



July Newsletter 2026

Headteacher's Welcome – July 2026

A very warm welcome to our July newsletter!

As we look ahead to another spell of beautiful summer weather, it has been wonderful to see the children making the most of the sunshine during Arts Week activities and Arts Night rehearsals. Excitement is certainly building for our much-anticipated Arts Night later this week, and we are looking forward to welcoming families to celebrate our children's creativity, talent and hard work, alongside some delicious food and refreshments.

A Busy and Exciting Few Weeks

What an incredible few weeks it has been at our school! Our children have enjoyed a wide range of memorable experiences including Sports Day, residential trips, Surf Week, and an inspiring Science Theatre Show. It has been fantastic to see so many children taking part in our extra-curricular clubs too, with archery proving to be a particular favourite!

Looking Ahead to September

As mentioned in previous newsletters, annual reports will be sent home on **Friday 10th July**. We are also hoping to confirm individual classes and teachers for September within this communication.

We understand that this time of year can bring excitement as well as some anxiety for both children and parents. To help support transition and provide reassurance, we are pleased to share our class structure for September:

- **Robins** – Nursery and Reception
- **Wagtails** – Year 1 and Year 2
- **Starlings** – Year 3
- **Kestrels** – Year 4 and Year 5
- **Barn Owls** – Year 5 and Year 6

Transition activities will take place on **Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th July**, giving children the opportunity to spend time in their new classes and begin getting to know their teachers and learning environments.

Parent Survey Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our annual Parent Survey. Your feedback plays a vital role in helping us evaluate our provision and shape our future school improvement priorities.

If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so using the link shared on Class Dojo. We greatly value your views and appreciate you taking the time to share them with us.

The Final Countdown!

Although there are only two weeks remaining of the school year, we still have plenty of exciting events and activities ahead. Please take a look at the diary dates below to ensure you don't miss any of our end-of-term celebrations and events.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to seeing many of you at Arts Night later this week.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Kyja King

Headteacher

Our London Adventure

Our Year 5 and 6 residential to London was packed from start to finish with adventure, laughter, learning and memories that will stay with us for many years to come.

From the moment we arrived at Kew Gardens, the children embraced every experience with enthusiasm and curiosity. We mastered the London Underground (without losing a single child or teacher!), enjoyed plenty of friendly competition at Hollywood Bowl, and stepped back through centuries of history at the Tower of London, where tales of kings, queens and ravens captured everyone's imagination.

One of the most memorable moments came as we travelled by Uber Boat along the River Thames towards the London Eye. Just as we reached the river, the heavens opened! The dramatic storm certainly wasn't in the itinerary, but it made for an unforgettable adventure - and thankfully, it didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

As evening fell, we were treated to the spectacular production of The Lion King. The breathtaking costumes, incredible music and outstanding performances had us all completely captivated. We rounded off our residential with a fascinating visit to the Science Museum, where curiosity, excitement and plenty of hands-on exploration were the perfect way to finish our trip.

However, the greatest highlight wasn't a landmark or an attraction - it was the children themselves.

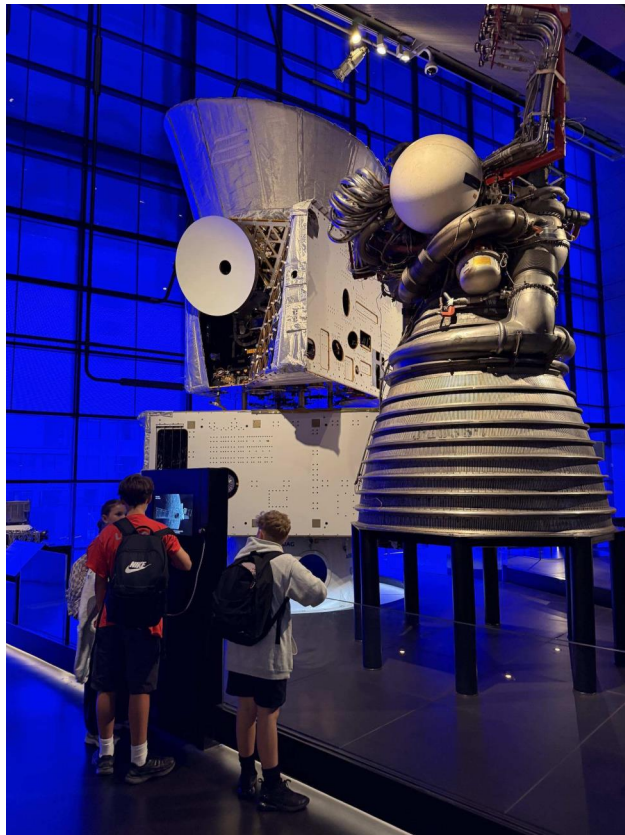
I cannot begin to express how incredibly proud I am of every one of them. Throughout the residential they demonstrated kindness, resilience, excellent manners and a real sense of responsibility. Whether travelling on busy public transport, walking through central London or visiting world-famous attractions, they represented our school with pride and maturity. Time and again, members of the public and staff commented on their exemplary behaviour, and rightly so.

