

● Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Issue 11

# NEWSLETTER

## LYTHER NOWODHOW

### Message from Mr Sturges

As the Christmas season draws ever closer, the excitement is certainly building around school. This week saw the distribution of our much-anticipated Christmas play tickets, and we know families are already looking forward to the performances. The children have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals, and we can't wait for you to see all their efforts come to life on stage.

If you happen to have any spare tickets that you no longer require, we kindly ask that you return them to Mrs V so she can reallocate them to families who are still hoping to attend. Your support in ensuring everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the performances is very much appreciated.

Included with the play tickets were this year's Christmas raffle tickets. We would be extremely grateful if you could help us by selling these to friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues. Every ticket sold helps raise valuable funds for FROGS, who work tirelessly throughout the year to support our school and enrich the experiences we can offer our children. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our wonderful minibus drivers, who this week transported the Hawk Owls to the Tate Gallery in St Ives for their art trip. The children had a fantastic time, and opportunities like this simply wouldn't be possible without the dedication and generosity of our volunteers.

As we move through December, the weather seems determined to surprise us on a daily basis! Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a warm, weatherproof coat, as we continue to enjoy outdoor play and learning whenever possible, whatever the weather may bring.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to sharing many more festive moments with you over the coming weeks.

Warm regards,



GARRAS CP SCHOOL  
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Tel: 01326 221653

[garrassecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:garrassecretary@croftymat.org)

# BARN OWLS

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This week in Barn Owls...

This week we have all been working very hard in maths! Reception have been exploring part-whole models and the composition of 2 and 3, as shared with you on tapestry. Year 1 have made an excellent start to their new unit of place value, practicing partitioning numbers into tens and ones. They were so proud of their work they insisted in doing extra work to share with you in their book bags!

In history this week we built upon our knowledge of timelines and memories, exploring how we celebrate special events. We had a great big discussion about all the exciting things we do to celebrate Christmas, birthdays, flora day and weddings. Some lovely memories and stories were shared and the children demonstrated excellent listening and questioning skills! 😊

The children are continuing to impress us with their phonics skills. Year 1 have been introduced to the split digraphs 'a-e' 'i-e' 'o-e' and 'u-e'. They are doing an excellent job of growing the code and practicing their tricky words with fluency! Reception have also been learning new sounds and digraphs this week, including 'z' 'zz' 'qu' and 'ch' practicing their letter formation and segmenting skills! Please continue to do your best to read with your children at home as often as possible - the impact is incredible!

The children are getting into the spirit of Christmas by practicing our songs for the Christmas play...We even put some baubles on our class Christmas tree this week!

The children have worked very hard this week and deserve a lovely restful weekend!

As always, thank you for your continued support.  
Barn Owls team





# HAWK OWLS

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Hawk Owls had a wonderful trip to the Tate Gallery in St Ives, where they took part in a fantastic sketchbook workshop tour. The children explored each gallery in turn, sketching anything that inspired them. They learned about the artists behind the work, discovering the different techniques and materials used to create the pieces on display.

They also experimented with three randomly chosen coloured wax crayons to create their own artwork, and had great fun using graphite pencils to try out more free-form drawing techniques. One of the highlights was when they were asked to tuck their elbows in and draw without moving the tops of their arms - something that caused plenty of giggles!

We are incredibly proud of the children and several members of the public, as well as staff at The Tate, stopped to comment on their wonderful behaviour and impressive art skills!

In Literacy, we are very close to finishing The BFG, which we have thoroughly enjoyed reading together as a class. This week, the children have been learning how to use fronted adverbials to begin their sentences, and they have started planning their very own ideas for how to catch the giants!

In Geography, we have begun comparing the UK and Kenya. So far, the children have discovered that Kenya lies on the equator and has a much hotter climate than the UK. We explored photographs of both places and discussed the similarities and differences between the two locations.

As always, we are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and hard work. We hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend and look forward to another great week ahead.



# EAGLE OWLS

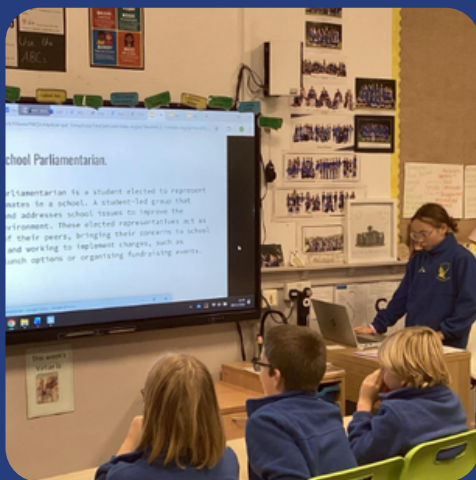
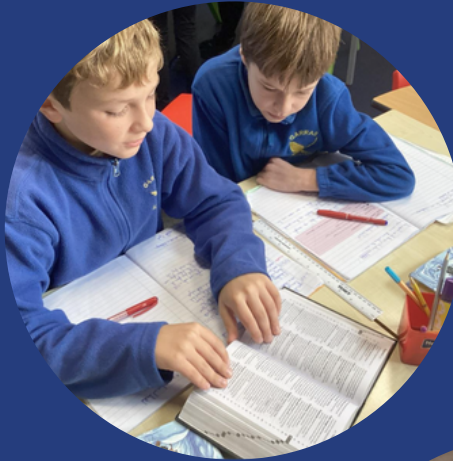
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The Eagle Owls have packed even more excitement into this week! We launched our new Literacy unit, Odd and the Frost Giants, which links beautifully to our History learning about the Vikings. The children enjoyed using dictionaries to explore new vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the story.

