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NEWSLETTER 7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome back after the half-term break. I hope you all had a great week and enjoyed any Halloween events you took part in. The children certainly had a fantastic time at the Halloween disco on the last afternoon of term, and it was a lovely way to finish the week together.

This week, members of Kestrel Class wrote and presented their speeches for the roles of School Captain and Vice Captain. All pupils articulated their points confidently and had clearly prepared what they wanted to say. I'm pleased to announce that, following the pupil vote, Barnaby, Olivia and Isaac have been elected as School Captains, with Isla, Freddie and Willow chosen as Vice Captains. I'm very much looking forward to working with them to help bring about the changes that pupils would like to see.

A plea....

Please can we remind parents not to drive into or use the school car park at the start or end of the school day. This is a significant safeguarding concern, and keeping this area clear helps ensure the safety of all pupils. Thank you for your cooperation.

A reminder....

all children in Hedgehogs, Otters and Kestrels will be visiting The Hall for Cornwall in Truro to watch the Aladdin pantomime. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience a professional theatre production. The PTA are kindly funding the transport and a proportion of the ticket cost, but please use Arbor to pay for your child's ticket.

Attendance this week has been above national, with one year group at 100% and others closely behind. This is fantastic—let's keep it going for the rest of the half term!

Best Wishes

Mrs Sally Cook

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 25

Tuesday 11th—Remembrance Assembly

Thursday 13th—Year 3/4 Tag Rugby St Stephens

Friday 14th—Individual School Photos—Tempest

Friday 21st—Flu Immunisation Yr R-Yr 6

Monday 24th—Read with your child 9-9.30am

Dec 25

Friday 5th—Sharing Time 2.30pm

Monday 8th—Hall for Cornwall Panto!

Tuesday 9th—Pre-school Nativity 10am

Thursday 11th—Pre-school Nativity 10am

Friday 12th—Christmas Fayre—1.30-3.30. ALL WELCOME

Monday 15th—Hedgehogs Xmas Performance PM

Tuesday 16th—Hedgehogs Xmas Performance AM

Tuesday 16th—KS2 Xmas Performance PM

Wednesday 17th—KS2 Xmas Performance AM

Wednesday 17th—School Xmas Dinner

Thursday 18th—Christmas Shopping Day—details to follow

Thursday 18th—Pop Up Play Village—EYFS

Thursday 18th—Christmas Film Night—details to follow

Friday 19th—Last day of Term

Monday 22nd-Friday 2nd January 26 — Xmas Holiday

Jan 26

Monday 5th—Inset Day

Tuesday 6th—All back in school

Stars of the Week

Abbie, Henry, Rowan

School Dinners



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Readers of the



Evie P. Arla

Alfie B, Isla F

School Menu

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Year Group	%	Year Group	%
	Attendance		Attendance
R	94.445%	4	100%
1	97.53%	5	88.89%
2	99.07%	6	97.04%
3	83.33%	Whole School	96.23%





Online Safety Newsletter

Nov 2025

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Internet Matters have created this useful guide:

https://www.internetmatters.org/adv ice/apps-and-platforms/skillsbuilding/capcut/

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WhatsApp Update

School WhatsApp groups

Are you part of a parent WhatsApp group at your child's school? These groups can be useful for sharing information and reminders, but it is important to use them thoughtfully. Here are some tips on how we can ensure they remain positive and respectful:

 Be considerate –we know messages can sometimes be misinterpreted so carefully think about what you share. These groups should not be used to share criticisms of the school, staff or other parents and children. Any concerns should always be discussed with the school directly.



- Don't spread rumours avoid sharing any gossip within the group.
- 3. Protect privacy do not share photos or videos of other children.
- Think before you send be mindful of the time and if the message is necessary for everyone.

Our children watch how we communicate, so let's model healthy, online communication to them.

WhatsApp Channels

Users should be at least 13 years old to use

WhatsApp. If your child is using WhatsApp, then you should be aware of WhatsApp Channels. Channels are a one-way broadcast tool used by companies and individuals to send updates to followers. WhatsApp Channels can be found on the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that



will not be age appropriate and may include adult content.

