



# MOUSEHOLE NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening This Week - 1.5.26

Dyth da, Parents and Carers,

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Bond on Thursday. She has been such a valued member of our team, supporting both the office and wider school life, and we would like to thank her for everything she has done for Mousehole School. We marked this with a lovely leavers' assembly, where the children shared kind words and handmade cards. We wish Mrs Bond every happiness in her new adventures, and I'm sure many of you will be glad to hear that we may still see her popping into the office from time to time so please do say hello.

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard during their mock SATs week. We have been so impressed with their calm, mature attitude and the resilience they have shown throughout. They should be very proud of themselves and all they have achieved so far, well done to each and every one of you.

We also reminded the children in assembly to keep up the momentum with Beat the Street. With only a few days left, we are encouraging everyone to make a final push by scanning the boxes and collecting those last gems. There is also a bike event taking place this Saturday please see the poster below for more details. Good luck to those taking part, and thank you for your continued support.

Children attending Luggar Camp are very much looking forward to their trip next Tuesday. Please ensure your child arrives at school in time to go into class by 8.30am, so we can leave promptly for the Eden Project. If your child requires any medication, please ensure it is clearly labelled and handed to the class teacher along with the appropriate administration forms.

Finally, a reminder of the importance of reading at home. Please try to read with your child daily and record this in their reading record. Reading is vital in supporting learning across the curriculum and is a wonderful way to develop imagination, vocabulary and knowledge. As a Trust, we are keen to promote a love of reading as part of the National Year of Reading.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Sarah Trow  
Headteacher

## Housepoints

Gwynver: 142

Praa Sands: 193

Sennen: 195

Porth Chapel: 170

## Attendance

Whole School: 94.5%

Dinghy :82.5%

Skiff: 88.8%

Lugger: 96.8 %

Schooner: 98.6%

## Dates

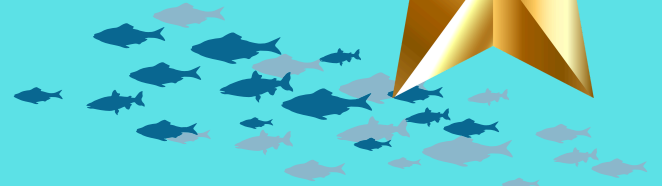
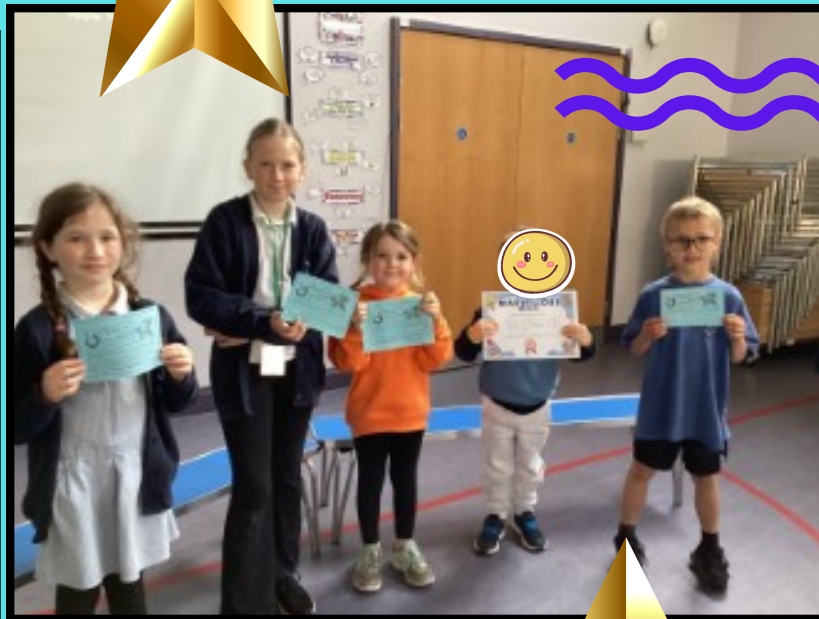
- First day of Summer Term is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- 4<sup>th</sup> May-Bank Holiday-school closed
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May -Lugger Camp
- 11<sup>th</sup> May-Year 6 SAT's Week
- 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May-Half Term
- 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> June-Schooner Camp
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> June Back up Sports Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> June Mazey Day Parade
- 24<sup>th</sup> July Leavers assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> July last day of Summer Term

