

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Sturges

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your ongoing support and partnership. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, filled with learning, creativity, and many memorable moments across the school.

One of the real highlights this half term was our Book Look event. It was truly wonderful to see so many of you in school, taking the time to share in your children's learning and celebrate the progress they have made. The children were so proud to show you their work, and it was lovely to see the joy and enthusiasm they have for their learning reflected in your conversations with them. Thank you for helping to make the event such a success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff team, who continue to work so hard to provide the best possible experiences for our pupils. Their commitment, care, and creativity make such a positive difference every day.

As we head into the half term break, I hope you are all able to enjoy some well-deserved rest and family time. Whether you're spending time at home or getting out and about, I hope the week brings a chance to relax and recharge.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term ahead.

Warm regards,



GARRAS CP SCHOOL
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GARROS



SAFEGUARDING

<https://www.qwell.io>

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

BARN OWLS

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This week in Barn Owls...

Happy half term! We would like to take a moment to thank you and your children for all your hard work, and a fantastic start to the year. The children have settled in wonderfully and have earned a well-deserved rest.

It was lovely to see parents getting involved in our book look on Wednesday and attending Miss Martin's phonics workshop on Thursday! Your involvement makes all the difference, and we love sharing their learning journey with you.

In literacy this week we have been creating leaflets and posters for 'The Kapiti Plain' from our story focus. Feel free to ask us all about it, we are very knowledgeable!

Reception have been consolidating all their number work from this term, and year 1 have been practicing their number bonds to help them count three 1-digit numbers! They also revisited finding doubles and none doubles.

We have got into the season of Autumn this week, using our arts and craft skills to create a beautiful display using all the signs and colours of autumn. Once again, we have had an excellent time at swallows gymnastics, and so much fun doing PE with Mr Warren!

We have lots to look forward to after half term, such as forest school, trips out and of course, Christmas!

But for now, we hope you have a lovely half term, and we look forward to seeing you when we come back. 😊

Best wishes,

Barn Owls team

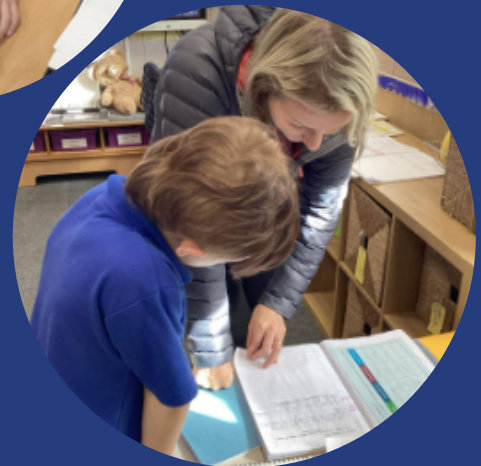


HAWK OWLS

Kowannow Sparr Hok

As we approach the last week of this half term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a lovely start to the year it has been. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining us on Tuesday to share in their children's learning and explore their books together. Your involvement makes all the difference!

In literacy, the children have completed their poems, showcasing their creativity and expression. Additionally, we wrapped up our history unit, "What were schools like in the past?" The children had an engaging time contemplating whether they would have liked attending school in earlier times. Most decided they wouldn't, primarily due to the cane, which certainly sparked some lively discussions!



EAGLE OWLS

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This week, we wrapped up our art installations, and what a creative journey it's been! We started by placing objects inside our boxes, each one representing a room, and experimented with photographing them to explore shape and scale. To finish off the unit, we took things a step further and built our own 3D installations using everyday objects. It was such a fun, hands on process!

We would like to thank all the parents who came to the book look. The children were so excited to share their learning with you. The classroom was filled with a buzz about learning, which is exactly what we want to achieve! Eagle Owls were especially proud of their story writing which has been completed this week. Their science-fiction stories are a joy to read and the quality of writing is excellent! It is definitely a well-deserved half term break coming up!



Garras Notice Board

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

or [click here!](#)



School Communications to parents



Arbor

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

Parent Pay

used for trips consents and payments.

Teachers2parents

available until the 7th 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 our communication system transition.



Important!

A kind reminder to not park on the zig-zag 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 3rd November is a Crofty inset day and we have three Crofty schools due to take part. Therefore, this date is POSTPONED. The new date for the schools due to take part is on Monday 24th November 2025."



We are looking for volunteers to help to rearrange our school library. If you have spare time, please contact Mrs V.



Thank you to Sophia and Olivia's Mum to take care of our plants and flowers.



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 to lay the wreath during the Remembrance Service Sunday 9th November



Congratulations to the Garras football teams for their performance at Trannack tournament Tuesday 21st October.

Team 1 won the tournament and Team 2 came 3rd. Dominic, Austin and Nathaniel won the Most Valuable player medal. Esme and Lyra won the Sportsmanship medal.



