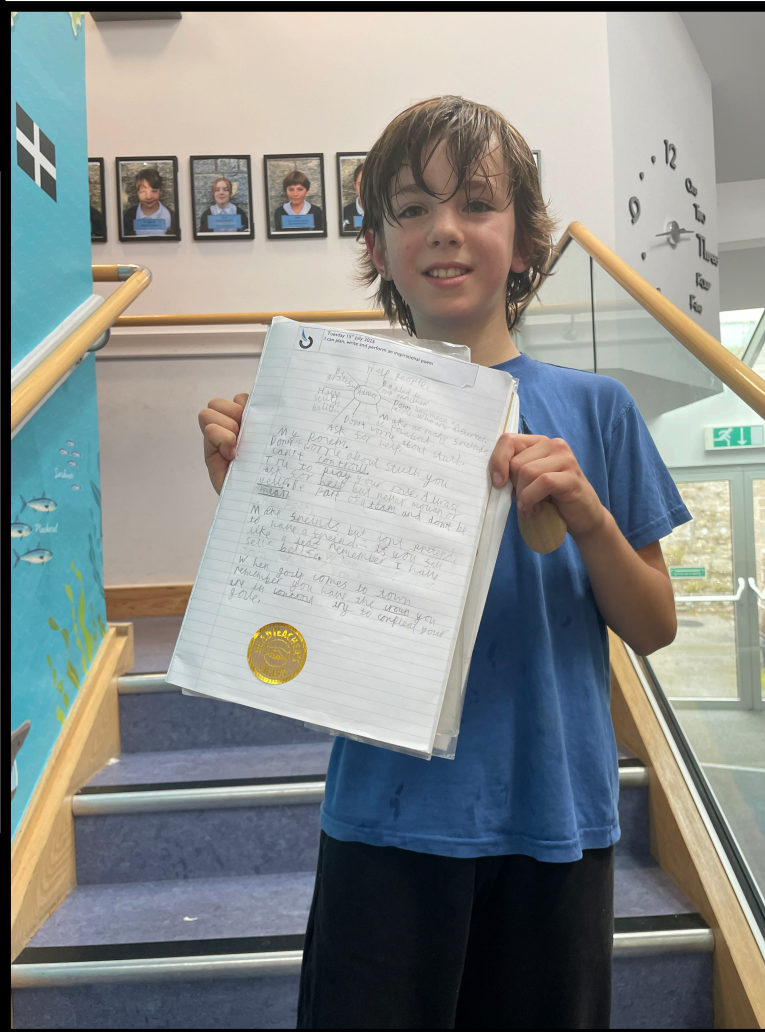
We would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year and look forward to working alongside you in September. We hope you have a super summer break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd September.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow and all the staff at Mousehole School



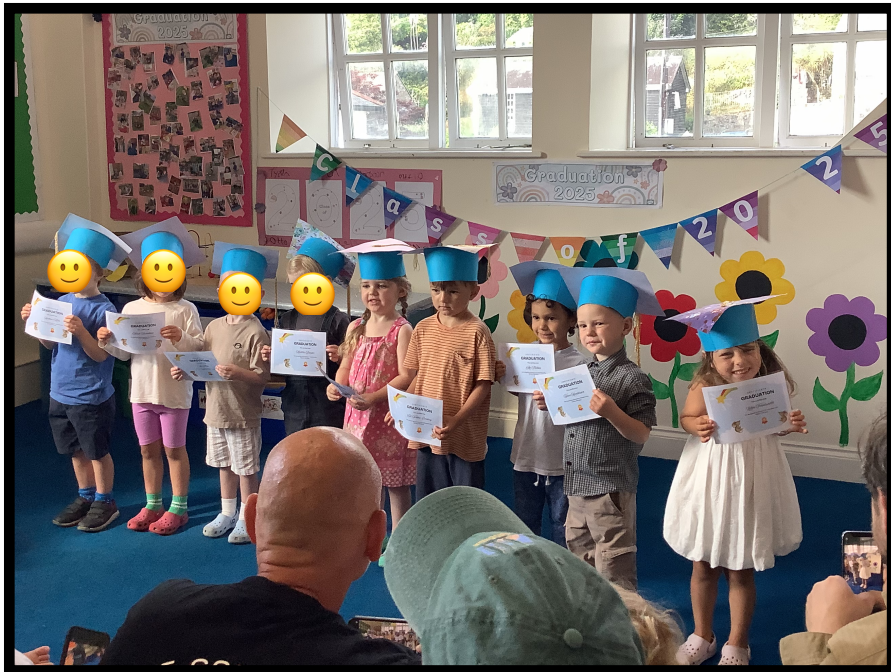
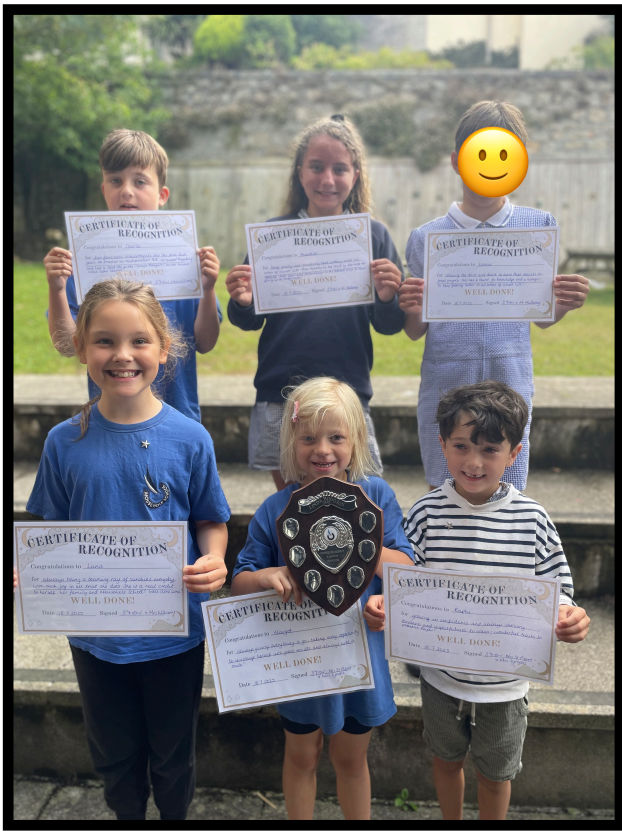
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The Headteacher award this week goes to Arlo T for his fantastic rhyming poetry writing about things he wished he knew before he did them. He also read it with great expression. Well done Arlo