**2025-2026 INSET Days:**

Monday 1st June 2026- School closed

## Stars of the week

Congratulations to Pixie, Mawgan, Eugenie and Ula for their wonderful contribution and recognition to school life this week. From fantastic questions and answers from our well being ambassador lessons, beautiful letter formation, engaging non chronological writing about Egg Dragons and persuasive writing to councillors about the reading curriculum. Also spotted for their great attitude to learning, and a fabulous knowledge of plants and the festivals of Judaism. Keep up the great work all of you!



# Marvellous Mouse

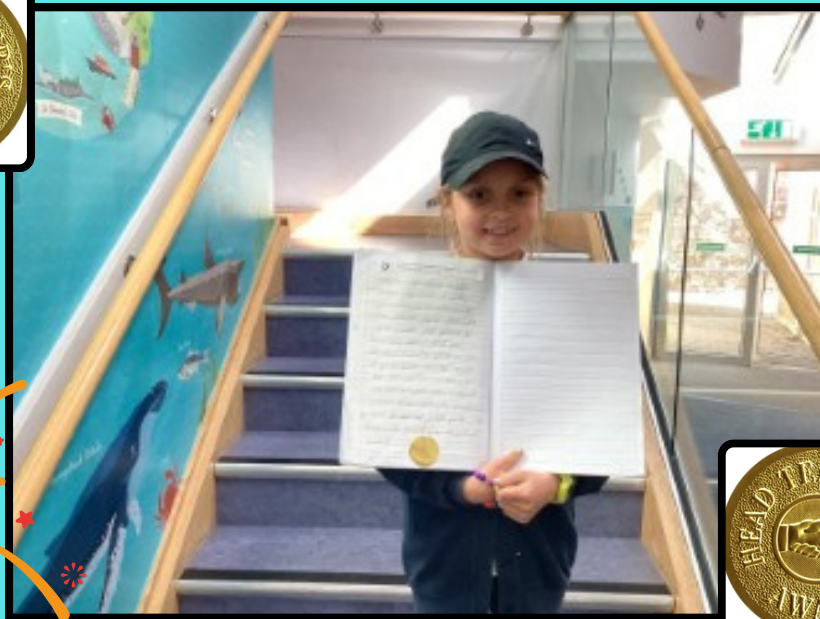


Henry

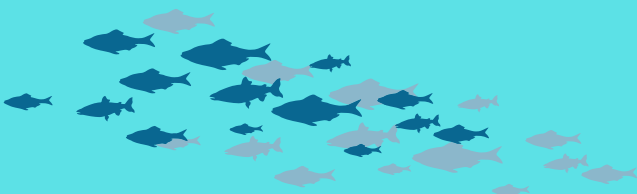
For his amazing pencil control, counting and matching the correct numeral to the amount of objects given-well done Henry!

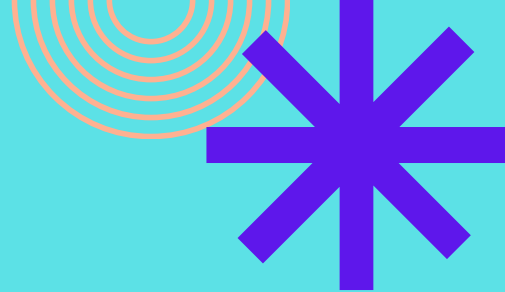


Headteacher awards this week go to Kerra for fantastic persuasive writing about the reading curriculum using emotive language and rhetorical questions. -Brilliant Kerra!

