

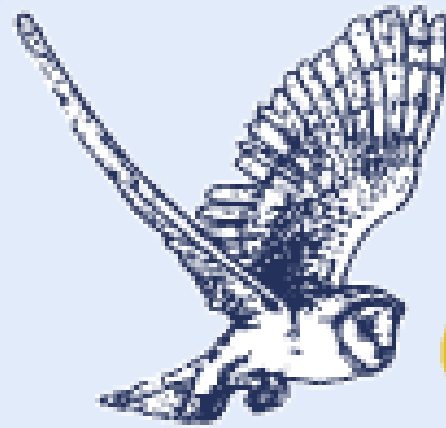
NEWSLETTER

Message from Mr Sturges

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 football team, who put in an excellent performance in the league this week—winning 2 out of their 3 matches! We're incredibly proud of the teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship shown by all involved.

Congratulations also go to all the children who took part in the recent cross-country event. It was wonderful to see so many pupils taking on the challenge with such enthusiasm and resilience. Our Sailing Club has now officially set sail, and what a success it has been! Thank you to everyone who helped make the first sessions so enjoyable and safe for all the children.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting class trips coming up. Please keep an eye on the diary section of the newsletter and watch out for any correspondence from Mrs V regarding these events. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend!



GARRAS CP SCHOOL



SAFEGUARDING

<https://www.qwell.io>

It is a free, anonymous online service to support adults with their wellbeing and mental health.

BARN OWLS

What another busy week we have had! The reception children have worked really hard during their phonics sessions, learning new sounds and even having a go at forming the letters and their names.

The year 1s have been hard at work applying to become 'pixies of peace', ensuring all pupils follow the rules to create a peaceful and friendly environment within school.

We have also been exploring materials in science, discovering where we can find different materials around our class.

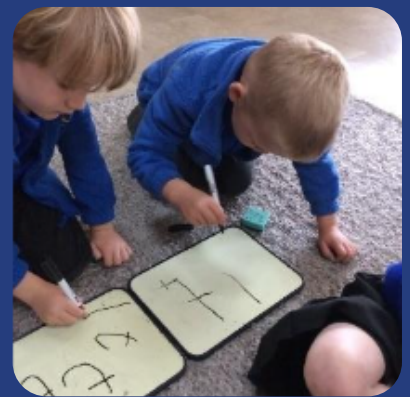
In PSHE, we have created mood jars using different materials to represent the different feelings shown in the book "The Colour Monster" and understanding what a good friend is.

Observations have been uploaded onto reception children's tapestry, please take a look as they have been very busy and I'm sure they would love to tell you all about what they have been doing. Please feel free to share anything your child has done at home with us.

Reading books are due to be sent home next week in book bags as well as other pieces of information that may be helpful to you and your little ones.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely and restful weekend.

Barn Owls Team



HAWK OWLS

We've had such a lovely week in class! One of our highlights was a visit from

Mrs Richards, who told us all about how Garras School has changed in her lifetime. The children were fascinated to see the old punishment and log books, so different from what we have now! They also really enjoyed seeing and hearing about how the cane was used when she was little in school!

In guided reading, we've dived into *The Great Chocoplot* and are absolutely loving it. The story has us hooked, and the children are already full of guesses about what might happen next.

In literacy, we got creative making persuasive posters advertising for a Peacekeeper, inspired by the book *Peace on Earth*. The qualities needed to fulfil the job that the children came up with were brilliant!

For Science, we looked at how light reflected off different surfaces using our torches against different materials.



EAGLE OWLS

This week in Eagle Owls, the Year 5/6s have completed their first maths unit on place value looking at numbers to 1,000,000! They have done an excellent job, particularly the Year 5s keeping up with the fast pace of learning.

We have continued with our active learning of solids, liquids and gases (through pretending to be each state of matter on the playground as shown in the photos!). We have also completed two Science experiments: dancing raisins in lemonade and an investigation into melting times.

Eagle Owls have started their Geography unit on where our energy comes from. We have explored the different types of ways to create energy and started to discuss the pros and cons of each. This will be supported by our trip to Treworgie Farm on Tuesday 23rd September where we will see a range of energy sources in use. We will start to evaluate why those energy sources were chosen for the farm and see how they contribute to a working farm.