Linda Hodgson Award Nominees

Skiff Class	Margot	- For always giving everything a go, taking every opportunity to challenge herself with great results and always with a smile! Well done Margot.
	Raphi	- For growing in confidence and always showing kindness and respectfulness to others-wonderful traits to possess Raphi!
Lugger Class	-Luna J	- For always being a beaming ray of sunshine everyday with such joy in all that she does. She is a real credit to herself, her family and to Mousehole School. Well done Luna!
	-Charlie C	- His fantastic achievements over the past two years. He smashed his multiplication test, conquered kayaking and had a lead role in the "Cornish Avengers" at the Minack! Well done Charlie!
Schooner Class	- Annabelle	- for being quietly and consistently hard working across all areas of school life-from running on the track to learning her spellings, from dedicated performances on the football pitch to never giving up on tacky maths! Well done Annabelle.
	- Leonie	-for showing the drive and desire to learn that results in great progress. She has a thirst for knowledge and a hunger to keep getting better in all areas of school life! Well done Leonie.
Overall winner for 2025		Congratulations Margot!





MINACK *Performance*

On Tuesday this week Luggar class performed at the Minack Theatre alongside other schools. It was a super long day for all of the children but we were so impressed with their enthusiasm, commitment, energy and kindness. All of their hard work over the past few weeks paid off as they wowed the sold out audience with their fantastic show! Thank you to the Minack, John Brolly, Kim Nichols and Christine Judge for organising! We had a great time and couldn't be more proud of our children!



Mousehole Flood Resilience

Construction work to start in July

The Environment Agency's contractor, Kier, will be undertaking essential flood resilience work in Mousehole starting this summer.

We have scheduled work over the summer holidays, whilst the school is closed, to minimise disruption to the children's learning. The Environment Agency and Kier have worked very closely with the school whilst planning the programme.

The work will be confined to the Mousehole school playground, but our compound will be to the south of Paul, off Mousehole Lane and there will be some traffic between the two locations.

Key Dates - We will be setting up the compound from 30th June. Work will commence at Mousehole school W/C 21st July, and we expect it to complete this winter.

Nature of the work - We will be excavating for the culvert which runs under the playground so will have an excavator and dumpers in operation, diesel generators will be used at the school and in the compound. While works have been designed to minimise noise e.g. by using quiet generators, some noise is unavoidable.

Working hours - 08:00 - 17:30, Monday to Friday.

If you have questions about the works, please contact:

Mark Lunn - Kier Project Manager: Mark.Lunn@kier.co.uk

You can find out more information about improving Flood Resilience in Mousehole on Gov.uk by searching for 'Mousehole Flood Resilience' or by scanning this QR code:





Online Safety Newsletter

July 2025

ZEPETO

ZEPETO has an age rating of over 13. Users create their own avatars and can design rooms. ZEPETO is a social networking app and therefore users can chat with others. Due to the communication option, there are the usual risks, such as your child seeing inappropriate content or online bullying. In-App purchases are also available on this platform.

Parental controls are not available, but a user can change some settings within privacy and content settings, for example to change who can direct message you.