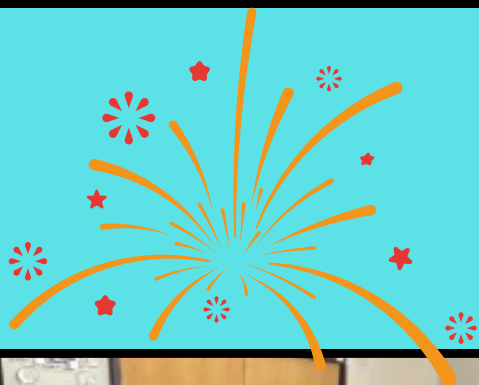


Cornish words of the week  
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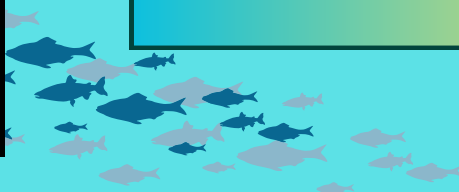




Congratulations to Elliot, Henry, Stanley and Hamish for showcasing their work, and themselves with pride and beautiful presentation. We are working hard to produce our best work at all times by demonstrating our school values of respect, hard working, confidence and kindness.



Congratulations to Bunny and Kerra for achieving their 22 and 99 Club this week. Keep up the good work and keep practicing girls!!






## Family Cycle Events!

Come along to our family cycle events, don't forget your Beat The Street card to tap in and earn points along the journey!

 **When:** Saturday 2nd May 10am - 12pm and 1-3pm

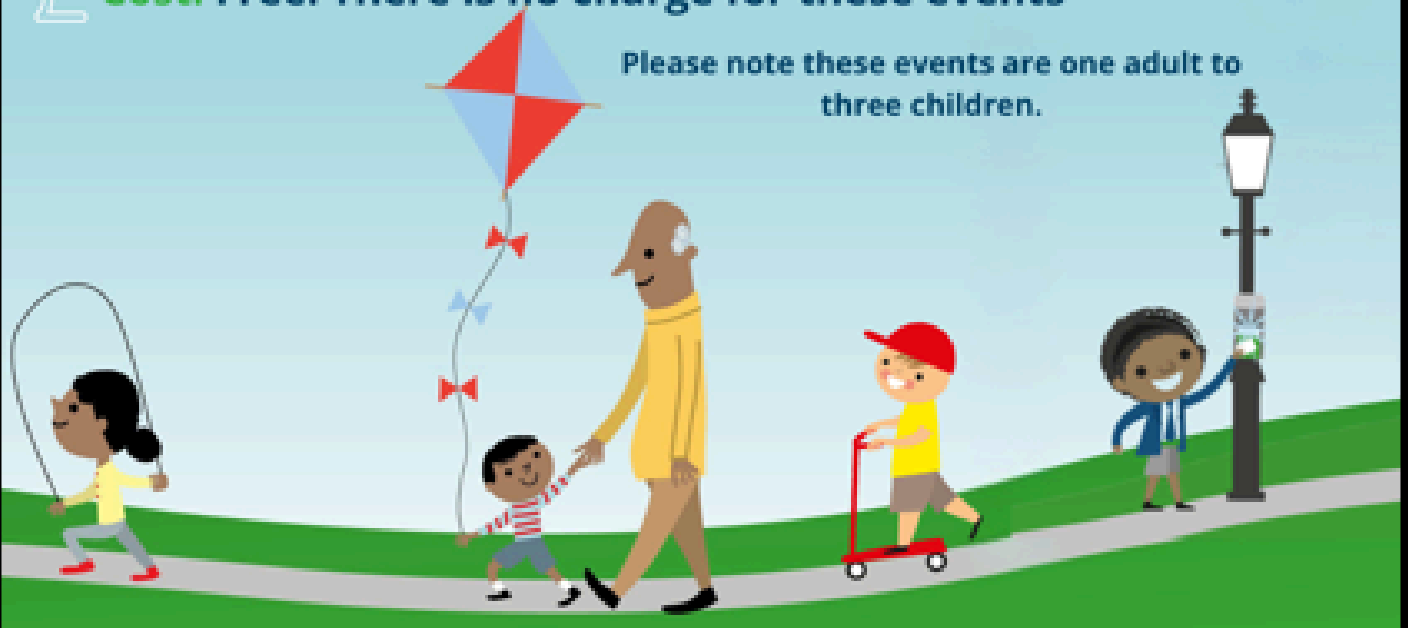
 **Where:** Start of the cycle route behind the Bus Station in Penzance

