03/11/2026

Cardinham School Newsletter

A word from Mr Larcombe .....

Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our children and families back after the two-week half-term break. I hope you were able to spend some valuable time together as a family and are returning refreshed and recharged for what promises to be a busy and exciting half term ahead.

The staff team and I are looking forward to a fantastic half term, with engaging lessons planned and a range of exciting opportunities both inside and outside the classroom for our children to enjoy.

On a personal note, the start of this half term marks one year since I became part of the Cardinham family. Reflecting on the past year, I feel incredibly positive about my time here and remain hugely grateful for the warm welcome and support I have received from our school community. It has been a privilege to work alongside such wonderful children, families and staff.

Please refer to the letter sent out last Half Term for any key dates. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This half term, we will continue to run a number of events that provide families with opportunities to visit the school and celebrate the children's learning. These events were incredibly successful last year and offered a wonderful chance to share the many achievements taking place in our classrooms.

We will also be holding our Parents' Evenings on 25th and 26th November. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and share the next steps in their learning journey. Signing up sheets will be up on Wednesday 4th November. If you are unable to attend on either of these dates, please let your child's class teacher know and we will do our best to arrange an alternative appointment.

Looking ahead, I would also like to draw your attention to a couple of exciting events being organised by our fantastic Friends of Cardinham team. These events are always well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by our families. Through their hard work and dedication, they continue to raise valuable funds that directly enhance the opportunities and experiences available to our children. We are very grateful for their ongoing support.

I am extremely excited about the half term ahead and look forward to seeing many of you at the school gates and at our upcoming events over the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes

Matt Larcombe



Diary Dates 2026

- **Friday 6th November - Neals yard & Nibbles evening.**
- **Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Day.**
- **Friday 13th November - Christmas Bingo.**
- **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November - Parents Evening.**
- **Friday 27th November - Christmas Disco.**
- **Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Lunch.**
- **Wednesday 9th December - Chistmas Tree Festival at St Petroc's Church - 6pm.**
- **Thursday 17th December - Rock Steady Concert - 10:30am.**
- **Friday 18th December - Last day of the Autumn Term - 2:00pm finish**

Class Update

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Hedgehog











What a jam-packed end to our first Autumn Term at Woodside!

We were very fortunate to have special visits from Nurse Paige, Fire Office Jason and PC Anstis – developing our understanding of how people in our community work to help us (in so many more ways than we first thought). We were inspired to bring these occupations into our role play area, pretending to be nurses, firemen and police officers ourselves.

Throughout these visits, Hedgehog Class demonstrated the Cardinham School Values beautifully and earned their last star for the class reward chart. On the last Friday of term, we spent the afternoon getting cosy in our blankets, cuddling our favourite teddies and watching a well-earned film. Well done, Hedgehogs!

Let's see what Autumn Two has in store for us...

Squirrel







Squirrel Class have thoroughly enjoyed their new history topic on tin mining in Cornwall. The children have been fascinated to discover where tin mining took place across Cornwall and how it helped to shape the county's rich heritage. They have explored who worked in the mines, the challenging conditions miners faced, and what daily life was like for the families and communities that depended on the industry. Through their learning, the children have also considered the impact tin mining had on local towns and villages, and how communities grew and changed around the mines. We have been particularly interested in learning about the innovations and technological developments that transformed mining over time, making the extraction of tin more efficient and helping the industry to expand. As the term progresses, we are excited to deepen our understanding of this important part of Cornwall's history and make meaningful links to our English and Design Technology learning, where the children will have opportunities to apply their historical knowledge in creative and practical ways.

