

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Sturges

Thank you to everyone who attended the FROGS meeting on Thursday. It sounded like a really productive session with some excellent ideas shared, and I'm very much looking forward to attending the AGM in the New Year.

The school would also like to extend a big thank-you to FROGS for the very special delivery we received today: our brand-new sound system, just in time for the Christmas play and Christingle celebrations!

We were also extremely fortunate last year to receive a generous donation from Pasty Box. With their support, we have been able to purchase a much-needed school cooker, toaster and freezer. These items are already greatly appreciated and will be used for our breakfast and after-school clubs, as well as during our Design and Technology cooking sessions.

With the Christmas play rapidly approaching, we will be sending out tickets to families next week. There will be two performances on Friday 12th December: one at 2:00pm and another at 6:00pm. If anyone is available to help set up the hall for the afternoon performance, or to support during the evening show, please catch either myself or Mrs V, and we will signpost you to a FROGS member.

Thank you once again to everyone who continues to support our school community.

Warm regards,



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BARN OWLS

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This week in Barn Owls...

We have had a busy week!

We have had logs delivered for our outdoor learning space! The children have safely helped move these to create a 'fire circle', understanding the rules of the fire circle that will be used in our outdoor learning soon. We have been using the stumps to balance along and move in-between. Special thanks to Rob Blytham Tree Surgery and Garden Maintenance for kindly donating his time and resources to improve our outdoor learning space!

We have also been problem solving this week and finding different ways to transport the balls down the pipes. The children have been working hard together to fix problems they come across and rectify them. They even challenged themselves and used litter pickers to pick up the balls!

Year 1 have been exploring more of our story 'Leo and the Octopus', expanding their literacy knowledge by adding conjunctions to improve their writing. We have a few budding authors in the Barn Owls!

In history we have continued to explore our own timelines, learning what a 'memory' is and sharing our favourite ones with the class.

We were very excited with the weather change this week. We went out and experienced the hail and sleet. The children were very interested in the ice that had formed and went on a search for more.

As always, thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Barn Owls team



HAWK OWLS

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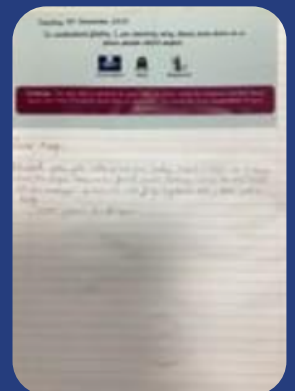
This week we have made some excellent progress in rehearsing our Christmas Nativity. Thank you so much for dropping your child off at the hall on Tuesday morning. You are in for a real treat!

In RE we have continued to look at why Christmas is important to Christians. This week, we have looked at how Jesus was born in an unexpected place and wrote letters to either Jesus or Mary from the perspective of one of the Shepherds after they visited the new born baby king!

In Geography, we have looked at where the equator is and learned that it is an imaginary line around the Earth. Children then used atlases to identify and locate countries that can be found on the equator.

In literacy, we have continued our learning about the BFG. We noticed that Roald Dahl uses 'said' a lot in his writing, so we looked at synonyms for said and rewrote some of his sentences from the story to improve them.

Next week, on Tuesday 25th November, it is our trip to The Tate in St Ives. Just as a gentle reminder, please can you remember to send your child into school wearing school uniform as normal, with a coat, refillable water bottle and a packed lunch (unless you would like to order one from school). You may wish to pack an extra little snack for break time as the children always seem extra hungry on trips, but this is not essential.



EAGLE OWLS

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What a wonderfully full week of learning and celebration!

We concluded our Geography unit on Energy with an exciting discovery — after exploring where around the school grounds solar panels could be fitted, the children realised that our school is powered in part by the solar panels right above their heads on the roof! This sparked brilliant conversations about renewable energy and the ways we can all make a difference.

In English, we wrapped up our end-of-unit biography study by learning about the life and legacy of Harvey Milk. The children engaged thoughtfully with themes of courage, equality, and standing up for what is right.

We also enjoyed an incredible Swim Gala, where pupils demonstrated determination, sportsmanship, and plenty of cheering from the poolside. It was a joy to watch their confidence and team spirit shine.

To top it all off, the class completed their first full run-through of the Christmas play — and it was excellent! Lines, songs, and choreography are coming together beautifully, and we can't wait for you to see the final performance.

It's been a busy and inspiring week, and we're so proud of the children's enthusiasm and hard work across every activity.



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!](#)



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 7th 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 12th January 2026 (instead of 24/11/25)

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

Monday 2nd 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 8th 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 8th December.

Christmas play rehearsal timetables

Tuesday 25th November: Eagle Owls please drop your children at Gweek Village Hall between 8.30 and 8.45 am.

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

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

Christmas play Friday 12th 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.



Congratulations to

Ottilie

for her

Music
Achievement



Congratulations to:

Isaac

New member of the exclusive 22
club in Maths

Brennan
William

New members 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
6.11.25 12.01.26	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
11.11.25 GIRLS 19.01.26	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro
1.12.25 02.02.26	3:45-5pm	Y5/6	Helston Astro

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDYANS

Barn Owls 94.74%

Hawk Owls 97.78%

Eagle Owls 95.37%

Whole school 96.42%

INSET DAYS

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 24 th November	Eagle Owls Gymnastics
Tue 25 th November	Hawks Owls Tate Stives visit Christmas Play rehearsal
Wed 26 th November	<u>NO SATS Club</u>
Tue 2 nd December	Christmas Play rehearsal
Wed 3 rd December	<u>NO SATS Club</u>
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Play Matinee 2pm Evening 6pm
Wed 17 th December	School Christmas lunch Recreation Hall
Friday 19 th December	Christingle Last day of Term
Mon 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holiday
Mon 5 th January	INSET DAY - School closed

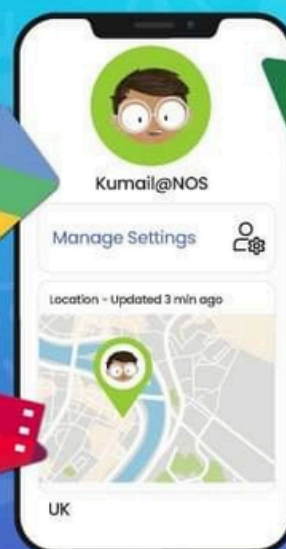
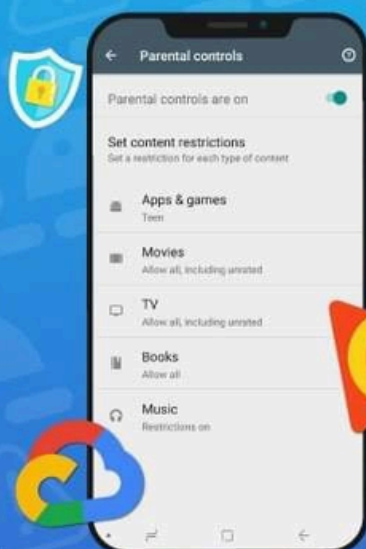
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Cornwall Council 2025/2026 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

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How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set (18+)
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set (18+)





Are you struggling with a defiant child?



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Merry Christmas!

December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

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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



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Thursday 27th
November

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Train of Light Time
17:30

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