REMINDERS

Cross Country Dates

Tuesday 16th September	Race 1	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Helston South Site- 4pm
Tuesday 7th October	Race 2	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Mullion- 4pm
Tuesday 4th November	Race 3	KS2	Helston North Site- 4pm
Tuesday 24th February	Race 4	KS2/Peninsula qualifier	Helston South Site 4pm
March	Peninsula Final	KS2	TBC 4-5pm
March	School Games Final	KS2	Newquay
Tuesday 28th April	Race 5	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Helston North
Tuesday 12th May	Race 6	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Helston South Site - 4pm
Tuesday 9th June	Fun Run	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Mullion 4pm

Y5/6 Football Tournament Dates

Date	Time	Year group	Venue
15.9.25	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
6.10.25	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
3.11.25	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
17.11.25 GIRLS ONLY	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
1.12.25	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro

ATTENDANCE

Barn Owls 94.74%

Hawk Owls 99.44%

Eagle Owls 98.4%

Whole school 96.44%

INSET DAYS

Mon 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Mon 23rd February 2026

Friday 8th May 2026

Monday 22nd June 2026

Thursday 23rd July 2026

PE & GYM DAYS

Barn Owls

Gymnastics - Thursday

PE - Friday

Hawk Owls

Gymnastics - Thursday

PE - Friday

Eagle Owls

Gymnastics - Monday

PE - Friday



DIARY DATES

Mon 22 nd September	Eagle Owls Gymnastic
Tue 23 rd September	Eagle Owls Farm visit Sailing 4pm to 6pm
Wed 24 th September	SATS Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thurs 25 th September	Barn Owls and Haws Owls Gymnastic
Mon 29 th September	Eagle Owls Gymnastic Hawk Owls Helston Museum trip
Tue 30 th September	Sailing 4pm to 6pm
Wed 1 st October	SATS Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thurs 2 nd October	Barn Owls and Hawk Owls Gymnastic
Friday 17 th October	Harvest Festival
Mon 3 rd November	Inset day. School closed
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Play
Friday 19 th December	Christingle Last day of Term

Cornwall Council 2025/2026 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

September 2025						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		

October 2025						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	

November 2025						
Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thurs	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		

December 2025						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		

January 2026						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	

February 2026						
Mon	2	9	16	23		
Tue	3	10	17	24		
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		

March 2026						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		

April 2026						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	

May 2026						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	

June 2026						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		

July 2026						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	

August 2026						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thurs	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		



School holidays

Bank holidays	
Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

AUTUMN TERM (73 days)
3 September - 19 December 2025
(HALF TERM 27 - 31 October 2025)

SPRING TERM (59 days)
5 January - 2 April 2026
(HALF TERM 16 - 20 February 2026)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)
20 April - 23 July 2026
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

Academy, trust and voluntary-aided schools set their own term dates and INSET days.

Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Garras Notice Board

Please use the Absence Request form for your child absence. You can find the form on the school website

<https://croftymat.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Crofty-Leave-of-Absence-Holiday-Exceptional-Circumstances-request-form.pdf>

A kind reminder to not make a U turn around the school area and our neighbour driveways with your car during school drop off and pick up hours.

The school is selling honey kindly donated by Isaac's Dad. It's £10 a jar and the amount raised will be donated to Frogs. Thank you for your support!

We are looking for volunteers:

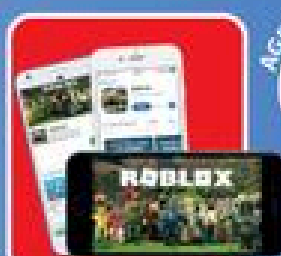
- readers
- gardeners

Please contact Mrs. Venturi if you are interested.



ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.'



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**

ROBLOX STUDIO

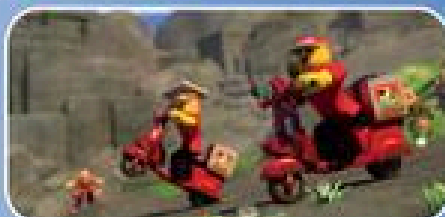
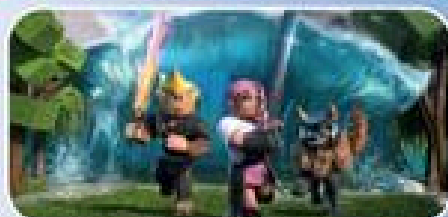
The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



**National
Online
Safety**

Top Tips for Parents

ALERT!

Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Robux etc., with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.