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### Important Diary Dates:

#### Inset Days for 2024/25:

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

**Y3/4 Residential:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Rosuick Organic Farm. All information on Google Classroom for reference.

**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July @ 1.30pm (for Y6 parents/carers only) in The Old Chapel (TBC).

The list of the remaining trips/visits are outlined at the back of the newsletter.

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 94.5% (of which 1.92% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 97.1%
- Diamond Class: 93.3%
- Zircon Class: 93.6%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.02%.

### Horse Flies!



A reminder that there are horse flies on the school field. As children are visiting the school field more often, including lunchtimes, we recommend that children wear long sleeves and trousers during outdoor activities to help prevent bites. You may also like to consider applying insect repellent on your child each day.

### Google Classrooms:

Don't forget to check your child's Google Classrooms for updates on their learning, links to useful resources and the latest school news.

### Parent Pay:



There are a number of outstanding payments on ParentPay for school trips, swimming, residential camps, wraparound care, after school clubs and school lunches.

The central finance team are currently carrying out end of year audits, so please could we ask you to check your accounts and make any necessary payments.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

### General reminders:

#### Snack & lunchtime reminder:

A gentle reminder to ensure that items being brought into school for snack and lunchtimes are not choking hazards, in particular – grapes or tomatoes. Please consider slicing these foods in half. Only fruit and vegetables should be brought in for healthy snacks.

#### Hair:

Please can we remind you that pupils with long hair should always have it tied back whilst at school, especially for PE. Earrings also need to be removed or taped up for PE lessons.

#### Attendance Letters:

In line with the Crofty attendance policy, we will be writing to all parents/carers with pupils who have attendance below 90% before the end of term.

#### School Reports:

School reports will be emailed out before the end of term.

### Inset Days 2025/26 Reminder:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025
- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026
- 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

## **What a Week!**

We want to begin with a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful pupils. This week has brought many challenges, and we are so proud of how calmly and positively they've taken it all in their stride. No matter where they've been learning in different locations, including the school hall, The Old Chapel, or in our marquee classroom on the school field, their resilience and good humour have shone through. From moving sensibly between the sites, to walking to the field at lunchtime, or taking part in school trips, the children have demonstrated maturity, patience, and adaptability every step of the way.

A sincere thank you also goes out to our parents and carers. We are so grateful for your continued support—whether it's helping with smooth drop-offs and pick-ups, promptly returning consent forms, or assisting with the many trips and events. Your understanding and encouragement mean so much to us.

And finally, we'd like to acknowledge all the staff. They've worked tirelessly to adapt the way in which they work, and have done so with creativity, care, and unwavering commitment. Their flexibility and dedication have been exemplary.

Below is a summary of some of the fantastic activities your children have taken part in this week—we hope you enjoy reading about them as much as we enjoyed being part of them!

On Tuesday, two of our Year 5 pupils took part in the Crofty School Eco Summit at Trannack School, where they took part in workshops learning about different environmental issues and updated each other on the progress made in each school since making their environmental pledges last year. They even enjoyed a barbeque! Thanks to Mrs Goodfield for accompanying the children on this trip.

On Wednesday, the Emerald Class had a fantastic visit to The Blue Reef Aquarium in Newquay. They took part in a Rockpool Encounter where they experienced live rock pool creatures in an interactive, hands-on experience. They learnt all about these fascinating animals and how they have adapted to survive in one of the toughest habitats on earth. On the way back, they even had time for a quick play in Breage Park. Many thanks to Mrs Searle and Mrs Jones for volunteering to support with this trip.

In glorious sunshine, the Diamond class visited Pendennis castle on Wednesday. They began their trip in the Royal Artillery barracks where they sang Happy Birthday to Sam and enjoyed a piece of delicious home-made birthday cake. They then set off to explore the grounds, climbing the canons and firing at the 'Spanish Armada' as they sailed up the Carrick Roads between St Mawes and Pendennis castles. They had great fun 'firing' the canons inside the castle gunroom and carefully climbed the stone steps up to the tower where they had the most magnificent views across the sea towards Penzance. They descended the steps all the way into the cool cellar which was where the kitchens and food stores had once been. They took a walk down to the Battery Observation Post which provided around the clock watch to help keep Falmouth safe during WW2. Some of the children met a volunteer who was dressed in WW2 uniform and informed the children that the Half Moon Battery guns could fire as far as the horizon! After lunch the children raced around the grounds and completed the challenge "How many children can you get on a canon?" The answer, all 25!!

The children were incredibly fortunate as one of the volunteers very kindly offered to buy the children an ice cream – an unexpected treat which they were very grateful for. The children represented the school well and were polite and courteous to members of the public. A big thank you to the staff and volunteers (Mrs Hughes and Mrs Jones) for helping to make it - as one child said - "The best trip ever!"

Also on Thursday, we had a group of 13 children from years 5/6 taking part in the Cornwall Primary Schools Athletics Championships at Carn Brea. They all did amazingly well, competing against some very strong opposition. Some of our stand-out performances include:

- Speed bounce (1<sup>st</sup> Y5 boy: Sam F; 3<sup>rd</sup> Y5 boy: Rollo & 3<sup>rd</sup> Y6 girl: Lilly B:)
- 100m (2<sup>nd</sup> Y6 girl: Nellie)
- High-jump (2<sup>nd</sup> Y5 girl: Keeley)
- 200m (4<sup>th</sup> Y6 girl: Elowen)
- 800m (4<sup>th</sup> Y6 boy: Benjy)
- 600m (4<sup>th</sup> Y5 girl: Imogen)

Many thanks to Mrs Hall for managing the team, Mrs Goulbourn for officiating, and to Mrs Ivey and Mrs Ross for supporting with transport.

And finally, today, the Y4/5/6 pupils spent a fabulous day at Gwithian Beach, attending a surf day with the brilliant team from Global Boarders!

The sun was shining, the waves were rolling in, and the excitement was sky-high as the children threw themselves into the challenge with energy and enthusiasm. From learning key beach safety skills, to riding their first waves, it was a day full of adventure and personal achievement. We were especially proud to see so many pupils standing up on their boards and catching waves like the pros!

A huge thank you to Global Boarders for delivering such a fun, confidence-building experience that the children will remember for a long time. We're incredibly grateful to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Ivey for giving up their time to help make the day run so smoothly.

Keep an eye on Google Classroom—photos from the day will be shared soon (when we get a chance)! 😊



**Remaining Trips:**

Below is a list of the trips/visits for the remainder of the summer term. Many thanks for all your support in returning consent forms.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VISIT</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Camp	Y3/4
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Coastal Crew Summit (Porthleven)	Y6 pupils (2 on Crofty Council)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	The Eden Project	Whole School
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Stithians Lake	Y6 ONLY
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Bodmin Recycling Centre& Truro Museum	Zircons
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Tennis Comp (Hayle) – AM only	Invited Y5/6 pupils
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Literary Festival	Invited Y5/6 pupils (14)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Woodland Valley Farm, Ladock	Emeralds
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Woodland Valley Farm, Ladock	Zircons
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Woodland Valley Farm, Ladock	Diamonds