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### Message from Mr Sturges

### Communications Update

Thank you for your ongoing feedback regarding our communications. We understand that the use of multiple platforms has led to some confusion, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. This situation has arisen in part due to our transition to Arbor, the new system we are in the process of implementing. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to complete this transition and streamline our communication channels.

To support clarity in the meantime, we've included in this newsletter a summary of the platforms currently in use, along with their specific purposes. Thank you so much for the positive feedback we've received about our new-look newsletter and the enriching trips that have taken place so far this term. It's wonderful to hear how much the children are enjoying these opportunities, and your support in making them happen — whether through volunteering, helping with preparations, or simply sharing your enthusiasm — is truly appreciated.



We also know that the partnership between home and school is a vital part of your child's success. One powerful way to support this is through positive conversations about school and their learning outside of school. When children hear encouraging messages at home — celebrating their efforts, showing interest in what they're learning, or speaking positively about the school — it helps them feel confident, valued, and motivated.

Of course, we understand that sometimes concerns may arise. We're always here to listen and work together. Addressing concerns in a constructive and supportive way helps us grow as a school and sets a positive example for our children. Speaking negatively about the school in front of children or in conversations with other parents can unintentionally impact how children feel about their school community. If you do have any concerns, please speak directly to your child's class teacher or to me.

### Food bank collection

Lastly, we are once again collecting donations for the Helston and Lizard Foodbank If you're able to contribute non-perishable food items that are listed by the food bank on this newsletter, please bring them into school by Monday 20th October by 12 noon. Your generosity will make a real difference to local

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Warm regards,



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

## BARN OVVLS KOVVANNOVV GVVYNN

This week in Barn Owls...

On Monday we went for a lovely Autumn Walk in our local areal We kept our eyes peeled for signs of Autumn...we spotted different coloured leaves, conkers, berries and much more! We then talked all about the different seasons in a year.

In literacy we have been revisiting our current story focus 'Bringing the rain to Kapiti plain'. The children did some excellent sequencing of our story, and Year 1 worked very hard to write captions using their capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

This week we have been practicing a special Harvest song to perform at the church on Friday! We have been busy doing arts and crafts to create some props to sing with.

We had another fantastic session at Swallows, and we are definitely becoming confident gymnasts!

We have been working hard to practice all the new sounds we have learnt this half term, and we even got to share some of our learning with our grownups! We were very excited and did a super job.

A small reminder that next Thursday Miss Martin is running a phonics workshop for all the Barn Owls parents. This will be 2-3 in the barn, however, please arrive 10 minutes before to give time for signing in.

Thank you so much for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend! Barn Owls Team











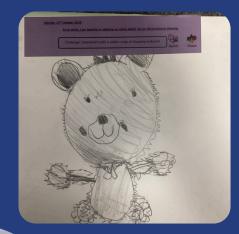


# HAVVK OVVLS Kowannow Sparr Hok

VVe've had another exciting week in our classroom! In literacy, the children have been creating their own cautionary tales in delightful rhyming couplets. Each child has chosen a problem, like eating too many sweets, and has come up with creative consequences and meaningful morals for their stories. I can't wait for you to share these poems next week with you.

In art, we've immersed ourselves in the world of observational drawing. The children have been exploring various objects found around the school grounds, ranging from leaves to intriguing classroom materials. They've put great effort into understanding how to represent these objects on paper, focusing on aspects like light and shadow to create depth. By experimenting with different mark-making techniques, such as cross-hatching and stippling, the children are learning to convey texture and form in their artwork The progress they're making is truly inspiring, and I look forward to showcasing their unique masterpieces very soon!

We finished out computing unit this week about connections. The children learning about how messages are sent to other devices from a server. They identified where the server and wireless devices are in school and then demonstrated how this works using skipping ropes with one child being the server holding all the ropes.











# EAGLE OVVLS

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This week sees the last of our sailing sessions for this calendar year. We have been very lucky with the weather and have seen some amazing sailing, particularly from our younger beginners! We hope to see you out on the water after the Easter holidays when sailing club resumes.

Eagle Owls have also attended an excellent workshop on the Vikings, held at Falmouth Maritime Museum. They learnt about the trading routes, learnt how the Vikings would trade, and which items were more valuable than others. The children also learnt how the Vikings made coins and then had a go at making their own Viking coins (which the adults enjoyed as well!). The sailing theme continued with the children exploring how Viking longships were made and then experimented and put their sailing knowledge to use on the sailing pond in the museum! The children were well behaved and a real credit to the school throughout this trip. Thank you, Eagle Owls, for making us proud, as well as taking part in some memorable learning activities!





### **Garras Notice Board**

**Bord Argemynnow Garros** 

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

or click here!





A kind reminder to not park on the zigzag yellow line by the school area and on the yellow double lines by the roundabout during school drop off and pick up hours.



### An amendment for the football league

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is a Crofty inset day and we have three Crofty schools due to take part. Therfore, this date is POSTPONED. The new date for the schools due to take part is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025."

We are looking for gardeners volunteers to take care of the school's green areas.

Please contact Mrs. Venturi if you are interested.



### School communications to parents



### <u>Arbor</u>

in-app messages and emails used for day to day communications.

### Parent Pay

used for trips consents and payments.