Trips like this create memories that last a lifetime, but they also help children grow in confidence and independence. Watching friendships flourish, seeing children step outside their comfort zones and sharing so many special moments together made every step (and there were *a lot* of steps!) worthwhile.

Well done, Year 5 and 6. You were an absolute credit to yourselves, your families and our school. We couldn't be prouder.











The Arts

What an incredibly busy and creative Arts Week we have had! Our talented students have been working tirelessly to prepare for our upcoming **Arts Night Showcase**, themed around our spectacular home of Cornwall—complete with its magical creatures, rich myths, and ancient legends.

From rehearsing performances to creating magnificent artwork for display, the children have poured their hearts into every detail. The school is absolutely buzzing with creativity, and their work is truly something spectacular to behold!

Arts night is an evening not to be missed. The children have worked incredibly hard and are immensely proud to present their creations and performances to you.

We look forward to celebrating their amazing achievements with you all on Friday night. See you there!







Science Week

What an inspiring and exciting Science Week we've had! This year's theme, 'Curiosity – What's your question?', encouraged everyone to think like scientists: asking questions, making predictions and discovering the answers through investigation.

Every afternoon, classrooms buzzed with excitement as each class carried out a range of hands-on experiments. From fizzing reactions to surprising discoveries, the week was filled with awe, wonder and plenty of enthusiastic discussion as our young scientists explored the world around them.

A huge thank you to our fabulous FOSMS for treating us to the wonderfully entertaining Curious Creatures science puppet show. It had everyone laughing while learning fascinating facts about the natural world.

To round off the week, our fantastic Year 6 pupils hosted a lunchtime Science Busking event, where children from across the school enjoyed trying even more exciting experiments in the playground. Finally, we were delighted to appoint our new Science Ambassadors, who impressed us with their enthusiasm, curiosity and passion for science. We can't wait to see them inspire others throughout the coming year!

FOSMS News

Trim Trail

We have just purchased and have installed roll over bars to extend the trim trail. The bars with all the other games equipment that we have bought this year, help keep lunchtimes varied and are extremely popular with the children.

Art Night

FOSMS bar will be open from when the children get dropped off at 4:30. After the performance we will be selling chilli & veggie chilli with nachos and hotdogs & veggie sausages, please spread the word to any new parents this year.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers. If you can help please let us know.

Cornish Tartan Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has brought in items for our Tartan Raffle. If you still have an items please bring them in by Friday morning ready for Arts Night. Thank you.

Tuck Shop

“Frozen Fridays’. Selling a selection of ice lollies for 50p each, cash only. It will be weather dependent.

Save the date / Celebrating 150 years

We are really excited to share last month's ‘save the date’ is to celebrate 150 years since our school opened. Plans are well underway for a special Saturday afternoon with music, food, drink, games and lots of memories. FOSMS will be reproducing some really special photos and creating a slide show, for everyone to see the history and how the school has changed. More information to follow. If you know of anyone with any memories they would like to share or would like to help please let FOSMS or Vicky know.

Tesco Blue Token

Don't forget your Please support by spreading the word to any friends or family who shop at Padstow, and remember ‘every token helps!’

Book Exchange Shed

Please do have a look inside at all the fantastic great books that so many people have kindly donated. We really would like to encourage more children to borrow a book and also to review any books they love. It would be great if we could include a book review in the next newsletter.

