

2nd March 2026

Cardinham School Newsletter



A word from Mr Larcombe

Dear Cardinham School Community,

After what has felt like endless rain, I am very much looking forward to blue skies and the first signs of Spring. The school grounds are already bursting with colour, and everything is looking vibrant and refreshed.

I'd like to take this moment to reflect on our gardening morning in the Reflection Garden at the end of last half term. I was truly overwhelmed by the support from our community. Families, staff, and our wonderful children came together to bring new life and colour to the garden. It was a very special morning and I'm grateful to all the families who joined us and to the children for their enthusiasm in helping create such a beautiful space.

Another highlight from last half term was welcoming Deer Class families into the Nest to see the children's work on display. Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate the children's fantastic writing. We will soon be sharing details for similar opportunities for our Squirrel Class and Hedgehog Class families.

Looking ahead, we have a range of exciting lessons planned as well as several Curriculum Days where children will explore projects focused on a single subject. This term, our core value focus is empathy. We will continue learning about inspiring individuals, past and present, who have demonstrated this value and made a positive impact, helping the children see how they can do the same.

And finally, reading remains at the heart of everything we do and we look forward continuing with a variety of reading projects. Over the course of the year, we will be taking part in a range of reading activities. Thank you to everyone who has sent in photos of reading in unusual places; there's still time to send one in or add another!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best Wishes
Mr Larcombe

Diary Dates 2026

- Thursday 5th March - St Piran's Day celebrations - Letter sent home with Deer class children on Thursday last week.
- Thursday 5th March - St Piran's Day / World Book day lunch - Steak or Cheese and Onion Pasty followed by Paddington's Orange Marmalade Sponge. Please order via ParentPay.
 - Friday 6th March - World Book Day Celebrations - See details below.
 - Thursday 19th March - RNLI Water Safety Visit for Whole School
 - Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April - Parents' Evening
 - Thursday 2nd April - Last day of the Spring Term
 - Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays
 - Monday 20th April - First day of the Summer Term
 - Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - Half Term.
 - June 1st - June 3rd - Year 5 & 6 London Trip.
 - Friday 5th June - INSET Day.
 - Wednesday 17th June - Whole School Photos.

Celebrating Success!!

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Pupil of the Week

Week commencing 23/02/26

Hedgehog Class - Nursery : Penny S, Year R :

Isla, Year 1 : Phoebe

Squirrel Class - Year 2 : Jake, Year 3 : Lydia

Deer Class - Year 4 : Seren, Year 5 : Jowan,

Year 6 : Harry

'WOW' Wall

Week commencing

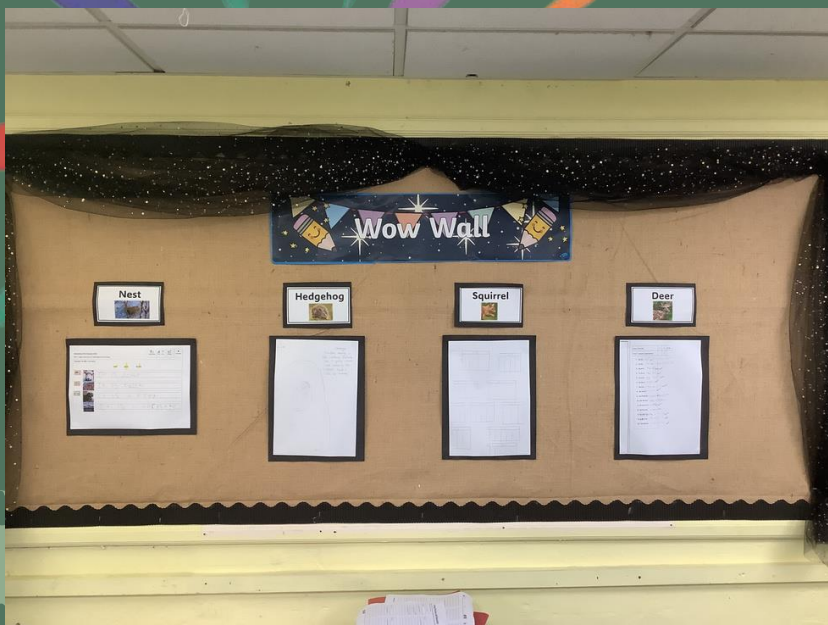
23/02/26

Nest - Wills

Hedgehog - Careenza

Squirrel Class - Edie

Deer Class - Jess



Class Update

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Hedgehog

In Hedgehog class this week, Nursery have been pleased to be outside in dryer weather. The Bell Tent has been a fabulous addition to the outdoor space and it has provided a quiet and sheltered place to gather together for stories, singing, number time and phonics. Nursery have discovered that Spring has arrived and they have been inspired to have a go at drawing daffodils, construct gardens and collect natural objects they find. The best find being a cocoon which we are storing indoors to observe over time! What a successful start to the half term.