Congratulations to:
Isaac
New member of the
exclusive 11 club in
Maths

Congratulations to:
Sophia
Beatrice
New members of the
exclusive 22 club in
Maths

Congratulations to:
Arthur S
New member of the
exclusive 33 club in
Maths

Join the
CELEBRATION!



Wednesday 22nd October Mr Sturges and some children delivered to Helston and Lizard Foodbank the donations kindly received from our school families.
Thank you for your support.



Last Friday the children celebrated Harvest Festival at Mawgan Church



REMINDERS

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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
24.11.25	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

ATTENDYANS

Barn Owls 84.8%

Hawk Owls 93.33%

Eagle Owls 94.44%

Whole school 96.5%

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

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Mon 3 rd November	Inset day. School closed
Tues 4 th November	Cross Country KS2 4pm North Site Helston
Wed 5 th November	Bonfire Menu School meals SATs Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thurs 6 th November	Barn Owls and Hawk Owls Gymnastics
from Mon 10 Nov to Thurs 11 th Nov	Parents evening - Booking system TBC
Mon 10 th November	Eagle Owls Gymnastics
Tue 11 th November	School Remembrance service 11am
Wed 12 th November	SATs Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thurs 13 th November	Michael Rosen Day workshop Hawk Owls and Eagle Owls Barn Owls and Hawk Owls Gymnastics
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

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 allocated 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



Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time. A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Book online £48

on the [Online Parenting Courses](#) page



The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term we are offering **FREE** nature based creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall. Please book **EACH** child on to a session.

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:
The Core at St Ives Community Orchard - Thursday 30 October
Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October
We are also offering a **Parentwell** session at **Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October**

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)




October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



YOU ARE INVITED TO

THE HALLOWEEN TRAIL

31 OCTOBER, 2025

WANDER THROUGH THE Eerie CORNERS OF THE VILLAGE AND DISCOVER ALL THE SPOOKY STATIONS - COLLECT YOUR STAMPS AND CLAIM SOME FRIGHTFULLY FUN TREATS AFTER YOUR HAUNTING ADVENTURE. WARM UP AT BASE WITH TEA, COFFEE, AND DELICIOUS CAKE FOR ALL COME IF YOU DARE...

BETWEEN 2 & 4 PM
Meet at St Keverne Preschool to collect your trail sheets.
£1 per child sheet.



In aid of Garris Owlets pre-school, fundraising to provide vital resources, trips and outdoor equipment for the children

Silent Auction

25th of November

Come and join us at The Ship Inn Mawgan from 7:30pm, tasty supper, great atmosphere and amazing lots to win

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LET'S ROCKET

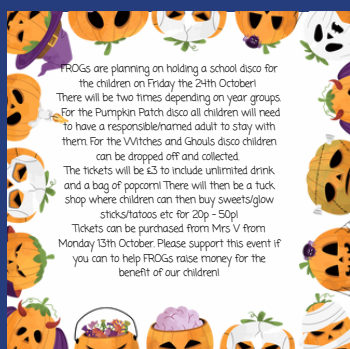
Wed 5th November
MAINS
Rocket Dog or Vegetarian
Rocket Dog (V)

SIDES
Whizz Bang Chips, Catherine
Wheel Carrots and Cabbage

DESSERTS
Strawberry Sparkler Sundae

*Menu may be subject to change

chartwells



FROGS are planning on holding a school disco for the children on Friday the 24th October! There will be two times depending on year groups. For the Pumpkin Patch disco all children will need to have a responsible/adult to stay with them. For the Vitches and Ghouls disco children can be dropped off and collected. The tickets will be £3 to include unlimited drink and a bag of popcorn! There will then be a tuck shop where children can then buy sweets/glow sticks/tatoos etc for 20p - 50p! Tickets can be purchased from Mrs V from Monday 13th October. Please support this event if you can to help FROGS raise money for the benefit of our children!



FRIENDS OF GARRIS SCHOOL ARE HOSTING A...

PUMPKIN PATCH DISCO!

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
MAWGAN RECREATION HALL
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2
4.30 - 5.30

£3 A TICKET TO INCLUDE ENDLESS MAGIC POTION DRINK AND SPOOKY POPCORN

GAMES, DANCING, TUCK SHOP AND MORE!



FRIENDS OF GARRIS SCHOOL ARE HOSTING A...

WITCHES & GHOULS SPOOKY DISCO

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
6PM - 7.30PM

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6
£3 A TICKET

TO INCLUDE ENDLESS WITCHES POTION AND EYEBALL POPCORN

Boo!



FREE

Spooky Storytime with Wendy Witch!

Thursday 30th October
4pm

Gather Community Cafe
Mawgan Recreational Hall

Come along earlier to make a scary skeleton in our events corner!