Pre-Love Uniform Shop

If you haven't yet, pop into the old nursery where there is a big selection of pre-loved school uniform available.

Keeping up to date

Join our Facebook group and keep an eye on the blackboard for the latest information.

Diary Dates

Tesco blue token continues

July

10th Arts Night social

September

19th Celebrating 150 years





St Merryn School – 150 Year Celebration

This year marks a very special milestone for St Merryn School as we celebrate our **150th anniversary**.

We are delighted to share that plans for our community celebration on **Saturday 19th September** are progressing really well. Organised in partnership with our wonderful **FOSMS team**, the event is shaping up to be a truly memorable occasion, bringing together past and present members of our school community to celebrate this remarkable achievement.

We have been thrilled by the positive response from families and members of the wider community who have already shared photographs, stories and memories from across the years. If you have any photographs or memorabilia that you would be willing to lend, please continue to bring them into the school office. These will form part of a special display showcasing the rich history of St Merryn School and the generations of children who have passed through its doors.

The celebration will feature live entertainment from local musicians, alongside refreshments including traditional cream teas, creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. We are also busy developing a range of activities and displays to help bring our school's history to life.

We very much hope you will join us for what promises to be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, celebrate our shared history and look ahead to an exciting future for St Merryn School. It is set to be a very special day and one that we hope our whole community will enjoy being part of.

The £20 challenge

The £20 Challenge – Can We Make a Difference?

We're excited to be taking part in the Kernow Learning Trust £20 Challenge, an inspiring fundraising initiative in support of Children's Hospice South West.

The challenge is simple: each class is given an initial investment of £20 and, over 20 school days, we work together to turn that money into as much as possible through creative business ideas. Whether it's making and selling products, offering a service or organising an event, the children are in charge of planning, pricing, advertising and bringing their ideas to life. It's a fantastic opportunity to develop creativity, teamwork, problem-solving and entrepreneurial skills, all while supporting a great cause.

As part of our fundraising, we will be holding an **after-school fair on Monday 13th July at 3.15pm**, where there will be crafts, cakes and drinks for sale. We would love for you to come along, support the children and help us raise as much money as we can.

This is a Trust-wide challenge, meaning every school across the Kernow Learning Trust is working towards the same goal. Which class or school will raise the most money in 2026? Most importantly, every penny raised will make a real difference to the children and families supported by Children's Hospice South West, and we hope to have lots of fun along the way.

Sports Updates



A fantastic half-term of Sporting success!

What an incredible final half-term of sport it has been! It has been packed with exciting opportunities, memorable achievements and wonderful displays of teamwork, determination and school spirit. We couldn't be prouder of all our children for embracing every challenge with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

We kicked off our sporting celebrations with a fantastic visit from Great British athlete, Oli Adams. The children enjoyed an energetic afternoon of PE activities before hearing Oli's inspiring story about his journey to becoming a professional athlete. His message of perseverance, resilience and believing in yourself left a lasting impression on everyone. A huge thank you to all our families who sponsored the event. Thanks to your generosity, we raised almost **£500**, which will be used to purchase exciting new sports equipment for all our children to enjoy. What a brilliant way to start the half-term!

Our sporting success continued as many of our Key Stage 2 children proudly represented the school at the District Sports competition, competing in a wide range of track and field events. Every single participant demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Their incredible efforts resulted in our school being crowned **District Sports Champions**, finishing **1st out of 6 schools!** This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils. A special congratulations to River Lewis for breaking the 70m sprint record! We are immensely proud of every child who represented our school so brilliantly.

Our younger athletes also had their chance to shine at the Key Stage 1 Cross Country event. It was wonderful to see so many children eager to challenge themselves by taking on the long-distance course. Every runner showed fantastic perseverance and determination, encouraging one another all the way to the finish line. Well done to all our KS1 runners—you were amazing!

To round off a truly memorable half-term, we came together for our annual Sports Day. From our youngest pupils to our oldest, every child took part with enthusiasm, determination and

smiles on their faces. The day was filled with excitement, encouragement and outstanding teamwork, creating a wonderful atmosphere that perfectly reflected our school values. It was fantastic to see children cheering each other on, celebrating one another's successes and giving every event their very best effort.