Squirrel

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Squirrel Class are eager to get stuck into their new History unit – The Great Fire of London. In their first lesson, Mrs. A was blown away by the children's prior knowledge of the topic. In the coming weeks, we will be building on this knowledge by: exploring models of the City of London in 1666 and today, evaluating why the events of the fire mattered and considering their lasting impact on modern-day cities.



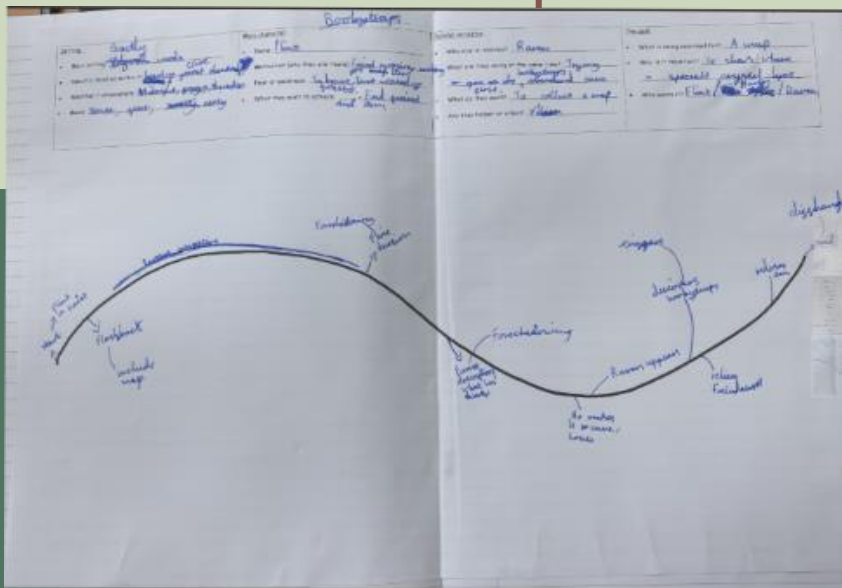
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Deer



What a great first week back Deer class have had! The children have continued to enjoy their class text, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. In maths, the children have been learning about algebra - simplifying equations and substituting letter terms for numerical values. They have all risen to the challenge of this and shown great resilience. In English, children also started to plan their next unit of writing in an S story map style thinking about key elements that can make a narrative full of suspense and tension.



Date: 24.02.26	I	S	G/W
WALT: simplify expressions	✓		

1. $4a+3a+2$	1. $2(a+3)$
2. $6b-2b+b$	2. $3(b+4)$
3. $5c+c-3$	3. $4(c-2)$
4. $8d+2d-d$	4. $5(d+1)$
5. $3x+7+x$	5. $2(x-5)$
6. $2p+4+p+6p$	6. $3(a+2)+a$
7. $9a+3a-5$	7. $4(m-1)+2$
8. $7y-2+3y+5$	8. $2(2p-3)-p$
9. $6m+2m+m-4$	9. $5(y-2)+y$
10. $10k+2-4k+k$	10. $3(k+4)-2$
	11. $2(a+3)+3(a+1)$
	12. $4(x-2)+(x+5)$
	13. $3(2m+1)-(m-4)$
	14. $5(p-3)+2(p+6)$
	15. $2(3t+4)-(t-1)$

