

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find our latest school updates, reminders, and recent celebration results below.

Important Updates & Information Meetings

- **Years 3 & 4 Porthpean Meeting:** Thank you to everyone who attended the recent information meeting with Mrs Jordan. For those who missed it, additional details have been emailed out. As a reminder, the required form must be completed by the **end of the day on Friday**.
- **Reading Information Session:** Thank you to the parents who attended Monday's reading session. **Progress in reading impacts all learning opportunities.** Please ensure your child brings their reading record and reading book into school every day, and that a comment is written in their record. Teachers are checking these regularly.
- **PSHE Meeting:** Thank you to all attendees. An email containing a video link has been sent out this week for anyone who couldn't make it. Please review it and contact the school if you have any questions.
- **School Communication:** Please refer to the email sent out earlier this week regarding communication. As a reminder, **all initial enquiries should be directed to your child's class teacher**.



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FLOURISHING FUTURES

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School Community & Achievements

- **Year 6 Sports Leaders:** A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who attended the sports leaders event at Jacobstow! Everyone had a fantastic time. We are incredibly excited and proud to see what amazing role models they will be for the rest of the school.
- **End of Day Arrangements:** Thank you for supporting our new end-of-day routines and the recent tweaks we've made. This is greatly improving pupil behaviour and ensuring a safe dismissal. **Please ensure your children stay with you** at pick-up and are not allowed to run around on the grass bank or climb the trees and neighbouring hedges.
- **KS1 Ball Skills Festival:** For Year 2's. Tuesday 6th October 3.45-5pm at Budehaven. Please pick up a form in the office, if you would like your child to attend.

Uniform & Pupil Welfare Reminders

- **Labelled Clothing:** Please ensure all school uniform items—including PE kits—are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have already found several unnamed items. Please remind your child to check their classrooms and cloakrooms if they are missing anything.
- **Hair & Hygiene:** Long hair must always be tied up for both boys and girls. This helps us keep the dreaded "hair visitors" (head lice) at bay!

Celebration Worship

☀ Thursday, 24th September

- **Owls: Bodhi** – For settling in well and trying his best with his learning.
- **Puffins: Edith** – For always having such a positive attitude towards her learning.
- **Kingfishers: Elijah** – For his calm, quiet, but hard-working approach to learning.
- **Choughs: Wilf** – For always being respectful.
- **Kestrels: Thomas** – For showing great enthusiasm towards his learning and involving himself in class discussions.
- **Reading Basket: Jack** – For his love of reading and enthusiasm when sharing this with others.
- **Golden Heart: Jimi** – For helping and supporting everyone in after-school club.

☀ Thursday, 1st October

- **Owls: Stanley** – For always following instructions and being super helpful at tidy-up time.
- **Puffins: Margot** – For working hard in her learning and showing kindness.
- **Kingfishers: George C** – For always contributing in discussions and improving his joined handwriting.
- **Choughs: Lowen** – For the dedication and effort applied in handwriting.
- **Kestrels: Sebby** – For always following the Golden Rules and being a great role model around school.
- **Reading Basket: Ella** – For consistently reading 5 times a week.
- **Golden Heart: Edith** – For always showing kindness and respect towards others.

Important dates:

<u>Autumn Term 2026</u>	<u>Spring Term 2027</u>	<u>Summer Term 2027</u>
Non-Pupil Day: Thursday 3rd September 2026 First day of term: Friday 4th September Half term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October Non-Pupil Day: Monday 2nd November 2026 Last day of term: Friday 18th December	Non-Pupil Day: Monday 4th January 2027 First day of term: Tuesday 5th January Half term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February Non-Pupil Day: Monday 22nd February 2027 Last day of term: Thursday 25th March	Non-Pupil Day: Monday 12th April 2027 First day of term: Tuesday 13th April Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June Last day of term: Friday 23rd July

Please make a note and keep an eye on more information for these dates and events:

Tuesday 6th October – 3:45pm –5pm KS1 Ball skills Festival

Friday 9th October – Year 1 hearing screening

Monday 12th October – SW Music Toscana strings recital

Wednesday 14th October – New Reception 2027 Open Morning 9:30 – 10:30am

Monday 19th October – KS2 Football tournament 1:15 – 3pm @ Marhamchurch

Friday 23rd October – Harvest Festival at St Marwennes

Monday 2nd November – Non-pupil day

Friday 6th November – PSFA Bonfire night treats sale after school

Monday 9th November – Tempest photographer – families and individual photos

Tuesday 10th November – Netball festival 1:15 – 3pm Key stage 2 @ St Marks

Wednesday 11th November – Parents consultations

Thursday 26th November – Home learning share 2:45pm

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Marhamchurch Playpark

We have been made aware that children and adults are jumping over the blue “bow top” fence on pre-school grounds to go to the park after school. Please can all parents/children walk along the pavement to go to the park and not use the pre-school as a short cut to the park. Thank you.

Community Events

Acrotrix Gymnastic Classes

🤸♀️ OUR ACROTRIX 🤸♀️ Acrotrix are a member of the CPD certification service, which provides accredited training and continuing professional development. The main aim in Acrotrix Gymnastics classes is to keep these classes fun yet structured to allow the growth of each individual student. Myself as a teacher will make targets to work towards for each student which enables the students to learn all the correct syllabus giving them the opportunity to shine in acro gymnastic. Classes will include conditioning, strengthening and skills prep in line with the syllabus. We are not a dance class but do put together skills and dance to music when we have shows and performances. Classes are held at The Bray - Marhamchurch on Mondays. 4-4:45- younger acrotrix (4+, started school age) 4:45-5:30 - inter acrotrix 5:30-6:30 - older/advance acro. These classes are offered at Firebird Dance Academy and will be open to beginners and those who have had previous experience. You will learn the basic foundations of the skills working on flexibility and strength and children are able to progress with their own aims set by myself. We are able to teach the students basic foundation skills of cartwheels, handstands, walk overs as well as loads of other great floor, flight and fold skills. We have limited students in each class allowed due to ratio and insurance so if you would love a space please get in contact ASAP. Any questions regarding classes or more info please feel free to get in contact (Charlotte - 07792577537).

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Have a wonderful week!

Warm regards,

Mrs Maudsley

Lead Teacher