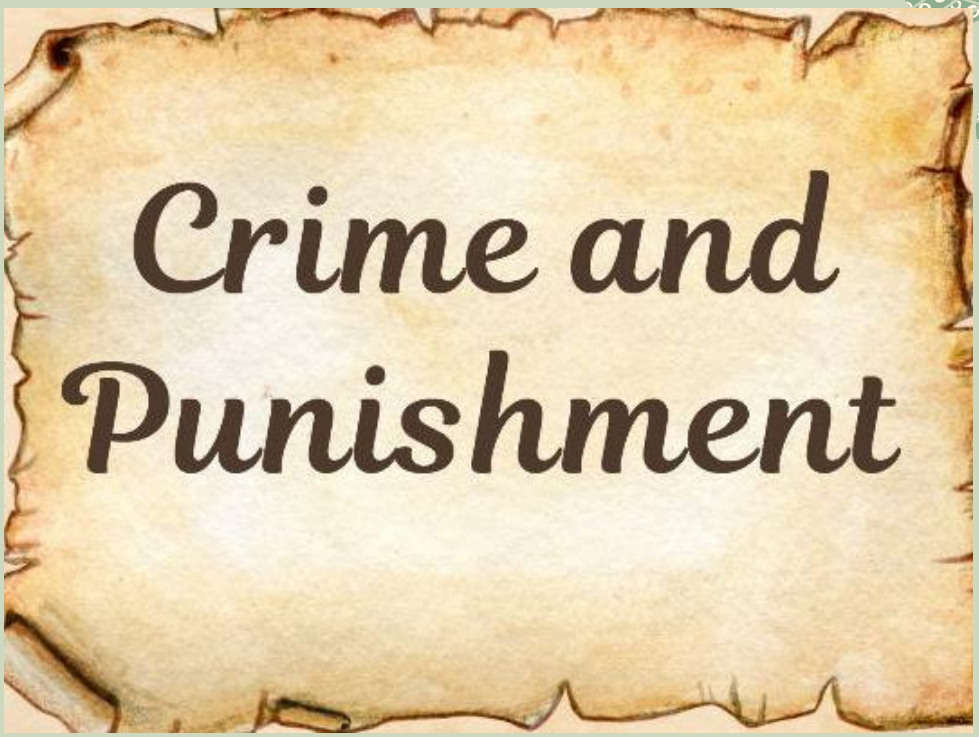
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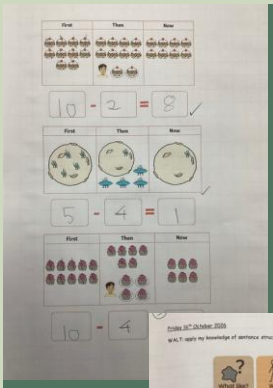
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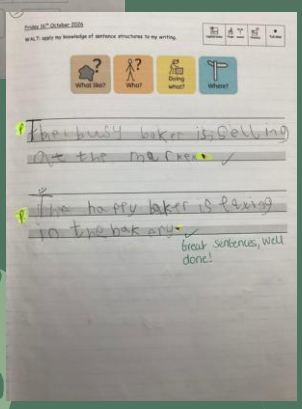
Deer



Deer Class have had a fantastic first half term to kick start the year. We are so impressed with their enthusiasm to learning, especially within their History topic of 'Crime and Punishment.' The children enjoyed their experiments in science, looking at forces and movement. Well done for a fantastic first half term, Deer class!!







The Nest



In their writing workshops, the children have been learning how to use their Colourful Semantics to build a story. We worked together to write a story about a baker. The baker went shopping for his ingredients, then took them back to the bakery, where he baked some cakes. On Friday, the children were set the challenge of independently writing the ending to their story. We had lots of creative endings, including a hungry baker who ate all his cakes and a proud baker who sold his cakes at the market.

In their maths workshops, the children have been writing addition and subtraction equations to represent first, then and now number stories. They have shown fantastic understanding and knowledge and have particularly enjoyed making up their own number stories during continuous provision, using teddies and frogs.

Cardinham Community News







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.

05/10/2026 - 16/10/2026

Whole School - 95.59%

Hedgehog - 97.65%
Squirrel - 96.96%
Deer - 92.81%