

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Wild Tribe

"There is much evidence to show that taking the curriculum outside can enhance the health and well-being of children, as well as encourage them to be more active. The children learn to manage risks through the use of tools, work together through team-work challenges, gain appreciation and respect for nature and the impact that humans have on the environment and become more confident with raised self-esteem." - Wild Tribe Outdoor Learning

We kick started our Wild Tribe Sessions at the start of the year and they have quickly become a highlight of our week. Every Wednesday, Reception and Year 1 have had Welly Wednesdays, embracing the outdoors in all weathers and building confidence, resilience and teamwork as well as knowledge about the outdoor and skills. They have linked their time outdoors to their science learning on plants, exploring seasonal changes and discovering the wonders growing around them.

Each year group throughout the school, has also enjoyed dedicated Thursday afternoon sessions packed with hands-on, nature-based learning. Children have developed practical tool skills – cutting and whittling willow sticks and learning how to safely create "fairy fires" using cotton wool and strikers. Some have also progressed onto 5-minute fires, and toasting marshmallows over the flames. There's been plenty of teamwork too, from energetic group games to collaborative shelter building challenges.

To round off sessions, everyone has loved warming up with a cup of hot chocolate using the Kelly kettle and sharing stories of their outdoor adventures. Wild Tribe has been a fantastic way to nurture curiosity, independence and a love of the natural world.

We cannot wait for next term to where we will be progressing with different tools and fire lighting. It has been lovely watching the children embrace the outdoors and everything it has to offer.

Miss Martin and Mrs Anthony - Wild Tribe Leaders



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BARN OWLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy and enjoyable final week of half term!

Reception have been learning all about height and length, comparing different objects and using mathematical language such as taller, shorter, longer and shorter. They have loved exploring this through practical activities around the classroom.

Year 1 have been working hard on their counting skills, practising counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. We are so pleased with their growing confidence and ability to spot number patterns.

In Literacy, we have continued exploring Billy and the Beast. The children had great fun making their own "terrible soup" and then used their experience to write fantastic recipes, showing off the new skills they have been learning.

In Geography, we talked about different types of weather in the UK and how to prepare for them. The children really enjoyed dressing up for different weather conditions and discussing what they would need.

In Phonics, everyone has been practising reading longer words by chunking them and spotting familiar sounds. We have been very impressed!

Thank you to those who joined us for the book look. The children were so excited to share their work!

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term.

Best wishes,
Barn Owls Team 😊



HAWK OWLS

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This week in Hawk Owls, we've had a wonderfully busy and exciting few days of learning!

In Literacy, we began our brand new unit based on the beautifully illustrated book *How To Live Forever* by Colin Thompson. The children have been hard at work writing persuasive sentences, which they then used to create their very own "Lost" posters. Their mission? To convince people to help find and return the missing library book without opening it and discovering its magical powers! The creativity on display has been fantastic.

In Maths, we continued exploring perimeters. Building on our understanding of rectangles and squares, we moved on to finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. The children showed great perseverance as they applied their knowledge to these new, trickier shapes.

We also wrapped up our French unit, *Bon Appétit!* To celebrate, the children acted out short conversations in a French market, taking turns to order fruit and vegetables and ask how much they cost. They absolutely loved choosing their own quantities and taking on the roles of both customer and vendor!

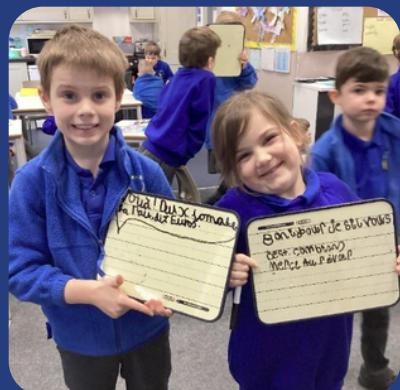
In History, we concluded our topic by investigating the illnesses people suffered from during the Tudor and Victorian periods. There was a real buzz in the classroom as we learned about the Plague and the mysterious Plague Doctors! The children were especially amazed to discover that the Smallpox vaccination managed to eliminate the disease in less than 200 years.

In Art, we began our new drawing unit, *Developing Drawing Skills*. In our first lesson, we explored how to identify basic shapes within the flower or plant we were drawing, before refining our initial sketches and adding detail to improve the overall composition. We finished by adding shading, and the children were very pleased with their wonderful end results!

We enjoyed sewing together our cushions in DT, showing off amazing stitching skills not to mention our patience and perseverance to thread the needles! In our basketball lesson we practised shooting accurately and pivoting to pass the ball into space for our teammates.

We've enjoyed a fabulous week of curiosity, collaboration, and enthusiastic learning, finished with a fantastic Book Look afternoon. Thank you for celebrating your child's (or grandchild's) successes with us.

Well done Hawk Owls!