A huge thank you also goes to all our parents, carers and families for coming along to support the children. Your encouragement helped make the day even more special and created an unforgettable atmosphere of celebration and community.

Congratulations to every child who has taken part in sporting events this half-term. Your commitment, resilience and enthusiasm have been inspiring, and you have all been fantastic ambassadors for our school. Here's to many more sporting successes in the future!

Rachel Lewis

PE Lead







The Big Future

Have Your Say – The Big Future Survey

We have been asked to support **The Big Future**, a national survey being led by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza.

The survey gives children and young people the opportunity to share their views, experiences and hopes for the future. The findings will be presented to the Government to help ensure that children's voices are heard when decisions are made about issues that affect them.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey with your child at home before the end of term. It is open to children and young people of all ages, and every response helps to ensure that the experiences and aspirations of children in our community are represented.

You can access the survey by 'right clicking' here:  The Big Future Survey¹

Thank you for supporting your child to have their voice heard. Every contribution makes a difference.

¹<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



Celebrating our musical successes

Music Education: A Year of Achievement

This year has been full of wonderful music-making, and we can't wait to share it all with you! Our children have worked so hard, and we're thrilled to be bringing you our Arts Night songs, music, and dances — a real celebration of everyone's talent and effort. In addition, our fantastic peripatetic Music Teachers, Issy and James, are organising a special recital (**10.25 am MONDAY 13TH JULY**) for the school's young musicians and their parents, giving them the chance to shine and celebrate their achievements over the year. We look forward to seeing you there to cheer everyone on!

Gardening



Gardening

The polytunnel is in full swing this busy season, and it's wonderful to see everything growing so well! A big thank you to everyone who kindly made a donation and took some broad beans home — your support really does make a difference. There are lots more vegetables on the way, so keep an eye out! Please remember that all donations, from 1p and up, help us buy more seeds, resources, and planters, so we can keep the polytunnel growing and thriving for the children to enjoy. Thank you for your continued support!

St Merryn Garden Society Show

We're excited to share that the St Merryn Garden Society Show is taking place on **Saturday 18th July**. It's a wonderful community event celebrating all things green-fingered, and we'd love to see our school families get involved! Entry forms are available from **Mrs Worrall's office** and must be handed in by **Thursday 16th July**. Whether it's flowers, vegetables, baking, or crafts, this is a lovely chance to show off your talents and be part of a much-loved village tradition — good luck to all who enter!

Early Years



Early Years - Celebrating a wonderful year!

As we approach the end of another busy and brilliant year, we want to take a moment to celebrate just how far our Nursery and Reception children have come. From their very first steps through our doors to the confident, curious little learners they are today, it has been a joy to watch them grow, make friends, and discover new things every single day.

Getting Ready for the Next Step

As the term draws to a close, our children are beginning an exciting new chapter. Our Nursery children will soon be moving up into Reception, and our Reception children will be preparing for the transition into Year 1. This can be a big change for little ones (and grown-ups too!), so over the coming weeks we will be supporting the children with:

- **Visits to their new classrooms** so the spaces feel familiar and welcoming
- **Time with their new teachers**, getting to know friendly new faces
- **Stories and discussions about starting somewhere new**, helping children talk about any worries and feel excited about what's ahead

At home, you can help too — talking positively about the new class, reading books about starting school or moving up, and reassuring your child that it is completely normal to feel a mix of excitement and nerves. All these little steps help make the transition as smooth and happy as possible.

Nursery Graduation — Save the Date!

