

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed the summer holidays despite the less-than-ideal weather!



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year R children and their parents/carers who have joined our Connor family. The Year R children have been settling in well during their two morning sessions and have been making friends whilst exploring and getting to know their EYFS setting. Next week they will join us full time.



Thank you!

We would like to extend our thanks to the wonderful parents/carers and their families who helped to care for our animals over the summer holidays. We are so very grateful for all your continued support.

After School Clubs – Teacher Led

Teachers are currently in the process of planning the after-school clubs on offer for the autumn term. More details will follow next week. Teacher led clubs will begin on Monday 18th September and will finish in the week ended 1st December.

Sports4Tots

Sports4Tots will be returning with an afterschool club which runs on a Friday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. This is bookable and payable half termly and direct via their online booking system. This club is open for children in Years R, 1 and 2. Flyers for this half term have been sent home with children today. The club will start next Friday, 15th September.



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French Club and Spanish Club

We are delighted that Vicky Rouncefield is also returning this term to run Spanish and French Clubs on a Tuesday and a Thursday respectively, between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. If you are interested in signing your child up for either of these amazing clubs, please see below for more details on how to book a place.

The clubs are open to children from all years and are bookable and payable direct through the Kidslingo website. Places are limited and are available on a first come first served basis.

Parents/carers can enrol their child/children using the link below :

Spanish –

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-central-west-cornwall/>

French –

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/french-classes-central-west-cornwall/>



My Chance To Dance Club

Miss Jess from My Chance to Dance is offering an afterschool club to be held on a Monday for KS1 and Tuesday for KS2 between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. Letters have been emailed home to all children this week to enable you to express an interest in the clubs. Please can we ask that all those wishing to sign up return their slips to class no later than the end of day on Monday so we can provide Miss Jess with your contact information for her to email parents/carers direct with the booking and payments link. Miss Jess is aiming to begin her clubs on Monday 18th September for KS1 and Tuesday 19th September for KS2.



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Summer Reading Challenge

Children have until midday on Saturday 16th September to complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Every child that completes it at Hayle Library will be entered into a free prize draw where they may win vouchers for: FEED; Mr B's; Blewetts; Iced on the Quay; Duckies; Hampsons; Ausel Cakes and Catering and Paradise Park.

Happy Reading and Good Luck!

Cornwall Cricket Under 11's

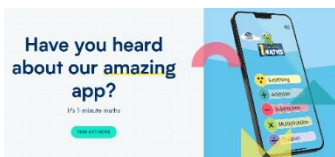
During the summer, one of our pupils represented Cornwall Under 11s playing two years younger than his teammates. He played in seven matches against other counties including, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. He also played against Switzerland and Barbados!

Playing mainly as a bowler, he took nine wickets in the five games he bowled in, including taking three wickets against local rivals Devon in a game they won!

Congratulations, we are so proud of your amazing sporting achievements!



1-Minute Maths App | White Rose Maths



Do you have one minute a day to help support your child with their maths? If so, White Rose Maths have produced this **free** app which supports our scheme of learning. Children in EYFS should **only** focus on the **subitising** section to improve their fluency and number recognition. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Term Dates - 2023/2024 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Monday 4th September 2023 to Tuesday 19th December 2023

Inset Day – Monday 4th September 2023 (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 – **Years 1 – 6 first day of Autumn term**

Half Term – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

Inset Day – Monday 18th December 2023 (School closed to pupils)

Inset Day – Tuesday 19th December 2023 (School closed to pupils)

Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday 15th December 2023 – 2pm Finish

Christmas Holidays – Monday 18th December 2023 – Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Spring Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024

Inset Day – Friday 9th February (School closed to pupils)

Half Term – Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Last Day of Spring Term – Thursday 28th March 2024 – 2pm Finish

Easter Holidays – Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term

Monday 15th April 2024 to Wednesday 24th July 2024

First day of Summer Term – Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term – Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Inset Day – Wednesday 24th July 2024 (School closed to pupils)

Last Day of Summer Term – Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – 2pm Finish

Attendance

Attendance Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 2	98.7 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year 3	98.7 %
3 rd Place	Year R	98.3 %

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School



Together for Families

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2023**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2024

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



Information and guidance
Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

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Applying for a secondary school place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about how your child will get to school. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the admission arrangements on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your nearest or designated school as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed admissions information on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 31 October 2023

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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 **Together for Families**

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2024

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2024 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2024**.






Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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Starting school September 2024

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020



Attending a nursery or pre-school

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