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Eagle Owls Weekly Update 🦉

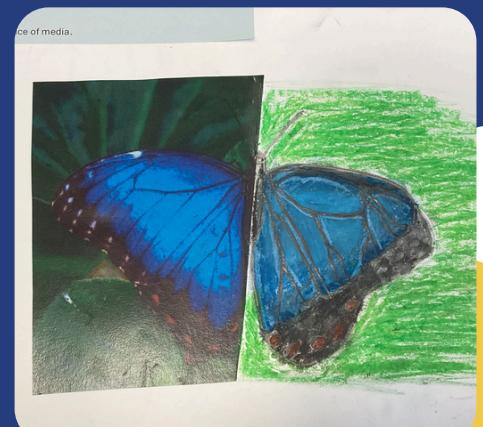
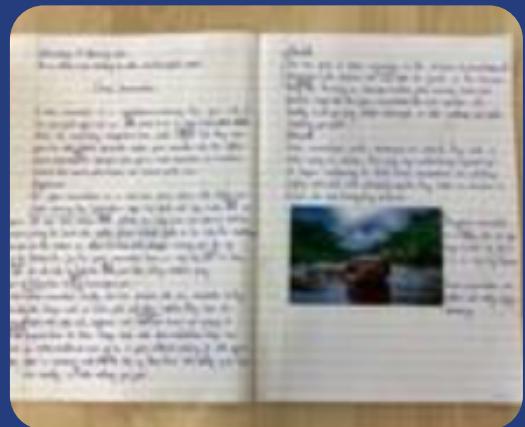
This week has been full of creativity, curiosity, and outdoor learning! Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic Wild Tribe session where they developed their whittling skills, learned how to safely make fires, and demonstrated brilliant teamwork and cooperation throughout the activities.

In Science, we explored the concept of sound frequency and carried out an experiment to investigate how far sound can travel. The children asked thoughtful questions and carefully observed their results.

Our Art lessons have been wonderfully creative, with the class designing beautiful batik patterns and producing detailed collages.

In Literacy, the children completed their non-chronological reports on rainforest animals, showcasing their research and writing skills. They then brought their learning to life by creating a striking "half-and-half" artwork of their chosen creature, combining artistic flair with factual understanding.

A fantastic week of learning across the curriculum—well done, Eagle Owls!



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!](#)



IMPORTANT

Spring Parents Evening will take place during the week commencing Monday 2nd March 2026.

This year, we are excited to introduce a new booking system via the Arbor parent portal and the parent app, which will allow you to easily book your consultation slot.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the booking process, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

IMPORTANT

An amendment for the football league

New dates

Monday 16th March 2026 (instead of 24/11/25)



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.



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Term Dates 2026-2027

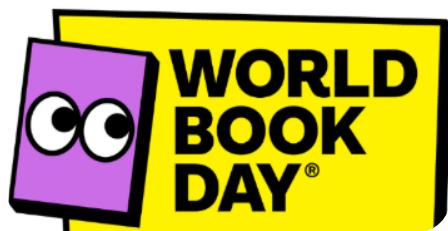
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Spring Term											
21 March 2027 - 22 March 2027											
(HALF TERM 15 - 19 February 2027)											
Summer Term											
12 April - 21 May - 4 June 2027											
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2027)											

We are looking for more parents to read with the children and to help label our library/books.

Please contact Mrs V if you are interested.

Thank you for your support.





We are thrilled to announce that Garras Community Primary School will be a book distributor for World Book Day this year! We are teaming up with Gather, Community Café, run by Olivia Bedford.

On Thursday 26th February, a group of volunteer pupils will be selling the World Book Day books at the café between 3-4:30pm.

We will also have a rota of volunteer pupils working at the café on Thursday 5th March who will be both serving food/drinks and selling books between 10am-4:30pm. These books are redeemable by any and all children within our community so please spread the word and encourage others to come along, explore the selection and share in the joy of reading. There will be vouchers available on the door for any who do not already one.

We look forward to welcoming everyone and celebrating World Book Day together!

Made possible with support from The Julia Rausing Trust, Arts Council England, National Year of Reading and World of Books.



Thank you Mrs Hunt!

Dear Mrs Hunt, as you move on to your next chapter, we just want to say how truly grateful we are for everything you've brought to our school. Your kindness, patience, and unwavering support have made such a difference to the children and to all of us who have had the pleasure of working alongside you.

The care and encouragement you give every day does not go unnoticed. You've helped build confidence, inspired curiosity, and created a safe, positive environment where pupils feel valued and supported. That is a very special gift. While we're sad to see you leave, we're so excited for what lies ahead for you.

Thank you for everything – you will be truly missed, but never forgotten. Wishing you every success and happiness in your next adventure.

Congratulations to:

Sophia

New member of the exclusive 33 club in Maths



We would like to thank everyone who came to the Book Look on Wednesday afternoon.

The children were so excited to share their work with you and it really helps to deepen their understanding of the learning. It was wonderful to have the school so busy and full of joy. It really demonstrated what a wonderful community we have at Garras.

We will organise another book look in the Summer term which we hope will be just as successful!

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

2026-2027

2026/27 School Term Dates **Garras School**

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DIARY DATES

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From 16 th February to 20 th February	Spring Half-term break
Mon 23 rd February	INSET DAY - School closed
Tue 24 th February	Children back in school KS2 Cross Country Helston South Site 4pm
Wed 25 th February	Barn Owls Welly Wednesday Hawk Owls Eden Project visit SATS Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thurs 26 th February	Barn Owls Eden Project visit WVBD books at Community Cafe 3-4.30pm
From 2 nd March to 5 th March	Parents evening
Tue 3 rd March	Y6 Bikeability
Wed 4 th March	Barn Owls Welly Wednesday Y6 Bikeability No SATS Club
Thurs 5 th March	St Piran's Day World Book Day (WVBD books at Community Cafe 10am-4:30pm)

online talk by Jane Keyworth

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3rd March 7-8:30pm



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FEBRUARY 2026 Timetable

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Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Feb 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Feb 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
Introduction to OCD	17 Feb 7pm
FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm



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