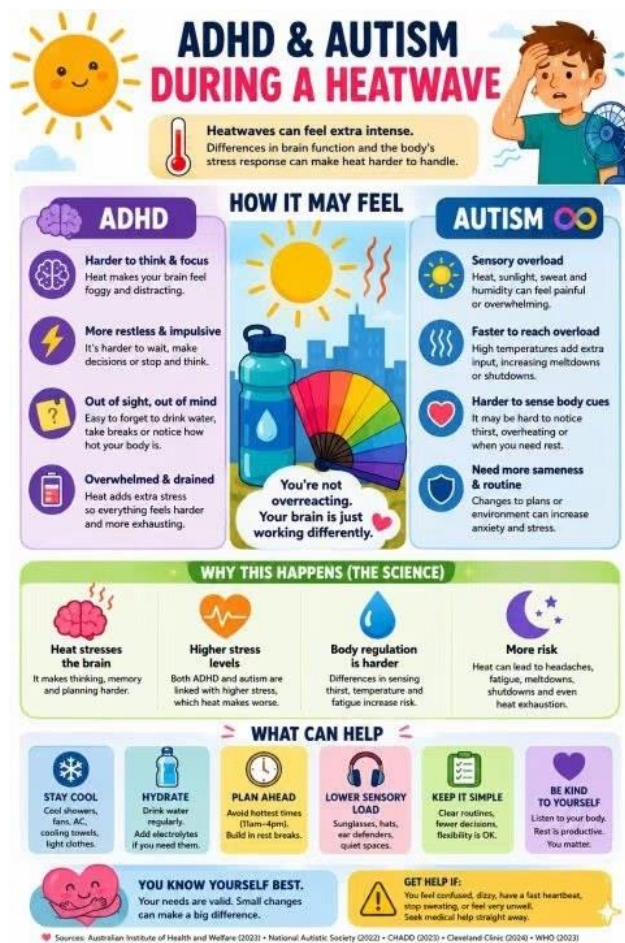
We are thrilled to invite all our Nursery families to a very special celebration marking the end of an amazing year:

Nursery Graduation Date: Tuesday 21st July **Time:** 2:15pm

Join us as we celebrate all the wonderful achievements our Nursery children have made this year. There will be smiles, cheers, and maybe a happy tear or two as we send our little graduates off on the next stage of their learning journey. Please come along to cheer on your child and share in this special milestone together.

Inclusion - Advice from our SENCO





Spelling Shed and Active Learn Maths

Spelling and handwriting are two of our whole school priorities and there will be weekly spellings your child brings home to practise. **Please help your child to practise these spellings each week. The weekly spellings will also be available on Spelling Shed – a fun way to practise each week’s spellings.** Please see the front of reading records for log in details.

Children can also access ‘Active Learn’ online from home, where there are maths games to enhance their learning, and also TT Rockstars, which helps children to increase their recall of their times tables. Details of their log ins are also in their reading records.



Reading for Pleasure

At our school, we believe that reading should be enjoyable, inspiring and something children choose to do for themselves. Reading for pleasure helps children build confidence, develop empathy, expand their vocabulary and spark their imagination. Every book offers the chance to discover new ideas, visit exciting places and meet unforgettable characters.

With the summer holidays just around the corner, now is the perfect time to encourage children to make reading part of their daily routine. Even 10–20 minutes a day can make a real difference. Whether reading independently, sharing a story with family or listening to an audiobook on a journey, every page helps nurture a lifelong love of books.

If you're looking for ideas, here are some fantastic recommendations for different age groups:

EYFS

- *There's a Dragon in Your Book* – Tom Fletcher
- *The Koala Who Could* – Rachel Bright
- *The Squirrels Who Squabbled* – Rachel Bright
- *The Gruffalo's Child* – Julia Donaldson
- *The Very Hungry Wormy Monsters* – Rosie Greening

KS1

- *Anisha, Accidental Detective* – Serena Patel
- *Claude in the City* – Alex T. Smith
- *Nibbles: The Book Monster* – Emma Yarlett
- *Ada Twist, Scientist* – Andrea Beaty
- *The Dragon in the Library* – Louie Stowell

Lower KS2

- *Grimwood* – Nadia Shireen
- *Adventuremice: Otter Chaos!* – Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre
- *The Worst Class in the World* – Joanna Nadin
- *Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor* – Lucy Brandt
- *Rainbow Grey* – Laura Ellen Anderson

Upper KS2

- *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* – A.F. Steadman
- *The Clockwork Conspiracy* – Sam Sedgman
- *The Lost Whale* – Hannah Gold
- *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* – Philip Pullman
- *The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks* – Katie Kirby



Attendance

Every School Day Counts

We all want the best for our children, and one simple way to support their learning and wellbeing is through regular attendance. Research shows that pupils who attend school more than 95% of the time tend to achieve significantly better outcomes in both primary and secondary school—even missing just a few extra days can make a difference.

