13th November 2026

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Kay Walker
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back after the October half term. We have been busy with: Blast from the past visitors to Year 4/5 and 6, Tom Palmer (author) visited all year groups, house captain meetings, a new to reception tour, bikeability for Year 6, Remembrance Day and today we have celebrated Children In Need.

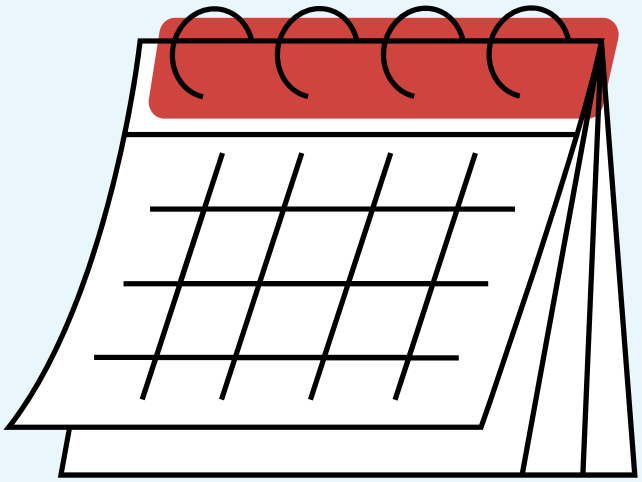
As a whole school we have been so impressed with our whole school attendance. Thank you so much for working with us. We had three days last week where we had 100% attendance. The children rightly received some extra playtime for this. Really well done!
Thank you also for your support with reading at home. This is having a huge impact and I am so grateful for your support. A book fair is coming into school in early January, please tell your child that if they get any money over Christmas that they may wish to spend it at this event (more details to follow). We have started the process of improving our school library, the book fair will give us, as a school, excellent commission and further support this initiative.
Have a great weekend,

Mrs Kay Walker



Remembrance Assembly





Diary Dates

November

16th - Anti Bullying Week - odd sock day

18th - Teatime Cafe Community Champions focus - Curriculum (please note revised date)

20th - Bake Sale donations from Year 4 & 5

23rd - UK Parliament Week

24th - St Austell Music Festival at St Johns Church 2.15pm (more info to follow)

27th - Choir experience with Fowey River Academy

December

3rd - Choir visit to Fowey Harbour

5th Christmas Corridor 10.30-1.30
(choir will sing at the start of the choir at 10.20am)

8th - Whole school panto trip to Hall for Cornwall

9th - Whole school Christmas Dinner & Gift Room

12th - Choir to sing at Fowey Community Centre 11-12

16th - Nativity at the church 2pm and 5pm more details to follow

17th - Choir to sing at Fowey memory cafe 2pm

18th - Break up for Christmas holidays

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Top Class for Attendance

Polridmouth

TARGET: 96%

Whole School Attendance Snapshot

97.9%

Leave during term time

We understand that there are occasions when families need to request exceptional leave for their child during term time.

In such cases, it is essential to submit an absence form well in advance. These are available at the school office and on our website.

We will only authorised these requests in exceptional circumstances, and we will review each application on a case-by-case basis.

Please be aware that taking unauthorised leave may mean you become liable for a fine. To help you plan ahead, term dates are available on the school website.

IMPORTANT Reminders

Car Park

Please DO NOT park in the school car park for safeguarding reasons.

Messages

Please remember to contact the school office by 2pm with any collection arrnagements. We cannot guarantee messages getting to the classes after this time.

Thank you



WHAT'S HAPPENING

The big news from your child's classroom



Miss Makinson
Polridmouth

English

This half term, we will be sharing stories linked to celebrations, special occasions and traditional tales. The children will develop their storytelling, vocabulary and confidence in orally rehearsing sentences. Reception will continue developing early phonics and writing skills through playful learning opportunities, while Year 1 will build towards writing increasingly independent sentences to begin to tell stories about their drawings. They will also explore common and proper nouns and some punctuation. We will continue focusing on letter formation, finger spaces and applying phonics to writing.

Maths

This half term, we will continue developing number sense through practical exploration and problem-solving. Reception will focus on counting, subitising, comparing quantities and number composition. Year 1 will explore addition and subtraction within 10, using practical resources, part-whole models and number sentences. We will also investigate 2D and 3D shapes and continue developing fluency through Winning With Number.



