

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS



Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Thank you once again for the magnificent turnout for Mazey Day you all did us proud! Please see some of the photos below.

The children had a lovely transition morning on Tuesday and were excited to meet their new teachers and peers that will be in their classes next year. It was lovely to welcome back Miss Cane into Skiff Class and we shall also be welcoming Ms Nicholls into Dinghy Class with Ms St Pierre from September. It is also with sadness that we will be saying good bye to Mrs Symons who is taking time to spend with her family and Miss Williams who will be retiring at the end of the term. Both have been valued members of staff at Mousehole School and we wish them all the best for the future.

We had a wonderful music assembly today from the Humphry Davy music scholars. They were really inspirational for all of the children and they loved taking part in some of the songs with enthusiasm and joy. A big thank you to Mr Bosworth and all the students who came along to share their passion and skills of music with us.

Good luck to the members of the choir who are attending the TPAT Music Extravaganza on Monday when they will be performing at The Hall for Cornwall singing a "Watery Medley". There are 22 other TPAT schools taking part and we look forward to being part of this Trust event.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our school production of "Skeleton Island" on Thursday. The tickets are on sale in the office and are 2 tickets per family available for a choice of either the 1pm or 6pm productions and they cost £2.50.

This summer Kiers are going to be completing the awaited culvert works in our playground to prevent flooding. This will entail us moving the playground to the back of the school (current carpark and grassy area). The entrance via Paul Hill will be out of action and the children will have to come in via the main entrance. I have attached the letter below from Kier to explain in detail.

I hope you all have a restful weekend as we have two busy weeks ahead of us until the end of term

Best wishes

## HOUSE POINTS:



**PORTHCHAPEL:98**

**GWYNVER:76**

**SENNEN:131**

**PRAA SANDS:164**



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**

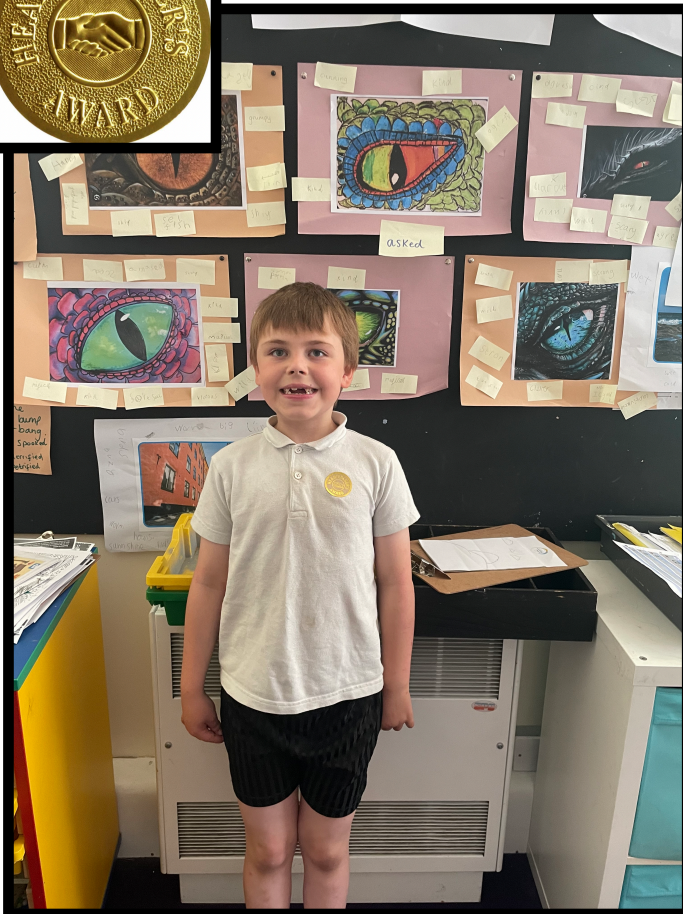
91%

SKIFF-85%

LUGGER- 92.3%

SCHOONER- 92%

## Cornish words of the week! “Enys”- island



The Headteacher award this week goes to Arthur and Agnes for their fantastic acting in our school production-you are in for a treat! Also to Hugo for working really hard and challenging himself on his reading to try and move up a level. Keep up the good work!





# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## **Summer Term:**

Jumping Mice weekly on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am

TPAT Musical Extravaganza 7th July at the hall for Cornwall-  
6.30pm

Skeleton Island School Production 10th July 1pm and 6pm  
performances

Minack Theatre -The Cornish Avengers 15th July Lugger  
Class

Jubilee Pool 16th July

Harbour skills 17th July in the morning

Leavers Assembly Friday 18th July

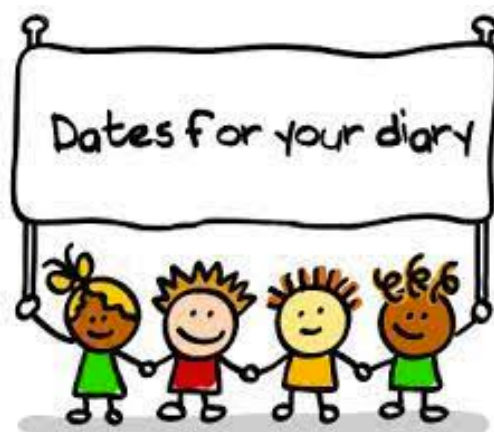
Last day of the summer term Friday 18th July

## **2024-2025 INSET Days:**

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025





# Let's play music



How lucky are we? Today we were visited by the music scholars of Humphry Davy School. They performed in an assembly for us demonstrating how to play different instruments, sing harmony's, use musical terms like 'pitch' and 'dynamics' as well many different skills showing us what it takes to produce some awesome music! The children loved every minute of it and have all been inspired! We would like to say a huge thank you to Humphrey Davy School for coming in!







