



Hand in Hand

Learning together for a better future

Friday 12th September 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to start by thanking each of you for your support since our return. We have seen lots of children now reading daily at home. I am pleased to say that only a small group of children are having to use part of their breaktime to catch up on their home reading. Thank you. Research tells us that children who read or are read to regularly at home make increased progress compared to those that don't, so we want all our children to have this.

Due to the success of last year's opening up of the site for all children to be able to play together with the wonderful equipment on offer, we now do the the same at playtime for the children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and they appear to be loving it!

Thank you also for your support regarding the children's uniform and jewellery. Not only do the children look smart and know they are a part of Roskear, but they are now safe when playing.

I am pleased let you know that clubs will be starting the week after next, so please watch out for further information next week about signing up.

Take care and best wishes,

Nic Furnish, Headteacher

This week in Team EYFS...



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our children and their families, who either came for transition visits to their new class this week or, who returned to school after the Summer break.

We welcomed new children to our pre-school and nursery classes and also welcomed new children who started in Chapel Porth and Porthcurno Reception classes.

Everyone has enjoyed their first few days in school and we are all looking forward to getting to know our new friends. It has been a very busy week indeed!

Mrs Lagdon, Deputy Headteacher, Early Years Phase Leader



Notice: Roskear School distributes fliers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not necessarily endorse these services.

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IMPORTANT—ACTION REQUIRED Arbor Parent App and Parent Portal

We are now ready to start using the Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App. Initially we will use this for communicating with you through in-app messages and emails. You will also be able to update the data we hold on you through the App instead of having to talk directly to the school office. For instance, if you move house or change your mobile number. In the future we will look at other areas that we can use e.g. parental consultations.

- The **Parent App** is the mobile version of our Parent Portal, for use on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.
- The **Parent Portal** is a version of Arbor accessible to parents/carers on a laptop or computer.

There is information for parents/carers on getting started and logging in:

<https://tinyurl.com/y7dsu968>

We have sent an information email to you; please check your inbox for your App access. If you have not received an email it probably means we don't have an up-to-date email for you. Contact the school office to let us know, thank-you.

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the year. We have started our new geography unit called 'Why do we need to look after our oceans?'

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Team 1 & 2
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We have been learning that you need to recycle and reuse your plastic bags otherwise they could end up in our oceans. Turtles and other sea creatures could end up eating the plastic bags thinking they are food.

We had great fun creating jellyfish out of plastic bags and locating the five oceans on a globe and in an atlas.



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Team 3 & 4
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In Newlyn class we have been working hard learning how to partition numbers up to 1000.

We have learnt how to recognise the ones, tens, hundreds and thousands in a four digit number, for instance, 4327.



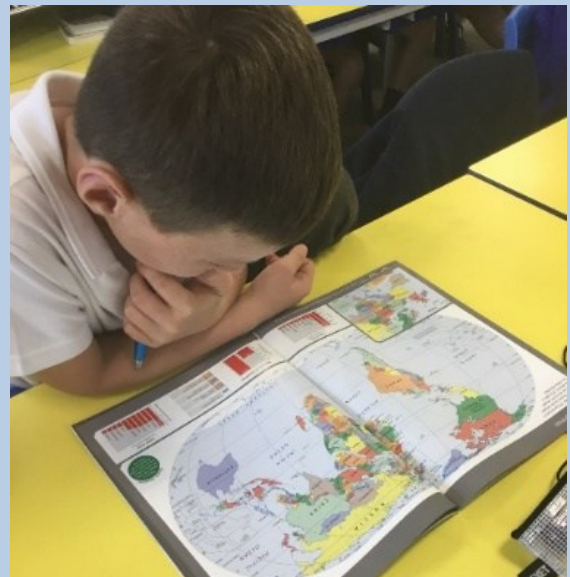


This week, Year 6 reactivated their previous knowledge.

The children used an atlas to find out the seven continents of the world and the five main oceans.

We then recapped the difference between a biome and a climate.

Team 5 & 6



Using our atlas, we looked at the variety of biomes and climates in different continents.

Position	Class	% Attend	Number of Late pupils	Change from last week
1st	St Piran	99.3	2	
2nd	Chapel Porth	98.9	2	
3rd	Marazion	98.3	5	
4th	Truro	98.3	2	
5th	Newlyn	97.3	0	
5th	Coverack	95.7	2	
7th	Portreath	95.6	2	
7th	St Blazey	95.4	4	
9th	Falmouth	95.3	2	
10th	St Petroc	94.6	0	
11th	Poldhu	94.3	1	
12th	Helston	94.3	3	
13th	Porthcurno	92.1	1	
14th	Gwithian	89.9	0	

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE DATA

This year's target is

96%

Congratulations to

St Piran

who came

1st

this week.

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Here at Roskear School we recognise that regular and punctual attendance is vitally important in helping children feel happy and settled at school. We want every child to feel welcomed and celebrated as part of our school community. Absence can affect friendships, confidence, and learning, whether this is for authorised (e.g. illness) or unauthorised reasons. 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. **Please ensure you telephone the school to report your child's absence if they are ill by 9.00am.** Most children's attendance at this school is good. I would like to thank parents for their support in getting their children to school and informing us promptly when they are absent due to illness.