Wider Curriculum

This half term, Reception will explore "How do people celebrate special occasions?", learning about Diwali, Bonfire Night, Hanukkah, Christmas and other celebrations. Year 1 will investigate how toys have changed over time and explore building stable structures in DT. We will learn about the importance of Christmas to Christians, explore tempo in Music and develop fundamental movement skills and teamwork in PE. Our PSHE learning will focus on Celebrating Difference, encouraging kindness, respect and positive friendships. We will also enjoy seasonal activities and preparations for our Nativity.





Mrs Yeo
Cannis

English
We are starting to apply our grammar and punctuation skills from last half term. We will look at the features of a letter and writing our own letters based on Little Red Riding Hood. We will then move on to finding the features of a non-chronological report and produce our own reports on minibeasts.

Maths
We will be focusing on addition and subtraction. We will look at adding ten more and ten less (Year2) and 100 more or less (Year 3). Year 2 will progress to adding and subtracting one- and two-digit digit numbers, and Year 3 two and three-digit numbers. Year 2 will work on 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and Year 3 on 3s, 4s and 8s.

Wider Curriculum
Our Science lessons will focus on forces and creating fair tests to experiment push and pull on various surfaces. We will explore mountains in Geography, Hinduism in RE and Early Civilisation in History. PE will focus on dance and football, DT on castles and PSHE on financial literacy.

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The big news from your child's classroom



Mrs Warnham Coombe

English

In writing we are applying all of our grammar learning from last half term. We are writing well-structured sentences about famous outlaws including Blackbeard and Robin Hood. We will then analyse a fictional non-chronological report about outlaws before devising our own. Our reading lessons will centre on the classic book *Charlotte's Web*. Handwriting continues to be a key focus while we learn how to join letters correctly.

Maths

IWe are completing our learning about addition and subtraction learning ways to check our answers. After this, we will focus on multiplication and division. Learning our times tables remains a key focus. Please practise these at home and login to TTRS regularly. We will also learn how to calculate area and perimeter.





Wider Curriculum

The children will continue to study the religion Islam focusing on Living Muslim traditions. In History, we will be learning all about Anglo-Saxon Britain and in Geography we will learn about Oceans. In Science we will continue to investigate materials including reversible and irreversible changes, dissolving, filtering, burning and evaporation. In DT we will be building a wobble bot and use an electrical circuit within this! In PSHE we will be learning about financial literacy and in music we will learn to read staves.



Miss Clemes Carne

English

We will be writing a non-chronological report on our own imaginary outlaws, bandits or pirates. We will then have the opportunity to explore writing through a video stimulus named 'The Piano' which is linked closely to WW2. In our Reading lessons , we will continue with reading the book The Final Year written by Matt Goodfellow followed by Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan .

Maths

We will continue to focus on number, fluency and pace of answering questions.We will have an arithmetic focus each week to continue to embed instant recall facts. This half term, we will be delving into fractions and looking at simplifying,equivalence, adding and subtracting. Times Tables remain a focus – children will have opportunities to practise in school but please encourage at home,





Wider Curriculum

In our Wider Curriculum, our Science lessons will focus on Classification of living things and looking at classification keys in detail. All of our humanities are intertwined with History looking at the Anglo-Saxons , Geography will look at Oceans and RE we will continue with tradition muslim stories. Music we will be exploring WW2 music and finally in PSHE we will be exploring what makes us different and special.

CELT UPDATE

Learning through listening

Meet your Community Champions

Our school has a team of Community Champions: volunteers from our school community who help us understand what it's really like to be part of Fowey Primary School.

They talk to children, families, staff and local people, and share what they hear with the school and with Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT).

Champions aren't inspectors or governors, and they don't deal with complaints. ***They're here to listen.***

Our chair of community champions is Carole Asker, and our champions team includes
Dan White. You might see them at the school gate and at school events.

What we heard

In September, our Community Champions met parents and carers to listen to their views and questions about our move to mixed-age classes. Here's what we heard:

- Parents were very supportive of the school and its staff, and asked how they could help to ensure the school thrives. This could be by offering practical help, sorting outside spaces, etc.
- Parents described our Reception and Year 1 team as exceptional, and said children are happy in that class.
- Parents were understanding about recent staffing challenges. Following the October half term, we are delighted that Mrs Yeo has begun a phased return.