We also had another fantastic Christmas play practice. Their hard work is really shining through. Thank you so much for dropping your children off at Gweek Village Hall and practicing their lines with them—we really appreciate your support!

In PE, the class completed their final gymnastics session, showing great balance, perseverance, confidence and control in their floor routines. This will stand us in great stead in the gymnastics competition which will be taking place in January.

A huge well done to our Year 6s who bravely put themselves forward for the Trust Parliamentary Council. Each of them delivered a fantastic presentation explaining why they should be elected—we are incredibly proud of their confidence and maturity. The class then had the very difficult decision of voting in only two councillors. Congratulations to Iris and Esmel! Lucy will be an excellent support for both councillors as well.





# 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 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.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 and used for reminders. After that date Crofty is moving to Arbor.

It is important that everyone please signs up to the Arbor app and Parent Pay website.

Any questions, please contact Mrs V.

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



## An amendment for the football league

New dates:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (instead of 24/11/25)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Girls only (instead of 17/11/25)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 (instead of 1/12/25)



The school is selling honey kindly donated by Isaac's Dad. It's £5 a jar and the amount raised will be donated to Frogs. Thank you for your support!



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND RAFFLE

As in previous years FROGS will be raffling off Food & Drinks hampers at the evening performance of the Christmas Play.

The Christmas Hamper items list is now available. The board will be placed in the playground at drop off and pick up. Please add your name to any items you would like to contribute and drop them to Mrs V by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Raffle tickets will also be going out in school book bags next week. Additional tickets can be collected from Mrs V. Tickets will also be available to buy at both Christmas play performances. Ticket stubs and money to be returned to Mrs V by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christamas play rehearsal timetables

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Whole School please drop your children at Gweek Village Hall between 8.30 and 8.45 am.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Whole School please drop your children at Gweek Village Hall between 8.30 and 8.45 am.

Christmas play Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December If you are not at the evening play please pick up your child at 3.15pm Gweek Village Hall

If your children are doing Breakfast club those mornings, they will be transported by a member of the staff.

## 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 "Humility".

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: Laila

Hawk Owls: Lowen

Eagle Owls: Dominic

[www.virtuesineducation.com](http://www.virtuesineducation.com)

Congratulations to:

Arthur S

New member of the exclusive 33 club in Maths

Joff

New member of the exclusive 44 club in Maths

Jasper

New member of the exclusive 77 club in Maths

*Join the*

**CELEBRATION!**





## 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
<del>6.11.25</del> 12.01.26	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
<del>11.11.25</del> GIRLS 19.01.26	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
<del>1.12.25</del> 02.02.26	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro

## ATTENDANCE

ATTENDYANS

Barn Owls 92.98%

Hawk Owls 91.11%

Eagle Owls 93.06%

Whole school 96.10%

## INSET DAYS

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Play rehearsal
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<u>NO SATS Club</u>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr. Sturges out all day
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr. Sturges out all day
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> December	SATS Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play Matinee 2pm Evening 6pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch Recreation Hall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Last day of Term
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holiday
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY - School closed

Information Classification: CONTROLLED

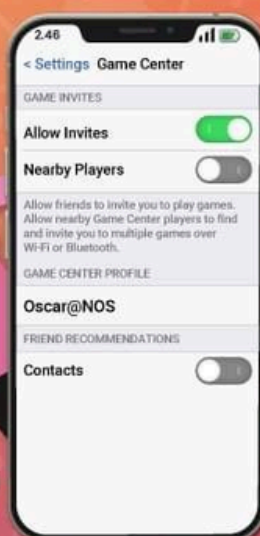
Cornwall Council 2025/2026 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

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# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



## How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

## How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

## How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)





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Merry Christmas!

### December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

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Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm



In aid of Garra's 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, pasty supper, great atmosphere and amazing lots to win



## CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

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Thursday 27th  
November

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### Christmas Family

### Photoshoot

Saturday 22nd November

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HELSTON RAILWAY

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Santa Train Dates (December 2025)  
6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

Santa Train Times  
10:00, 11:30, 15:00

Train of Light Time  
17:30

Ticket Prices

Adult £10

Child £11.50

Under 5 years £5

Child and under 5 prices include present from Santa!

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## HAVE YOUR SAY! DO YOU WANT 33 NEW HOUSES BUILT IN MAWGAN?

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7:30PM

17 DECEMBER 2025

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