### Teachers2parents

available until the  $7^{\text{th}}$  July 2026 and used for reminders. After that date Crofty is moving to Arbor.

It is important that everyone sign up to Arbor app and Parent Pay website.

Any questions please contact Mrs V.

Thank you for your patience and support during communication system transition.



### Foodbank donations

Thank you for everyone who has made food donations so far. Our deadline for collection is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Please find below a list of the needed items.



### URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

LONG LIFE MILK

TINNED COLD MEATS - HAM ETC

SMALL JARS OF COFFEE

TINS OF CUSTARD

TINS OF RICE PUDDING

TINNED FRUIT

SPONGE PUDDINGS

SHAMPOO, SHOWER GEL ETC

### Book look invite!

We warmly welcome all parents and carers to join your child/ren in their classroom on Tuesday, 21st October at 2.45pm for Hawk. Owls and Eagle Owls. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.45pm for Barn Owls. This is a special opportunity for your child to share their learning journey so far and proudly show you their work and books.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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!



The Virtues Project'

The 'Virtues Project' helps us all to develop good character qualities such as kindness, honesty and creativity in our children. Every two weeks we will focus on a virtue which is introduced at the start of the two weeks at Monday's assembly. This time we have been focusing on "Responsibility".

During this time, everyone will look to identify pupils in each class who are demonstrating this virtue.

The children who have been identified this time are:

Barn Owls: Florence

Hawk Owls: Fredrik

Eagle Owls: Christopher

www.virtuesineducation.com

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Congratulations to:

Nathaniel

Congratulations to:

Lowen Mabel

New member of the exclusive 44 club in Maths





### 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	KS2	Newquay
	Final		
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
<b>3.11.25</b> 24.11.25	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
17.11.25 GIRLS	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
ONLY			
1.12.25	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro

## ATTENDANCE

**ATTENDYANS** 

Barn Owls 93.57%

Hawk Owls 96.88%

Eagle Owls 96.76%

Whole school 97.34%



# PE & GYM DAYS

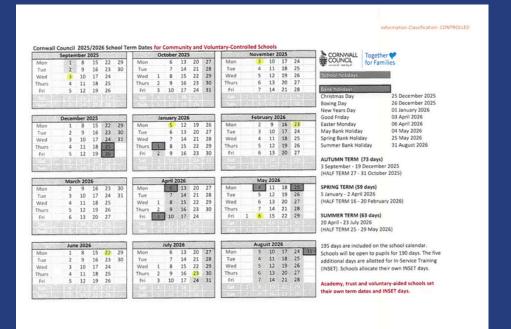
Barn Owls Gymnastics - Thursday PE - Friday

Hawk Owls Gymnastics - Thursday PE - Friday

Eagle Owls Gymnastics - Monday PE - Friday

# DIARY DATES DEDHYASOW DHYDHLYVER

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Food bank collection deadline by noon Eagle Owls Gymnastics	
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Football at Trannack School Hawk Owls and Eagle Owls Parents Book Look 2:45pm	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Foodbank donations drop off Barn Owls Parents Book Look 245pm SATS Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Barn Owls and Hawk Owls Gymnastics Diwali school lunch Barn Owls phonics workshops with parents 2pm - 3pm	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr Sturges out all day (training) Last day of Autumn Half-term Frogs Disco Mawgan Recreation Hall	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Inset day. School closed	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country KS2 4pm North Site Helston	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Menu School meals	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Barn Owls and Hawk Owls Gymnastics	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Last day of Term	



### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ТІКТОК

(13+)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

White TixTok's following feed only displays videos from familiar creaters, for feed a collection based on a user's previously watched oils. Next of these videos will preteatly be inoffered; but the app could potentially above something unsuitable. If children then engage with this centent, mare like it will below this take's guidelines prohibit the sharing of likegol or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably sign through.

### BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Oldern, most anline harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on Tik Tok. One estreme ecomple of the latter was the backbur trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filling lawsuist against Tik Tok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### IN-APP SPENDING

Tik Tak is free, but users have the option to buy Tik Tak coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creaters. Coin burseles range from E9.59 to an eye watering E95; while that may not sound appealing, the apputili generated E76 bitson in user sponsing in 2023, Tik Tak is policy in that under-15s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass mis with a fake birth date.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by aver-18s for young people using a face date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is comeaners profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables arryone to download or comment on them.

### MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more thisolous than the langer ones on YouTube, et psi constitt influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but afford my ports that nearly a third of tit to 13-year-olds use TikTok as a news source - so you should be wary of misogralatic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the week.

### ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant streem of eyer catching videos. TitTot can be addictive to young brains. n 2024, wit children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the epp. that's trice as much on in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often easing to initability – and distract them from other, healther activities. The instantly disposite nature of bite-size videos may also impact antidren's ability to maintain focus.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approved.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you've happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they den't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to task to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teems using TRTok for news, it's also worth talking what we have resident programments.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, Technolor, Torm's Quide The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



### BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an intense or Android device to access Tikfok, you can offer their settlings to prevent them from making in rapp purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real manay buying Tikfok cains to unlock more features of the app - semetimes without over realising.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs, increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is felling to complete homework or skipping mosts. Exemember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.



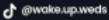
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