There were also things you told us could be better:

- Parents would like short, regular updates, even when there is no news, including who is teaching each class that week. This was relevant particularly for Year2/3 and Year 4/5. We addressed this by sending out regular updates and information via Dojo.
- Parents want to understand how the curriculum is managed in mixed-age classes, especially in Year 2/3 where key stages are combined.
- Parents asked for supply teachers to be introduced to families, and raised questions about classroom support. We have issued that information to parents and carers via DoJo in respect of supply teachers.
- Parents asked whether an additional TA was being recruited. At the present time, this is not possible.

How we're responding

At our meeting with parents, we agreed a plan and have been working through it.

- We have addressed communication around staffing by sending out regular updates and information via Dojo.
- We are continuing to listen and adapt. More parent/carer feedback sessions are planned over the coming months.
- By Christmas, we will address the large majority of individual questions based on the curriculum for mixed-aged planning. We will hold a drop-in/teatime café session to follow this up on 21st January.
- We are also exploring how our children can get more involved with a local literary festival.

What happens next

Our Champions will visit again in November. If you'd like to share your views, or find out about becoming a Community Champion, please speak to Mrs Spry in the school office and this will be passed onto the Community Champions.

Parents, carers, grandparents, former pupils and local people are all welcome.

Simon Pollard

Simon Pollard
Director of Community and Engagement

Cornwall Education Learning Trust



CELT UPDATE

Meet our therapy team

At CELT, we are proud to have a dedicated Therapy Team supporting our schools throughout the 2026-27 academic year.

The team includes Educational Psychologists, an Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapists, and a Speech and Language Therapy Apprentice.

Working alongside school staff, they help create inclusive learning environments where every child can thrive, learn and succeed.
Throughout the year, the team may:

- Visit schools and classrooms
- Observe learning environments
- Model effective strategies for staff
- Deliver training and professional development
- Provide advice that supports pupils across classes and schools

You may see members of the Therapy Team in school, interacting with pupils as part of their work to support staff and enhance learning environments. These interactions help develop inclusive approaches that benefit all children.

At CELT, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to flourish, and our Therapy Team plays an important role in helping our schools provide the support children need to reach their full potential.

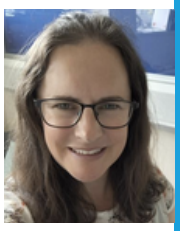
Sarah King
Educational Psychologist



I work with young people to find out what their strengths are, what they love spending their time doing and what they tend to find more challenging.

I use this information to work with them, their teachers and their families to help them make the changes they would like to see. I work hard to try and make things go as smoothly as possible for young people in school.

Louise Ryves
Speech and Language Therapist



I support young people with communication skills. This can be anything from understanding what is said to them, to being able to ask for the things they need, to being able to talk to and be with friends.

I meet with them and we may carry out some activities together so that I can find out about their strengths and the things they find harder. We work together find effective ways around things that are tricky for them.

Morwenna Boisseau
Paediatric Occupational therapist



I help children and young people take part in the things they need and want to do at home, at school and in everyday life .

I spend time finding out what helps them feel safe and ready to learn. We then work together to find ways to make practical everyday activites feel more manageable.

Wendy Thomas
Educational Psychologist



I work with young people to find out what their strengths are, what they love spending their time doing and what you find more challenging.

I use this information to work with you, your teachers and your family to help you make any changes you would like to see. My main goal is to help things go as smoothly as possible for children and young people in school.

SATURDAY 12TH
DECEMBER 2026
10AM - 3.30PM

Santa ON THE Sand



£7 per child

Includes

- *Visit Santa's Grotto*
- *Small Gift*
- *Marshmallow Toasting*
- *Photo opportunities*

Polkerris Beach PL24 2TL

Also Available

Prize Draw
Christmas Games and Activities
Food and Drink
(Not included in the price)

events@polkerrisscouts.org

Scan the QR code below to Book

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All money raised will help support Polkerris Scout Group

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Join us for a fun and festive workshop to help support Polkerris Scout group.

During the session you will create your own Christmas Wreath to take home!





Wednesday 25th November 2026

Tywardreath Scout Hall
Church Street PL24 2QG

£30

7pm - 9pm

All Materials Provided

Glass of wine & a Mince Pie provided

Relax, Create & Help fundrase

Scan the QR code to book

All money raised will go towards helping support Polkerris Scout Group