1st column	2nd column
1. $7a+2$ ✓	1. $2a+2b$ ✓
2. $5a$ ✓	2. $3b+2b$ ✓
3. $6c-3$ ✓	3. $4c-8$ ✓
4. $9d$ ✓	4. $5d+1$ ✓
5. $4x+7$ ✓	5. $2x-10$ ✓
6. $11p-x+9p+4$	6. $4a+6$ ✓
7. $12-2 \times 10q+3x$	7. $4m-2$ ✓
8. $10g+3$ ✓	8. $3p+6$ ✓
	9. $6y-10$ ✓
	10. $3t+10$ ✓
	11. $2(a+3)+3(a+1)$
	12. $4(x-2)+(x+5)$
	13. $3(2m+1)-(m-4)$
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<p>We do</p> <p>Fluency</p> <p>$6 \times 4 = 24$</p> <p>$6 \times 5 = 31$</p> <p>$6 \times 6 = 36$</p> <p>$6 \times 7 = 42$</p> <p>$6 \times 8 = 48$</p> <p>$6 \times 9 = 54$</p> <p>$6 \times 10 = 60$</p>	<p>Fluency</p> <p>If $a = 10$ and $b = 6$ work out the values of the expressions</p> <p>$a+b = 16$</p> <p>$a-b = 4$</p> <p>$2a-2b = 8$</p>
<p>You do</p> <p>Fluency</p> <p>334</p> <p>1076</p> <p>$334 \times 3 = 1002$</p> <p>$334 \times 4 = 1336$</p> <p>$334 \times 5 = 1670$</p> <p>$334 \times 6 = 2004$</p> <p>$334 \times 7 = 2338$</p> <p>$334 \times 8 = 2672$</p> <p>$334 \times 9 = 3006$</p> <p>$334 \times 10 = 3340$</p>	<p>Fluency</p> <p>If $a = 8$ and $b = 5$ work out</p> <p>$a^2 = 64$</p> <p>$b^2 = 25$</p> <p>$a^2 - b^2 = 39$</p> <p>$a^2 + b^2 = 89$</p> <p>$a^2 \times b^2 = 200$</p> <p>$a^2 \div b^2 = 1.6$</p> <p>$a^2 - 2b^2 = 14$</p> <p>$a^2 + 2b^2 = 34$</p>



The Nest



Children in the Nest have been working incredibly hard in their Maths and writing. In Maths they have been inspired by 3D shapes and have been learning, 1 more than and 1 less than. They have been independently using number lines to solve number sentences and have enjoyed learning about different 3D shapes. They have explored the 3D shapes through continuous provision and have shown amazing determination building towers and even a 3D shape village. In writing they have made amazing progress in applying features of a sentence to their work and have been confidently spelling words using phase 2, phase 3 and some of their newly learnt phase 5 sounds! We have started our new class book, *The Magic Faraway Tree*, which we are enjoying and are finding hard to put down!



Cardinham Community News

World Book Day Celebrations

To celebrate World Book Day, we invite students to dress up as a word of their choice on Friday 6th March 2026

We would also like to extend an invitation to parents/carers to join us after morning register to share a favourite book your with your child(ren).

COMPETITION TIME -

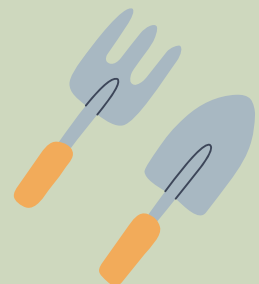
We will be holding a Literary Bake Off. We are asking children to bake and decorate something edible, such as gingerbread book characters or a cake shaped like a well loved book cover. Please bring these in on 6th march where they will be displayed for everyone to enjoy. A winner will be chosen from each class, and they will receive a new book from our scholastic book fair.



Help Please!!

Hedgehog class would love some parent help to get our balance bikes up and running and tidy up our garden ready to grow.

Please speak to Mrs Purser or mrs Butler to let them know what help you may be able to offer or to find out more information!



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OPEN AUDITIONS

Saturday 28th February

email claire@creative-education.co.uk for an audition pack

School Year 5 & 6



St Neot AFC

NEEDS PARENTS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS

- PLAYERS WANTED!**
Looking for primary school kids to join our new team!
- We are aiming to join the **Cornwall Youth League** for the 2026/2027 season.
- Could you help as a coach or committee member?



GET IN TOUCH TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

✉ stneotafclubsecretary@gmail.com
☎ **07733 038461**
f @stneotafc

Mini Tennis Festivals

FREE

For 5 - 9 year olds

Free indoor tennis taster sessions for children who would like to try tennis. Led by LTA accredited coaches, with equipment provided.

Monday 9th March
4pm - 5pm

Thursday 12th March
4pm - 5pm

Sessions must be booked in advance.



To book your place email Bodmin.tennis@gmail.com





Attendance Message



If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

09/02/2026 - 27/02/2026

Whole School - 97.4%

Hedgehog - 97.6%

Squirrel - 97.14%

Deer - 97.42%