You cannot switch off access to channels and there is no age rating associated with the channels so you would have to access them to know what the content truly is. Klicksafe highlight what you should be aware of: https://www.klicksafe.eu/en/news/was-sind-whatsapp-kanaele-und-was-muessen-eltern-beachten

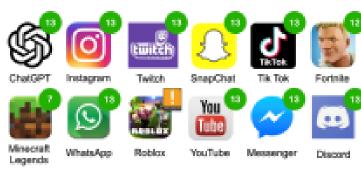
Find out more about WhatsApp channels in general here: https://faq.whatsapp.com/549900560675125

Age Ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media- make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.



For users under 15, a parent or logal guardian's permission may be required to use the service

In addition to checking the age rating, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter e.g. violence or bad language within a game.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also vital to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings

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Help to keep children safe online with Techosaurus

The NSPCC have created Techosaurus, a friendly dinosaur to assist you in having chats with your child about online safety. It is aimed at younger children and includes a book and activity pack (both chargeable). You can find out more here:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-forfamilies/techosaurus/

Online Roasting

Have you heard of this term? It has been around a while now, but Online Roasting refers to a form of cyberbullying. Roasting typically involves making funand insulting somebody, sometimes with their consent and other times not.

What can I do?

- Talk to your child about what online. roasting is, ask them if they have ever experienced it and what they think about it.
- If this has negatively impacted your child then save any evidence and involve the school (if appropriate). Childline also offer further advice and support in relation to cyberbullying.

Further information

Find out more here: https://www.bark.us/blog/onlineroasting-signs-cyberbullying/

What to do when...from CEOP

CEOP Education have published this poster directing you to the relevant information around six different situations, such as what to do to protect your child from online blackmail. You can access it here:

https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/eloba lassets/professional/resources/wtdwround-up.pdf







Guitar Lessons

Learning the guitar is very beneficial for your hand-eye-ear coordination, and is a very good way to develop your listening skills, both musically and within a social context. The guitar provides a great platform to master rhythm, melody and harmony - three backbone elements of a solid music education.

Playing the guitar breeds attention to detail and teaches a specific skill set for performing small, delicate movements of both hands. Because of this, guitarists have excellent dexterity and are able to apply this outside of music in learning other tasks.

Finally but not least importantly, learning to play an instrument teaches patience, discipline, and we have had numerous feedback from other parents to detail how much confident their child is since picking up the guitar.



Drum Lessons

Drum lessons play a pivotal role in nurturing musicianship and personal development. Beyond just learning to play beats and rhythms, these lessons offer a wealth of benefits. They cultivate discipline and focus, as mastering intricate patterns demands consistent practice and concentration. Drumming also enhances coordination and motor skills, fostering a strong mind-body connection.

Drumming serves as a powerful emotional outlet, allowing individuals to express themselves creatively and release stress. Overall, drum lessons not only shape skilled percussionists but also contribute to holistic growth by fostering discipline, coordination, musicality, teamwork, and emotional well-being.

To apply for lessons please go to

www.cornwallmusictuition.com/apply

Or scan the QR code below





Help Us Raise Money by Recycling Printer Cartridges!

We are collecting empty printer cartridges to raise money for school through Recycle 4 Charity. Instead of throwing away your used cartridges, bring them to us and help support our fundraising efforts for our school! Each recycled cartridge contributes to our cause, helping both the environment and our goal.

Simply drop off your empty cartridges at The School Office.

Every donation makes a difference—let's recycle and raise funds together!





Naomi Russell

A dedicated and experienced Music Teacher committed to providing excellent music tuition.

Fully qualified DBS and up to date safeguarding and GDPR.

Piano / Keyboard Lessons

Individual Lessons: £10 per 20 minute lesson Individual Lessons: £6 per 10 minute lesson Small Group Lessons: £5 per pupil per lesson*

"Small Group Lessons - please contact me on the details below for more information.

For further information and to register your interest, please contact me on the details below.

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