

NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher Message

As March unfolds, it's lovely to see signs of spring all around us, longer days, brighter mornings, and the first hints of new growth in our school grounds. Our pupils have been focused on their learning and making great progress across the curriculum.

It was wonderful to see so many of you during Parents' Evening this week, sharing in your child's learning and celebrating their achievements. The small successes, children mastering a tricky concept, showing kindness to each other, or demonstrating resilience and determination, are what help them grow and thrive every day.

I would also like to extend a personal thank you to our governors for their support and guidance in the lead-up to and throughout the Ofsted process. In particular, our Chair Matt Brierley, along with Miriam Bagshaw and Lisa Williams, have given invaluable time and expertise, and we are very grateful for their commitment to the school.

Thank you for your continued support at home, it truly makes a difference. We look forward to the warmer days and upcoming spring activities with excitement.

Best wishes,

Mr Sturges



GARRAS CP SCHOOL
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BARN OWLS

KOWANNOW GWYNN

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in Barn Owls class we have been very busy with lots of exciting learning.

In phonics, we have been exploring longer words and looking at words with double letters. We have also been revisiting all of our tricky words to help build confidence when reading and writing.

In English, we have finished reading our story *The Odd Egg*. The children really enjoyed the story and have been writing about the new baby birds and the crocodile that hatches from the surprise egg!

In our DT learning, we have started making our puppets. The children began by designing their puppets and carefully cutting out their templates, ready for the next stage of making them.

During Welly Wednesday, we spent some time planting to develop our outdoor area, and whilst revisiting our learning about how things grow. The children enjoyed getting outdoors and working together in the mud and ever changing weather!

In Maths, Year 1 have been using their new multiplication and division skills to practise doubling, halving, and the 10 times tables.

It has been a wonderful week and the children have worked very hard. Well done, Barn Owls!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Barn Owls Team 😊



HAWK OWLS

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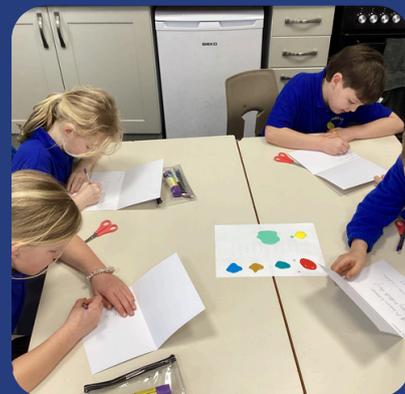
It has been another busy and exciting week in class, with the children working hard and showing great creativity and curiosity in their learning.

In Literacy, we completed our work on the book 'How to Live Forever'. The children focused on writing the final part of the story, imagining what happens when the boy finally reads the mysterious book and begins to regret his decision. We explored how to use speech within a story, including speech marks, different sentence forms, adverbials and conjunctions of time.

We have also begun our new Literacy unit based on the book 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho. To introduce the book, the children became "sound collectors". We went outside for our first lesson this week to become sound collectors! Together, we carefully listened to the sounds around us. The children noted interesting noises and thought about onomatopoeic words that could represent them. Back in the classroom, we used these sound words to create descriptive sentences, experimenting with personification and the prepositions 'in' and 'of'. The children produced some wonderfully imaginative phrases, such as describing trees, clouds or playground sounds as if they were singing.

In Geography, we continued our topic 'Why is our world wonderful?' by learning about some of the world's most amazing places. The children explored the difference between human features and physical features.

Finally, this week we combined our recent Art learning with RE to create something special. Spoiler alert: the children have been busy making Mother's Day gifts! We do not want to reveal too much just yet, but the children put a lot of care and creativity into their work. All will be revealed on Sunday! We hope everyone has a lovely time celebrating whatever your plans may be.



EAGLE OWLS

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It has been another busy and exciting week for the Eagle Owls! Our Year 5 pupils successfully completed their Level 1 Bikeability training, developing their cycling skills and road awareness—well done to everyone who took part.

