Hand in Hand

Learning together for a better future

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week I have had some truly impressive learning shared with me and feel I need to give a special shout out to some of the Year 5 children who have spent time with me sharing their learning successes. It is always lovely to see such pride from the children not only about their learning but also about their attitude to learning.

I would also like to say how proud I am of the Year 6 children who are attending the early morning boosters on a Wednesday and Friday. I can really see the progress these children are making and their confidence with maths is shining through. Well done!

Finally, please can I remind all parents that if you have any concerns regarding your child or their education you contact (1) The class teacher, (2) The phase leader, (3) A deputy headteacher and finally me. Please remember my door is always open as are the teams.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you and the children next week.

Team EYFS

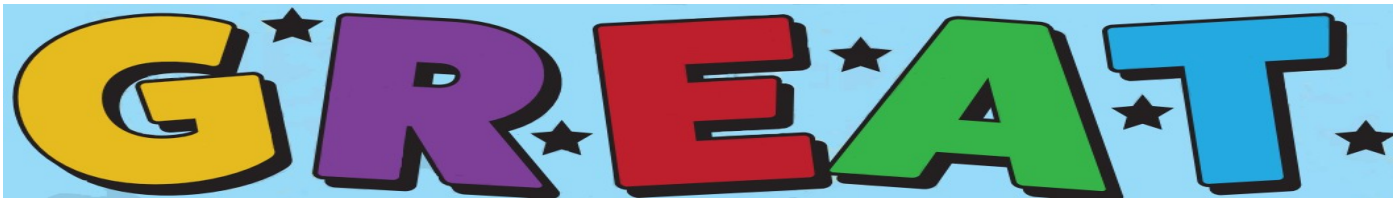
This week in Reception, the children have been 'scientists'.

They have been exploring how different objects fall through the air…feathers, balls, corks, bubbles, ribbons, scarves and many more.

The children tried to predict how the objects would move…would they bounce, would they float? Everyone had lots of fun trying to catch the objects too!

The children are also looking forward to 'looking up into the night sky' with their families at home. Look out for constellation cards coming home and 'look up together'.

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.



CALENDAR *(additions in red)*

Inset Days for academic year 2025/2026: 23/02/2026, 23/07/2025

Swimming Year 4—every Thursday morning 08/01/2026—12/02/2026

NSPCC Number Day—Children can dress up for £1—Friday 6th February 2026

Bingo Evening for Parents/Carers and accompanying children—Friday 27th February from 6:30pm

Yr 6 residential to London: 18th - 20th May 2026

Yr 5 residential to Isles of Scilly: 8th - 12th June 2026

Yr 4 residential to Porthpean Outdoors Centre: 6th—8th July 2026

Team 1 & 2

This half term our unit of learning is geography and we have been learning about maps.

In Year 1 we looked at the features of a coastal area and found these on maps.

We learnt that the coast is where the land and the sea meet.

We made our own maps, making sure that we remembered to include different human and physical features of the coast.

Team 3 & 4

Falmouth class have been busy learning all about Greece this half term. During Design Technology, we tasted different dips, and gave them a star rating from one to five. We also commented on the texture and what different flavours we could taste. This is going to help us to create our own dip at the end of the unit!

Hope for being creative with her dance movements and confident to share these with others.

NSPCC Number Day
Friday 6th February

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 6 February**.

NSPCC Number Day makes maths meaningful and is a great way to make numbers fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards mathematics.

We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* where 'best dressed' in each year group will be presented in assembly.

Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (sports top, football, rugby, netball, hockey shirt or cap). Or get even more creative and become a human calculator, dice or domino by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for £1 donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Pupil Lunch Costs from 24th February 2026

Unfortunately, due to increased costs, the price of a school lunch for children will be increasing by 15p to **£2.80** per day from 24th February 2026.

The Government are currently continuing to fund Universal Infant Free School meals. and this means that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge.

If your child is in Years 3-6, or they attend our Nursery or Pre-School, they can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Please visit Cornwall Council's website for more information on how to apply.

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/

If you need help or advice applying for Free School Meals, please contact the school office.

If you are not in receipt of these benefits you will need to pay £14 per week via ParentPay if you wish your child to have a school lunch every week day.

We politely remind you that payment should be made in advance to keep your child's ParentPay account in credit or at £0.00, thank-you.

After School Clubs -Spring 2 Term (24th February - 27th March 2026)

After-school teacher led clubs are now available for our Yr R to Yr 6 children to register for, via the online form:

https://forms.office.com/e/z0VqqkWCYj

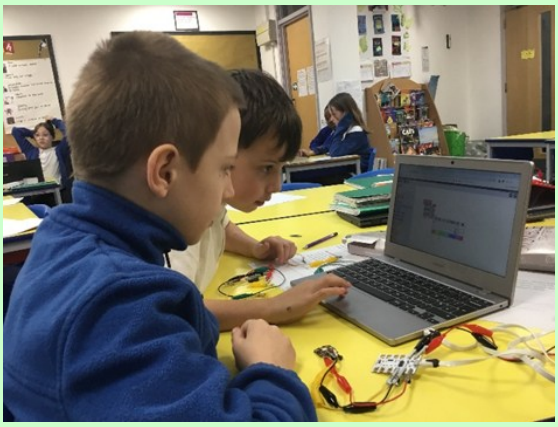
The form will close for registration on **Friday 6th February**.