ZEPETO have published a Guardian's guide here:
<https://support.zepeto.me/hc/en-us/articles/900005874946-ZEPETO-Guardian-s-Guide>

Sprunki

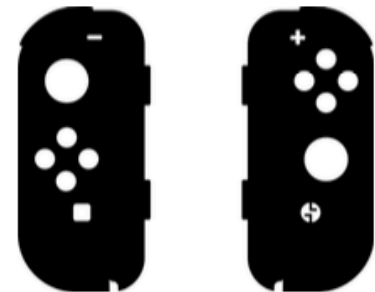
Is your child playing Sprunki? If they are, there are several versions of this game, so it is important to check which version they are playing and to then check its suitability for your child. For example, one version states:

"WARNING: This game contains disturbing images and scenes of explicit violence and gore".

Find out more here:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-topics/esafety-guide/sprunki>

Nintendo Switch 2

The Nintendo Switch 2 was released last month and has a new communication feature that you should be aware of.



GameChat – NEW

GameChat is included within a Nintendo Switch Online membership and allows up to 12 people to chat while playing games. Players can share their screen, even if they are playing different games, chat with the built-in microphone and as the Nintendo Switch 2 allows cameras to be connected (sold separately), even video chat. If your child is using this feature, then ensure they know how to report other users.

You can find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-2/GameChat/Nintendo-Switch-2-GameChat-2785625.html>

Parental Controls

There is a free Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app that can be linked with your Nintendo Switch to monitor what your child is playing. The app creates a report so you can see which video games your child is playing and for how long. It also allows you to set which games your child can play, based on the PEGI age rating and restricts your child from sending or receiving messages from other users. GameChat settings can also be adjusted. Children under the age of 15 can only use GameChat if allowed by you through the app. They can then only use GameChat with people that you approve. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Support/Nintendo-Switch-2/How-to-Set-Up-Adjust-or-Remove-Parental-Controls-on-Nintendo-Switch-2-2843839.html>

Check age ratings

PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and chat facilities within games. <https://pegi.info/>

Further information

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

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Online Challenges

According to Ofcom's latest Children's Media Use and Attitudes report "funny videos or those showing pranks or challenges continue to be the most popular type of VSP (video-sharing platforms) content for children, watched by 68% of 3-17-year-olds who watch videos." [source - <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/media-habits-children/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2025>]

If your child is watching this type of content, then you need to chat to them regularly, particularly about online challenges and the risks that they can pose. **There are challenges online that are risky/dangerous.** Sadly, there are reports that children have died as a consequence of attempting online challenges.

Children may not yet have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse that what they see online is not always safe for them to replicate. Make sure your child knows that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) if they are thinking about trying something that they have seen online.

If your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Furthermore, reassure your child that challenges that suggest that terrible things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-challenges-guide/>



Is your child moving to Secondary school?

Is your child moving to Secondary school this September? Internet Matters have outlined a number of tools and resources, including a Transition Parent Guide to help support you:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Conversation Starter

Are you struggling to start a conversation with your child about online safety? Why not try discussing this scenario with them. What would they do and how would you help them?

Amira and her classmates have a WhatsApp group. One evening, Amira notices that some group members are sharing unkind jokes and memes about another student, Leo, who isn't part of the group. The messages start as playful but quickly turn mean-spirited. Amira feels uncomfortable but isn't sure what to do. So, what should Amira do?

First, Amira should **not join in** with the mean messages. Then, although difficult, she could **speak up** in the group by saying something kind like: "Let's not be mean. This isn't fair to Leo." Finally, she should **tell a trusted adult**.

Discuss how group chats should be fun for *everyone*, not a place to hurt others. Emphasise that being part of a group chat means we all have a responsibility to keep it respectful. If you see something that doesn't feel right, like Amira did, it's okay to speak up or talk to a trusted adult. Remind your child that they won't be punished if they tell you something like this.

Remember, even if Leo doesn't see the messages, **it's still wrong to be unkind**. Real legends lift each other up — they don't tear others down.

Omegle (and similar platforms)

Whilst the original Omegle no longer exists, there is now Ome.tv, other Omegle copycat sites as well as other sites with a similar concept. **We cannot stress enough that these sites should not be accessed by children due to the potential content and language used, which can be explicit.** As an example, Ome.tv connects you randomly to **other people via video chat** from across the world. Ome.tv does state that it should only be used by adults.

You can find out more information about Chat apps, including 'randomised chat forums' here:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

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2025



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Thurs 7th Aug - Callington CC

Mon 11th Aug - Mt Hawke CC

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Mon 18th Aug - Grampound Rd CC

Weds 20th Aug - Helston CC

Weds 27th Aug - Bude CC

Thurs 28th Aug - St Stephen CC

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competition (Includes U13
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Tues 5th Aug - Redruth CC

Tues 12th Aug - Werrington CC

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Tues 26th Aug - Penzance CC

**Contact Michelle Kent: admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk
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