By establishing consistent routines, keeping open communication with our school, and seeking support early if needed, we can help our children thrive. Together, we can give every child the best possible start in life through strong, regular attendance.

A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, has been introduced following changes to the law. These Government regulations came into effect from 19 August 2024 and now affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

As you will be aware, you can no longer take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.

The **Local Authority** has recently updated its guidance regarding attendance. A child must now be present for a **full session** in order to be marked as attending.

- **Morning session:** 9:00am – 12:00pm
- **Afternoon session:** 1:00pm – 3:10pm

If a child is not in school for the full duration of a session, this will be recorded as an absence.

If you have any concerns re your child's attendance, please see Mrs Worrall in the first instance.

Library Activities this summer

We are excited to announce the Cornwall Reading Challenge for the summer of 2026. This will be an opportunity for children of all ages to engage with their local library and receive incentives to continue their reading over the summer holidays.

The Cornwall Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books along with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

How the Challenge works

Children sign up through their local library and receive a swim voucher and a challenge booklet

Children can enjoy six books in a way that works for them between 11th July and 12th September and they will be able to collect stickers and rewards along the way

Library staff and volunteers will be on hand to help and there will be activities on Saturday mornings throughout the challenge at Bodmin library

Children who complete the Cornwall Reading Challenge are presented with a free link to a Cornwall treasure trail, a certificate and a medal

How do schools benefit?

The Cornwall Reading Challenge is inclusive and can contribute to the achievement of ALL your pupils including those with special educational needs, disadvantaged pupils and the most able

It enhances and supports your school's reading policy and your mission for all children to read more widely and for pleasure

It encourages parental engagement and family involvement in reading and helps your school make links with the library and the wider community

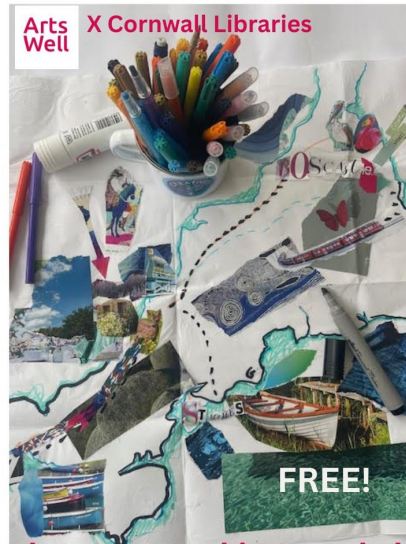
It allows children to become more independent in their reading when choosing books and encourages using imagination and empathy to explore a text beyond the page

It takes place at your local library and is a brilliant opportunity for extra-curricular activity

It keeps your pupils reading over the summer, ready for their return to school in the autumn, and supports the successful transition between year groups and key stages

By championing the Cornwall Reading Challenge in your school, you will be continuing to support your pupils' learning during the holidays, ensuring they return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

Wadebridge Library



Pocket map making workshop

Everyone welcome!
Suitable for adults & children.

Tuesday 28 July
10 - 12.30

Wadebridge Library
Southern Way, Wadebridge
PL27 7BX



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Explore and Draw with Emma

Explore and draw with award-winning Cornwall-based illustrator Emma McCann, whose fantastic work brings the Cornwall Reading Challenge to life. Perfect for budding artists!

FREE

Wadebridge Library

Friday 21st August @ 2pm

Places limited pop in and book or send us an email to



Libraries wadebridge.library@liscornwall.org.uk

Play in a Day at Helston - Coronation Park 6th August 2006

Who doesn't want to travel? Become an intrepid explorer, discover strange lands and have incredible adventures as you circumnavigate the globe - all in one day.

An exciting opportunity to work with emerging writers and professional directors to bring a script to life and perform it in just one day.

This workshop is for ages 7-11 years only.

To find out book and book - <https://minack.com/whats-on/play-in-a-day-around-the-world-in-80-days/>²



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Wild Wellbeing sessions



The poster is titled "Mental Health Support Team Wild Wellbeing" and features a sun icon on the left. It lists various locations and dates for sessions across Cornwall. Logos for National Trust, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and NHS are at the top. A QR code and a booking link are on the right.