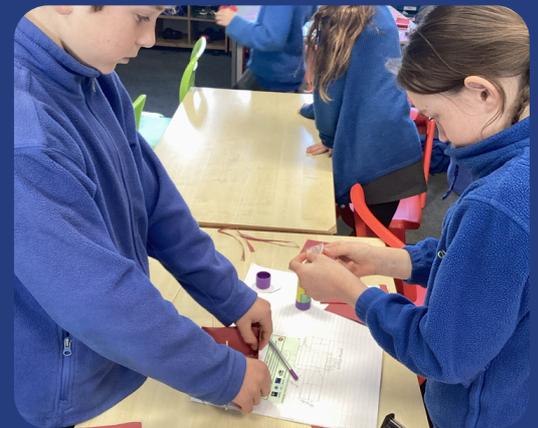
Year 5 also enjoyed their Wild Tribe session, where they made colourful Gods Eyes using different knot-tying techniques and experimented with changing wool colours to create patterns. They finished the session by lighting a fire and making hot chocolates, which was a well-deserved treat!

In Literacy, the class have been writing their own stories inspired by *The Explorer*, with a strong focus on ambitious vocabulary choices. The children have also done some excellent editing and improving, and the finished pieces are incredibly enjoyable to read.

During PSHE, the class were fascinated to learn about immunisations and vaccinations, asking thoughtful questions and engaging brilliantly with the topic.

In Science, we explored satellites, learning what they do and how they orbit the Earth. The children then created their own models of satellites, applying their understanding in a creative and practical way.

Another fantastic week of learning and achievement—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!](#)



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



ATTENTION

Term Dates 2026-2027

2026/27 School Term Dates - Garras School			
September 2026 Mon 7 14 21 28 Tue 8 15 22 29 Wed 9 16 23 30 Thurs 1 8 15 22 29 Fri 4 11 18 25	October 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	November 2026 Mon 22 29 30 Tue 30 17 24 Wed 4 11 18 25 Thurs 5 12 19 26 Fri 6 13 20 27	School holidays Christmas Day 25 December 2026 Boxing Day 26 December 2026 New Year's Day 01 January 2027 Good Friday 26 March 2027 Easter Monday 29 March 2027 May Bank Holiday 09 May 2027 Spring Bank Holiday 31 May 2027 Summer Bank Holiday 30 August 2027
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Friday 20th March is Red Nose Day
It is non school uniform and please children wear red noses. Donations can be made through ParentPay or cash.



Thank you for all the parents and carers who took part to the Healthy Cooking Event. A special thank you to Gather cafe. I am pleased to announce that Garras School has earned the Thermomix TM6 for free. This will be a great help.



Indoor Athletic Competition

Well done Lyra, Charlie and Jasper



Congratulations to:

Harvey

New member of the exclusive 44
club in Maths

Hector

New member of the exclusive 66
club in Maths

Join the

CELEBRATION!



REMINDERS KOFHEANSOVV

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



INSET DAYS

Friday 8th May 2026
Monday 22nd June 2026
Thursday 23rd July 2026

2026-2027

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

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School holidays

Bank holidays

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(HALF TERM 19 - 30 October 2026)

SPRING TERM (59 days)
4 January - 25 March 2027
(HALF TERM 15 - 19 February 2027)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)
12 April - 23 July 2027
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2027)



2025-2026

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

September 2025		October 2025		November 2025	
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20 April - 23 July 2026
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)

135 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.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDYANS

Barn Owls 87.65%

Hawk Owls 98.83%

Eagle Owls 94.44%

Whole school 95.17%



PE DAYS

Spring Term PE and Lesson Information

- Barn Owls will have PE on Fridays with Mr Warren.
- Hawk Owls and Eagle Owls will have PE twice a week:
- Thursdays with Mr Sturges
- Fridays with Mr Warren
- On Thursday afternoons, Hawk Owls and Eagle Owls will be taught Computing by Mrs Rayner.
- Music for Hawk Owls and Eagle Owls will continue on Fridays with Mr Sturges.

Please ensure children come to school dressed appropriately for PE on their class PE days.