All clubs will start from the week commencing **Tuesday 24th February** and run from **3:30-4:15pm**. The final club for this half-term will take place on **Thursday 26th March**.

All school-run clubs are free of charge.

Team 5 & 6

In Year 5 (St Piran), our Design and Technology learning has focused on programming using the Crumble, building on the coding skills we developed earlier in the year with BBC Micro:bits in computing.



We explored how to use loops effectively and experimented with creating our own flashing-light programs, adjusting the duration and timing to achieve different effects. Throughout the unit, we have been developing our confidence in understanding how hardware and software interact, as well as testing and improving our designs through trial and error.

Most importantly, we have done a fantastic job of working together—sharing ideas, helping each other solve problems, and celebrating our successes as a team!

Roskear Primary & Nursery School

BINGO NIGHT!

For our Parents/Carers and accompanying children

Friday, February 27th 2026

DOORS OPEN 6:30m EYES DOWN 7PM

at Roskear Primary & Nursery School in the School Hall

£10 per ticket (via ParentPay)

Enjoy a fun evening of Bingo with refreshments, raffle and more….

YOUR TICKET INCLUDES
Entry into Bingo Night
Refreshments
(Pasty, Tea or Coffee)
6 Bingo Pages

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5	30	36	46	68
2	17	35	58	67
9	27	☆	60	70
6	24	31	52	64
13	20	40	47	73

CARD 1

We have been fortunate to receive donations of prizes from:

- ?????
- Flour Power Pizza Parlour voucher
- Penventon spa day vouchers
- Cinema Tickets
- Redruth Rugby Tickets
- Pizza Supper
- Cornwall Pirates signed book
- Books and toys
- Lappa Valley voucher
- *and more….*

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

SNAP STREAK 97

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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

Golden Responsible Empathetic Aspirational Tenacious

Class	Name	Reason for Certificate
Chapel Porth	Connor	for his fantastic resilience and progress within all of his learning. You are ASPIRATIONAL!
Porthcurno	Jago	for being GOLDEN and always following the golden rules. Thank you Jago, we are so proud of
Poldhu	Nori	for always showing pride in her learning with her ASPIRATIONAL and beautiful handwriting.
Gwithian	everyone	for being GREAT ambassadors for the school during their trip to Tate St Ives
Marazion	Kayleb	for being TENACIOUS during his independent writing this week. GREAT work!
Portreath	Olivia	for being GREAT in every lesson. You are a fantastic role model to your friends.
Coverack	Oliver	for being a GREAT role model to the rest of the class and being RESPONSIBLE for your learning. Well done!
Truro	Rejoice	for being a GREAT addition to our class and settling back in so well. Well done!
Newlyn	Lujaiba	for her ASPIRATIONAL effort to improve the presentation of her writing.
Falmouth	Taylan	for being TENACIOUS during swimming this week! Well done!
St. Blazey	Ameliah	for being GREAT , always being kind and working hard.
St Piran	Colton	for being TENACIOUS in your efforts with your ASPIRATIONAL writing this unit!
Helston	Eloise	for being ASPIRATIONAL in her writing this week and making amazing progress with her handwriting!
St Petroc	Rogan	for being TENACIOUS in reading lessons - hard work pays off!

Position	Class	% Attend	Number of Late pupils	Change from last week
1st	Chapel Porth	99.4	2	+1
2nd	Truro	97.1	2	-
3rd	Porthcurno	96.5	5	+1
4th	St. Blazey	95.9	4	+2
5th	Gwithian	95.4	1	-
6th	Coverack	95.2	1	-3
7th	Falmouth	94.7	1	-2
8th	Portreath	93.8	3	+2
9th	Poldhu	93.3	2	-1
10th	Marazion	92.6	3	-1
11th	St. Piran	92.4	3	+2
12th	Helston	90.7	1	-
13th	Newlyn	88.6	0	-
14th	St. Petroc	83.3	2	-

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE DATA

This year's target is

96%

Congratulations to CHAPEL PORTH who came

1st

this week

Menu for week commencing Monday 2nd February 2026

WEEK 2

W/C: 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OR					
	OPTION 2	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Shepherd's Pie with Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread or Pasta Salad	Veggie Fingers with Chips
	OR					
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
	HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Ham Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Ham Wrap
	OR					
	OPTION 5	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Cookie

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.