



NEWSLETTER 12th December 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the first full term of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic term it has been. Our children have enjoyed a wide range of enrichment opportunities and have demonstrated impressive sporting and academic achievements throughout.

A huge well done to all the children and staff for their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support, understanding, and contribution to our school community. Your partnership makes an enormous difference, and we are truly grateful.

This week has been truly special, beginning with our trip to the fantastic pantomime *Aladdin* at the Hall for Cornwall and ending with our Christmas Fair and PTA colour raffle. A huge thank you to the PTA for partially funding the trip. It was a wonderful opportunity for all children to experience the magic and fun of a professional pantomime — and all week I've been hearing enthusiastic renditions of the pasty song echoing through the school!

Fox Cub pre-school put on a wonderful nativity with all the children thoroughly enjoying dressing up and singing. Well done Miss Borlase, Mrs Bradley and Miss Gurr for supporting this youngest members of school community to feel confident to stand of stage.

The Christmas Fair, largely organised and run by Kestrel Class, was also a great success. After expenses, the event raised an impressive £580. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported the children by purchasing tokens, attending the fair, and enjoying a hot drink and cake with friends. These events are vital in helping us raise the additional funds needed to provide those extra touches, as well as both inhouse and offsite enrichment opportunities for our pupils.

As we go into the final week, we are very much looking forward to the Christmas production by Hedgehog Class, as well as the Christmas celebrations from Otters and Kestrels. These performances are always a highlight of the term, and we look forward to seeing many of you there to share in the festive spirit.

Let's hope the viruses and bugs have stopped floating around school and everyone can enjoy a fulfilled final week.

Have a great weekend

Best Wishes

Mrs Sally Cook

Head of School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 25

Monday 15th—Hedgehogs Xmas Performance - 2pm
Tuesday 16th—Hedgehogs Xmas Performance - 9.30am
Tuesday 16th—KS2 Xmas Performance 1.30pm at Lewannick Church
Wednesday 17th—KS2 Xmas Performance 9.30 am at Lewannick Church
Wednesday 17th—School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 17th—Christmas Film Night
Thursday 18th—Christmas Shopping Day
Thursday 18th—Pop Up Play Village—EYFS
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
Friday 16th—Cross Country Race—details to follow



School Menu

WB 15 December -Week 1



Year Group	% Attendance	Year Group	% Attendance
R	87.04%	4	100%
1	97.53%	5	84.72%
2	94.44%	6	92.59%
3	100%	Whole School	95.01%

Fox Cubs –pre-school update

Last Week, The children were very busy helping put up our Christmas tree ready for the Christmas celebrations!!

Each child help put a branch onto the tree, as they were colour coded, they looked for the colours to match their branch too.

Once the tree was up, the children put the baubles onto the tree, They did a wonderful job!

Our naughty Elf has been up to mischief and the children have had great fun finding what he's been upto and describing it to their friends.

The children have worked so hard on their Christmas nativity performance with lots of singing and practicing wearing their costumes. It all culminated in 3 fantastic performances to parents, friends siblings and the whole school. Well done to all the children.



Hedgehogs Class Update

This week has been full of exciting learning, and the highlight was definitely our school trip to Hall for Cornwall. The whole class had such a brilliant time, and it was wonderful to experience the theatre together. In Science, we've been fascinated by our bread-mould investigation. Watching the mold grow day by day has been amazing, especially on the pieces of bread we rubbed on the tables — we were all surprised by how quickly and how much mold appeared! We've also really enjoyed learning about food chains and discovering what different animals like to eat, which has helped us understand how living things depend on one another. Using clay, we created our own habitat models, thinking carefully about what each creature would need to survive. In RE, we've deepened our knowledge of the Christmas story, and we are now confident in retelling it and understanding its importance. Meanwhile, in DT, we've been busy designing and making our own freestanding pencil pots. We made sure they were sturdy, practical, and decorated with our own creative touches. It's been a wonderfully busy and enjoyable week!



Otter Class Update

What a busy and brilliant week in Otter Class. We became expert explainers, researching how everyday items like toilets, televisions and pedal bikes work before writing our very own explanation texts. In DT, we put our engineering skills to the test as we tried out our helmets to see which team had created the strongest structure. In maths, we kept our brains buzzing by working hard on our multiplication.



Kestrel Class Update

Kestrel class have had yet another busy couple of weeks. We have thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the theatre, been busy in Wildtribe and PE, planned and about to carry out an experiment in science all about meteors and have been busy practicing our Christmas Carol. Here are a few pictures of some very resilient and joyful gardeners as well as a clean and ready to plant garden!





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! ♻️

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Ink Cartridges**
and help us raise money!

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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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SPACE

Supporting Parents And Children Emotionally

SPACE is a **free** programme for **any parent or carer** who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

This 5 week online programme will cover:

- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- Managing different emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in ourselves and our children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing your ability to provide nurturing care

MHST has an upcoming online programme with sessions starting on:

Monday 12 January 2026 at 9.30am
Monday 12 January 2026 at 11.30am
Thursday 15 January at 9.30am
Thursday 15 January at 1.30pm



These sessions will be running for 5 weeks, please ensure you are able to attend each week for the duration of the programme

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided: <https://forms.office.com/e/mX4A6KKfwv>



These courses are for parents/carers of children 5-11 yrs only

Spaces are limited, if you cannot attend, please notify us ASAP - 01726 873204

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Family Carol Service
Lewannick Church
Sunday 21st December
4pm



Feel free to dress up as your favourite nativity character!

Mince pies served at the end.

Extra Support this Christmas

We know how tough things can be when a parent or carer is facing a terminal illness — especially around the holidays.

That's why we've **extended our Crisis Fund** to offer **shopping vouchers** for a range of retailers, helping families with children prepare for Christmas.



Whether it's gifts, food, or essentials - **don't go without this year. We're here to help.**



APPLY USING THE QR CODE

#ChristmasSupport #CrisisFund
#FamilySupport #YouAreNotAlone

gunnerskids.org

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Christmas PARTY

December 14th | 11am to 2pm

St Erme Community Centre

Enchanting magic show
Hands-on Christmas crafts
Music to get everyone in the spirit



Plus, Santa himself will make a special appearance bringing a gift for every child!



SCAN QR CODE FOR FULL DETAILS

For families with children when a parent/carer has a terminal illness. FREE

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CHRISTMAS 2025

- Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more – for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays on 22nd Dec, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 2nd Jan

Scan here
to book!



Launceston Library Events

November &

December '25

Saturday 29th

November

10.30- 12.30 pm

**Make festive
cards with
Karen Howse**

Tuesday

9th & 16th

December 3.45 PM

**Christmas
story time**

Saturday 6th

December 10am-12pm

**Christmas crafts
& face painting**

Charity

Christmas Quiz

**(suggested donation £1)
Be in the draw to win
a hamper & panto
tickets**

**Draw takes place on
16th December.**

**Chosen charity -
RNLI**

Regular Events

Tuesdays 10.00 AM -Bounce and Rhyme followed by Stay and play at 10.30

Wednesday 10AM - Art Group

Friday 2-4 PM and Saturdays 10AM-12.30 - Christmas themed

LEGO



Launceston Library and Information Service

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School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11

FLU

MMR

HPV

**MENINGITIS
ACWY**

**DIPHTHERIA
TETANUS
POLIO (DTP)**

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

Call us on

01872 221105

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