DIARY DATES

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Mon 16 th March	Y5/6 Football league Porthleven School from 3.45pm to 5pm
Wed 18 th March	Barn Owls Welly Wednesday SAT5 Club from 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thurs 19 th March	Y3/4 Royal Cornwall trip Y2 Wild Tribe
Fri 20 th March	Comic Relief 2026 Non School Uniform Red Nose RNLI Water Smart Assembly
Wed 25 th March	Barn Owls Welly Wednesday SAT5 Club from 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thurs 26 th March	Y4 Wild Tribe
Mon 30 th March	Girls Football league Helston Astro 3.45pm to 5pm
Tue 31 st March	Y3 Wild Tribe
Wed 1 st April	Barn Owls Welly Wednesday SAT5 Club from 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thurs 2 nd April	Easter service Mawgan Church 2pm Last Day of Spring Term



UK Health
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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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THE PARENTING EXPEDITION

NAVIGATING LIFE'S JOURNEY AS A SEND PARENT CARER

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A UNIQUE JOURNEY
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THE PARENTING EXPEDITION
The Parenting Expedition is a supportive programme created by parents with lived experience. It offers a space to reflect, connect, and develop practical strategies alongside others who understand.

THE PROGRAMME:
Small group setting to encourage meaningful discussion and support. Venue: Perthleven

Tues 5th May: 12:00 - 14:45 Tues 2nd June: 12:00 - 14:45
Tues 12th May: 12:00 - 14:45 Tues 9th June: 12:00 - 14:45
Tues 19th May: 12:00 - 14:45 Tues 16th June: 12:00 - 14:45

Self Discovery
Explore your own strengths and needs to create a supportive environment where your child can thrive.

Practical Strategies
Learn approaches to managing daily challenges and strengthening your connection with your child.

Emotional Support
Build confidence and resilience within a like-minded community.

COMMUNITY FUND
"This has been a very enjoyable, enlightening and heartwarming experience. I have learned a lot about myself, gained skills to help my daughter and made connections with lovely people. I have been made to feel accepted and welcome."
"I really enjoyed the course. I feel I met lovely people that I really connected with and learnt a lot in a supportive space."
"Both Sharon & Helen created a unique experience. It really made me feel much more positive about my really challenging home life."
"The course far exceeded any expectation or pre-conceived idea. An incredibly empowering course held among a really empathetic and encouraging group. It was so good to realise I no longer need to feel so isolated."

FIND OUT MORE
If you are interested in joining or finding out more, please contact:
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THE PROGRAMME:
Sessions are designed to meet the individual needs of parents in the group. They follow the framework below:
Session 1: Discovering the map
Session 2: Leading the expedition
Session 3: Packing your backpack
Session 4: Challenging Terrain
Session 5: The new route
Session 6: Returning home

HOW PARENTS HAVE REPORTED CHANGE IN THEIR PARENTING OUTLOOK:

Theme	Before	After
Emotional State	Overwhelmed, anxious, stressed	Empowered, hopeful, positive
Sense of Support	Unsupported, isolated	Connected, supported, empathetic
Confidence	Worn-down, unsure, exhausted	Equipped, strong, powerful
Outlook	Uncertain, concerned	Informed, optimistic, brighter

PROGRAMME IMPACT

"This programme exceeded my expectations; I now have strength in my own convictions as a parent, compassion for others on the same journey, understanding of the young people we are trying to guide in this world, and confirmation or validation of how important it is to look after myself better - it begins with us!"

COSTS:
Thanks to a generous National Lottery Grant, there is no cost to attend the programme (which includes 15-hours of workshop time, refreshments and course materials). We open up an opportunity for parentcarers to 'pay it forward' by donating to our Crowdfunder:

FIND OUT MORE
To find out more and reserve your space please contact Helen or Sharon:
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Sharon Wilson
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BEGINNER BAND

ALTERNATE SATURDAY MORNINGS, 10:30-12 ST. MICHAELS SCHOOL, TRISTON

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lthrusself@cornwallmusicservicetrust.org

online talk by Jane Keyworth

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Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

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3rd March 7-8:30pm

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Book online £48
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- Ukulele chords
- Basic strumming patterns

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JOIN US FOR AN

Easter fun Day

APRIL 4TH 2026, 1PM - 4PM @ ST KEVERNE PRE SCHOOL

RAFFLE, EASTER TRAIL, STALLS, CAKES, GAMES AND MORE