 **How to book:** Scan the QR code or head to <https://forms.office.com/e/kVnLJRBhbX>

 **Cost:** Free! There is no charge for these events



Please note these events are one adult to three children.



# Family Tennis Open Day



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

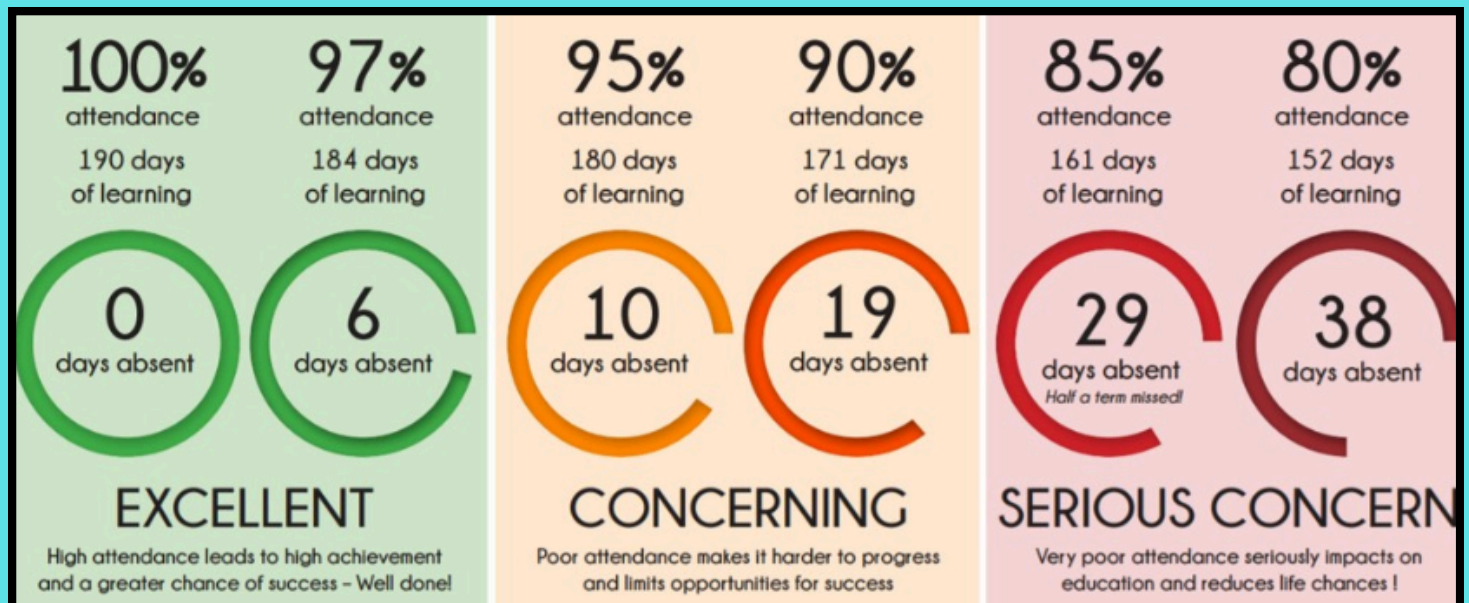
Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the 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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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## 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.