# Mazey Day

**That's a wrap on Mazey! It was amazing to see so many of you turn up and parade with us on Saturday morning. Everyone looked fantastic and really brought the Mazey spirit with them. Each class worked incredibly hard making flags, fish and sea gulls which all looked amazing alongside our Spanish Galleon! Thank you to everyone involved because without you we just couldn't do it! Here's a few snippets from the day, I don't know about you guys but we're already excited for next year!**



## ★ TRANSITION DAY ≈

We're having a great time getting to know our new teachers and classmates this morning!





# 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](mailto: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

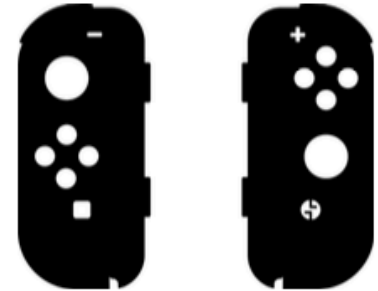
Is your child playing Sprunki? If they are, there are several versions of this game, so it is important to check which version they are playing and to then check its suitability for your child. For example, one version states:

**"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/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/primary-july-2025/>

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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/>





# Fun Dog Show and BBQ

## 13 July 2025



Organised by the Lamorna Village Hall  
Committee



## Trethinnick Field Lamorna 2.30pm

Each class is 50p per entry

Please bring cash

Prizes for the winners

Please keep all dogs on leads (and bring bags for mess!)

Bring your own drinks

Meat and Veggie BBQ food available



### Find our show in Lamorna Valley

Turn into Lamorna Valley, towards the cove.

On the right-hand side you will see a large field sloping down to the road. It belongs to Trethinnick House. You can enter through the gate and park at the bottom of the field.

#### Prizes for:

Loveliest Lady Dog

Most Gorgeous Gent Dog

Best Veteran (ages 7+)

Best Look-a-Like

Waggiest Tail

Musical Sits

Egg (tangerine!) and spoon race

Best Biscuit Catcher

Best Young Handler (under 18)



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Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

2025



Starts Sat  
July 5th

# Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



**FREE** summer fun! Earn rewards, a certificate and a medal. It's a fun free way to help children keep up their reading over the summer. It's open to children 4-11 of all abilities – there are resources for those with dyslexia and visual impairment – just ask! Pop into your local library to sign up!



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[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

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# Songtreats Music Club

excellent music education experiences

**3 days of musical  
activities for children  
to inspire and motivate  
Cornwall's budding musicians**

Ensembles, composition, improvisation, music games, creativity, jam sessions, performances and loads of fun



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In partnership with Cornwall Music Service Trust  
Hosted at the Truro School Music Block, Trennick Ln, Truro TR1 1TH  
[songtreats.com](http://songtreats.com)



# Pop Up Holiday Camps through August

## Softball Cricket

**For children aged 8-13 years old**

- **Activity Days**
- **Competitions**



**SCAN HERE**

**8 days of softball activity - £20  
per child. 10am to 3pm**

Weds 6th Aug - Truro CC

Thurs 7th Aug - Callington CC

Mon 11th Aug - Mt Hawke CC

Weds 13th Aug - St Austell CC

Mon 18th Aug - Grampound Rd CC

Weds 20th Aug - Helston CC

Weds 27th Aug - Bude CC

Thurs 28th Aug - St Stephen CC

**4 Tuesdays of U11 softball  
competition (Includes U13  
Girls). Teams of six £30.  
10am to 3pm**

Tues 5th Aug - Redruth CC

Tues 12th Aug - Werrington CC

Tue 19th Aug - Wadebridge CC

Tues 26th Aug - Penzance CC

**Contact Michelle Kent: [admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk)  
[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)**





## WE ARE SELLING CARDS IN AID OF THE RESTORATION PROJECT AT:



**Rock Pool Cafe**

**The Old Coastguard Hotel**

**Mousehole Deli & Kitchen**

**South Quay Car Park**

**Four Teas Cafe**

**and Perfect Pictures in Penzance**

**Prices are**

**Medium size (with envelope) £2.50**

**Large size (with envelope) £3.00**

**Email: [friendsofmouseholerockpool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmouseholerockpool@gmail.com)**

**Charity No 1206064**

# *Are you a parent worried about your child's needs being met?*

**Drop in to St Johns Hall, Penzance, for coffee morning hosted by Early Help Penwith. Children welcome.**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 9:30-11:30**

**Meet with other parents and have a chat with our friendly guest professionals from:**

**Sendiass** – supporting SEND children in school

**PINS** – supporting neurodiverse children in school

**Children's Disability Team** – supporting the needs of children with disabilities

**School Nursing** – supporting health needs including toileting

**Plus, information on free workshops for parents.**



**No need to book, please just pop in on the day 😊**



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