I have included a diagram at the end of the letter, to try to illustrate how a few days here and there add up and can affect a child's learning. In most things in life, 90% is considered to be great, but unfortunately not when it comes to attendance! Our target is 97%. Once a child is below 90% (equivalent to a day a fortnight) a child is considered a persistent absentee. It means that over the course of one year your child has missed roughly a month of education. This can have a huge impact on their well-being and progress. It causes gaps in learning, knocks confidence and affects friendships. Any child with attendance below 90% is closely monitored. Please be aware we will be working closely with the Local Authority Education Welfare Team to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by poor attendance. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our website under policies.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. We are committed to maximising the education of all our pupils and aim to work with parents and carers to ensure this can be achieved.

The Government does not support parents taking children out of school, unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. The DfE does not consider a need/desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure/recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form. Letters will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the school office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. There is now a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered. Under the new rules, taking your child out of school for a one-week holiday will now mean that a penalty notice must be considered. Please note the legal information below:

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.

Yours faithfully,

Miss N. Furnish

Headteacher

There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.

Absence in terms of days	190 school days in each year 190 days for your child's education	7 days absence				
		183 days in school	10 days absence			
			180 days in school	19 days absence	28 days absence	
				171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	162 days in school If it 85% each year, your child is missing the equivalent of a year of education over their time at primary school	47 days absence
percentage	100%	96%	95%	90%	85%	75%
Good -Best chance of success -Gets your child off to a flying start -Helps their confidence, social development as well as their academic progress -Over 97% is considered excellent attendance		Some Concern -Harder for your child to make progress -School starts tracking your child's attendance closely, <u>Medical</u> evidence may be required to authorise further absences linked to illness		Worrying -Your child is now classified as a 'persistent absentee' - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely		Serious Concern -Having a significant impact on your child's education and well-being -Legal Action may be taken

**Congratulations to the following
pupils who achieved
'Star of the week'**



Golden Responsible Empathetic Aspirational Tenacious

Class	Name	Reason for Certificate
Porthcurno	Luna	for being GOLDEN and being a kind friend to others. We are very proud of you Luna.
Chapel Porth	Elowen	for being GOLDEN all week and for being a kind and helpful friend. You are a positive role model to all of us.
Poldhu	Archie	for using ASPIRATIONAL language to explain his maths learning.
Gwithian	Lily	for being TENACIOUS when completing some independent learning. Well done, we are so proud of you!
Portreath	Muhammad	for being GREAT and a wonderful addition to Portreath Class.
Marazion	Fatima	for being ASPIRATIONAL in her writing this week when describing a setting.
Coverack	Daisy	for being ASPIRATIONAL in reading this week, pushing herself to explain her ideas.
Truro	Jade	for being GOLDEN all week. Jade has shown great determination and focus to achieve her best.
Falmouth	Retall	for being GOLDEN all week. Retall has shown great listening skills and focus.
Newlyn	Blake	for being an ASPIRATIONAL new member of our class and showing GOLDEN behaviour in all learning.
St. Piran	Afsah	has had a GOLDEN week. Afsah has flourished with the new responsibilities of Year 5
St. Blazey	Elyza	for a GOLDEN piece of homework on the water cycle .
Helston	Jenson	for being GOLDEN all week and being a fantastic role model for the class
St. Petroc	Morgan	Morgan for being ASPIRATIONAL in English.

ROSKEAR PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

A weekly award to celebrate our endeavours in Real PE lessons

Joe in Porthcurno for listening and following instructions in our first PE lesson.

CALENDAR *(additions in red)*

Inset Days for academic year 2025/2026: 22/10/2025, 23/10/2025, 24/10/2025, 03/11/2025, 23/02/2026, 23/07/2025

Teacher-Run After-School Clubs commence: 22nd September 2025

Closing date for Transfer to Secondary School: 31st October 2025

Closing date for Starting School in Reception Class 2026: 15th January 2026



Together 
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2026**

Starting school September 2026

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2021 and
31 August 2022



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2025**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



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Menu for week commencing Monday 15th September 2025

WEEK 1

W/C: 21/04/2025, 12/05/2025, 02/06/2025, 23/06/2025, 14/07/2025, 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Garlic and Herb Bread 🍷	BBQ Chicken Served with Rainbow Rice 🍷	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Battered Pollock Served with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 2	Cheesy Bean Tortilla Toastie Served with Potato Wedges 🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🍷 🍷	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges 🍷 🍷	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips 🍷 🍷 🍷
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Ham Wrap	Ham Baguette	Cheese Wrap 🍷	Ham Baguette	Ham Wrap
	OPTION 5	Cheese Baguette 🍷	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap	Egg Mayo Baguette 🍷	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap 🍷	Cheese Baguette 🍷
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Shortcake 🍷	Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Banoffee Pie	Ginger Biscuit Served with Fruit 🍷	Strawberry Ice Cream



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings 🍷 🍷



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



Vegetarian



Vegan



Oily Fish



Wholegrain



Fruity!



Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for