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# **Important Diary Dates:**

# Inset Days for 2024/25:

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

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

#### Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 97.53% (of which none was unauthorised). The attendance for each class was:

Emerald Class: 97.14%Diamond Class: 97.04%Zircon Class: 98.4%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.1%.

### Will Keating Cornish Mass Song Video:

The Primary School Cornish Mass Sing event 2025 video is now live! Click <a href="here">here</a> to watch! Will has organised a family event at the Hall for Cornwall, on Sunday 2nd November at 3pm: Children's tickets are just £6 and adults just £11. More details on poster overleaf.

# **Date for diary - Y5/6 Residential Camp!**

The Y5/6 camp for next year has been booked at Porthpean on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

The approximate cost will be £200 and a non-refundable deposit of £50 will be requested in the Autumn term.

### **Inset Days 2025/26 Reminder:**

- 3rd, 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

### **Parent Pay:**



Please ensure all outstanding payments on ParentPay are paid before the end of term. Thanks!

#### Reports:

Reports were emailed out on Wednesday. If you have any concerns about your child's learning and progress or wish to discuss their report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

### **Headlice:**

We are aware there have been some cases of headlice in the school. Please could we ask you to check your child(ren)'s hair. Medication can be purchased from a pharmacy if required. Please can we also remind you that long hair is always tied back. Thanks.

## **Swimming Lessons:**

Swimming lessons have been booked for the next academic year.

As previously, we will ask for a voluntary contribution per child per lesson. The amount will be confirmed next term (but will likely be approximately £5 per lesson).

- Zircon Class: 15/9/25- 20/10/25 (6 sessions on consecutive Mondays)
- Diamond Class: 10/11/25 8/12 25 (5 sessions on consecutive Mondays)
- Emerald Class: 2/3/26 -30/3/26
  (5 sessions on consecutive Mondays)

More details to follow in September.

### **Chartwells updates:**

We will be returning on **week 3** of the menu on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

We will be returning to the full menu, including hot dinners. Many thanks to everyone for adapting to the reduced menu over the last few weeks.

## The Final Week Update:

As the final full week of term draws to a close, we reflect on yet another action-packed week—thankfully enjoyed in cooler weather!

#### **Tennis Success for Zircons**

On Monday morning, the Zircons took part in a tennis competition at Hayle Tennis Club, participating in a series of mini tournaments. They all performed brilliantly and impressed coach Sammy with their skills and dedication. A big thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Symons for accompanying the children, and to Helen Mason and Laura Palmer for assisting with transport.

## **'Exploding Words' Literary Festival**

On Tuesday, our Year 5 pupils, along with four invited Year 6s, attended the inspiring *Exploding Words* Literary Festival at Penwith College in Penzance. They took part in a range of exciting workshops hosted by well-known authors including Anna Wilson, Lou Abercrombie, and Joseph Coelho (Children's Laureate, 2020–2024). The children even had the chance to purchase books and have them signed by the authors. Their behaviour was impeccable, and they remained engaged and enthusiastic throughout the day—returning full of inspiration and a renewed love for reading. Many thanks to Mrs Knight for organising and leading the trip, and to Emma Ivey for her support.

# **Woodland Valley Farm Visits**

This week, all classes had the opportunity to visit Woodland Valley Farm: Emeralds on Wednesday, Zircons on Thursday and Diamonds today. Each group enjoyed exploring the farm and learning about sustainable, nature-friendly farming methods. A highlight for many was visiting the beaver enclosure and discovering more about The Cornwall Beaver Project, which has been featured on the BBC's *Springwatch*. The children learned how beavers build dams that help filter pollutants, reduce flooding, store water during droughts and support a thriving ecosystem. After lunch, they explored the woodland, played team games and took part in den building—an experience thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A huge thank you to all staff who helped lead the visits and drive the minibuses, and to our wonderful volunteers: Anna Pope, Kerry Williams and Emma Hall.

Alongside these exciting trips, pupils continued with their learning across various locations. They adapted with maturity and positivity, moving sensibly between sites as needed. We are especially grateful to Mrs Rowson for kindly allowing us to use her field for breaktimes and lunchtimes while classes have been based at The Old Chapel.

With just two days left of term, we want to say a huge thank you to all our parents for your continued support during these last few weeks. The building work is progressing rapidly—Zircon and Diamond classrooms have now been completely demolished! Despite the disruption, staff have worked incredibly hard to keep everything running smoothly while also managing the usual end-of-term activities.

Photos from all the activities are beginning to be uploaded to Google Classroom—please take a look!