**Mental Health Support Team
Wild Wellbeing**

This summer please join MHST and other partners for a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.**

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book **EACH** child on to a session
The sessions will last approx. 2 hours and sign up will close one week before the event, or when sessions are full.

Locations and dates
All sessions begin at 10am

- Tuesday 28 July - **Trengwainton Gardens**
- Tuesday 28 July - **Golitha Falls**
- Thursday 30 July - **The Core, St Ives Orchard**
- Monday 3 August - **Tehidy Woods**
- Tuesday 4 August - **Penrose Estate**
- Wednesday 5 August - **Lanhydrock**
- Wednesday 12 August - **Kennack Sands**
- Thursday 13 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**
- Tuesday 18 August - **Lanhydrock**
- Wednesday 19 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**
- Monday 24 August - **Tehidy Woods**
- Tuesday 25 August - **Trengwainton Gardens**
- Tuesday 25 August - **Dipping Pond**

To book a place please complete the online form or scan the QR code to sign up



<https://forms.office.com/e/XSQpOXRw5a>

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

Activity Camps

This year's programme includes a number of exciting new activities, including:

- Arts & Crafts in the Library, with themed days inspired by nature, wizardry and literature
- Specialist Cookery Camps led by nutritionist Jane Hutton and chef Ben Arthur
- Pre-Season Hockey Camps with Truro School coaches Gordon and Shona
- Printmaking Workshops with Truro School Artist in Residence and Art Teacher's
- Rookie Lifeguard Certificate courses

Returning favourites include:

- Multi-Sport Camps
- Netball Camps

- <https://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com/activitycamps/>³

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National Award-Winning All Starz are back with Musical in a Week!

Within 5 days, the highly qualified team of West End creatives will teach the young actors to perform a much-loved classic musical, which is then performed publicly.

Monday 27th to Friday 31st July 2026

Children aged 9 to 18 will perform **DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

- 9am to 5pm each day with the performances at 4pm and 6:30pm on the Friday

At The Burrell Theatre at Truro School

£140 per child and £120 per additional sibling - within the price, every child receives a keepsake t-shirt.



If you have any **Safeguarding Concerns**, here are some important contacts for you to use.

The Multi Agency Referral Unit⁴ (MARU) is a service in Cornwall that provides support and advice to families and professionals regarding the welfare and safety of children. MARU acts as a central point of contact for concerns about children and young people, helping to connect them with the most appropriate services. Key functions of MARU:

- **Referral and Assessment:** MARU receives referrals about children who may be at risk and can initiate assessments to determine the appropriate level of support.
- **Multi-Agency Collaboration:** MARU works with various agencies, including social services, health professionals, and educational institutions, to ensure a coordinated response.
- **Signposting and Advice:** MARU provides information and guidance to families and professionals on how to access relevant support services, including Early Help services.
- **Early Help:** MARU may refer families to the Early Help Hub⁵, which offers a range of support services to address identified needs and prevent escalation to more serious interventions.

When to contact MARU:

- **Concerns about a child's safety or well-being:** If you are worried about a child's safety or have concerns about their welfare, you can contact MARU.
- **Seeking advice about child protection:** Professionals can contact MARU for advice on how to respond to specific situations or to discuss whether a referral to children's social care is necessary.

Contact information:

- **Telephone:** 0300 123 1116
- **Email:** multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk according to Cornwall Council⁶

⁴https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&cs=0&sca_esv=f76fe1cd3d1e0b31&q=Multi+Agency+Referral+Unit&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjW0ZyO8bGOAxUOQEEAHT-yJZUQxccNegQIAhAB&mstk=AUTExfDRQ7TOos5Nmc4xbQacZg2J4P0VR6BM3tX8Oq9Dlrz0YnVcpfvhQRPNgFhng4e-Mfus2prDxiDA74A4FcpG9XAOZXfb9ZA8YSHKIX3KZpT9am5Tdkmdo5LguL73mM0WpPc&csui=3

⁵https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&cs=0&sca_esv=f76fe1cd3d1e0b31&q=Early+Help+Hub&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjW0ZyO8bGOAxUOQEEAHT-yJZUQxccNegQIGBAB&mstk=AUTExfDRQ7TOos5Nmc4xbQacZg2J4P0VR6BM3tX8Oq9Dlrz0YnVcpfvhQRPNgFhng4e-Mfus2prDxiDA74A4FcpG9XAOZXfb9ZA8YSHKIX3KZpT9am5Tdkmdo5LguL73mM0WpPc&csui=3

- **Location:** Cornwall Council

Important Note: If a child is in immediate danger, contact the police on 999.

Dates for your diary

July

Fri 10th – Arts Night

Fri 10th – Annual reports to parents

Mon 13th - Barn Owls £20 Challenge Event (3:15)

Wk beg: 13th – Parent Consultations

Mon 13th - Arts Night reserve

Thurs 16th – Transition morning

Fri 17th – Transition morning

Tues 21st – Year 6 Meal/Disco

Wed 22nd – Year 6 Levers Assembly/Last Day of term

September

Thursday 3rd - Inset day

Friday 4th - Inset day

Monday 7th - 1st day back for children

Thursday 17th - Individual school photos

30th Sept - 2nd Oct - PGL Y5 & Y6 residential

⁶<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/child-protection-and-safeguarding/>



School Terms and Holidays 2025/26

St Merryn School

September 2025			October 2025			November 2025										
Mon	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	2	9	16	23	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	3	10	17	24	Wed	1	8	15	22	Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thu	4	11	18	25	Thu	2	9	16	23	Thu	6	13	20	27		
Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	3	10	17	24	Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	4	11	18	25	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	
December 2025			January 2026			February 2026										
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	6	13	20	27	Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	4	11	18	25		Thu	1	8	15	22	Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	2	9	16	23	Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24	Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22		
March 2026			April 2026			May 2026										
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	5	12	19	26	Tue	4	11	18	25	
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	Tue	6	13	20	27	Tue	5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thu	5	12	19	26	Thu	2	9	16	23	Thu	7	14	21	28		
Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24	Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25	Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	3	10	17	24	31
June 2026			July 2026			August 2026										
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	1	8	15	22	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	4	11	18	25	Thu	2	9	16	23	Thu	6	13	20	27		
Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	3	10	17	24	Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	4	11	18	25	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	
Key:			Term dates summary:													
School Holiday Bank Holiday INSET Day School open			Autumn Term (74 days) 2nd September 2025 - 19th December 2025 (Half term: 27th-31st October 2025) Spring Term (59 days) 5th January 2026 - 2nd April 2026 (Half term: 16th - 20th February 2026) Summer Term (62 days) 20th April 2026 - 22nd July 2026 (Half term: 25th-29th May 2026)													
Bank and Public Holidays 2025/26																
Christmas Day	25th December 2025				Easter Monday					6th April 2026						
Boxing Day	26th December 2025				May Bank Holiday					4th May 2025						
New Years Day	1st January 2026				Spring Bank Holiday					25th May 2026						
Good Friday	3rd April 2026				Summer Bank Holiday					31st August 2026						



School Terms and Holidays 2026/27

St Merryn School

September 2026			October 2026			November 2026										
Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	6	13	20	27	Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	3	10	17	24	Thu	1	8	15	22	29	Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	
December 2026			January 2027			February 2027										
Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	5	12	19	26	Tue	2	9	16	23	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	Thu	7	14	21	28	Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	
March 2027			April 2027			May 2027										
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	6	13	20	27	Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	4	11	18	25	Thu	1	8	15	22	29	Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	
June 2027			July 2027			August 2027										
Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	6	13	20	27	Tue	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	3	10	17	24	Thu	1	8	15	22	29	Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	
Key:			Term dates summary:													
	School Holiday	Autumn Term (72 days)														
	Bank Holiday	3 September 2026 - 18 December 2026 (Half term: 26 - 30 Oct 2026)														
	INSET Day	Spring Term (54 days)														
	School open	4 January 2027 - 25 March 2027 (Half term: 15 - 19 February 2027)														
		Summer Term (62 days)														
		12 April 2027 - 23 July 2027 (Half term: 31 May - 4 June 2027)														
Bank and Public Holidays 2026/27																
Christmas Day	25th December 2026	Easter Monday	29th March 2027													
Boxing Day	28th December 2026	May Bank Holiday	3rd May 2027													
New Years Day	1st January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31st May 2027													
Good Friday	26th March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30th August 2027													