

21/09/2026

Cardinham School Newsletter



A word from Mr Larcombe

Dear families,

What an amazing start to the school year we have had! It is hard to believe that the best part of three weeks since we returned has already flown by. The children have come back ready to learn and have transitioned exceptionally well into their new year groups. For some children, this has meant joining a new class and getting to know a new teacher, while for others it has meant moving into a completely new building. We are incredibly proud of how positively they have embraced these changes and settled so quickly into school life.

It has been a real pleasure to spend time in classrooms over the past few weeks, seeing the children focused, engaged and displaying a genuine hunger to learn. As we have launched our new writing curriculum, it has been wonderful to see pupils so absorbed in their learning and enthusiastic about the exciting opportunities that our dedicated staff have planned and delivered. The quality of learning and the positive attitudes on display have been fantastic to see.

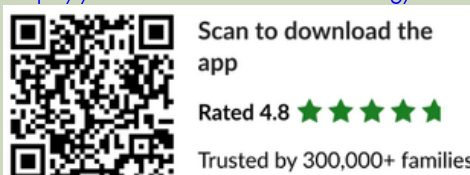
A particular highlight at the start of the year was our Pet Blessing Service. It was wonderful to see so many families attend, including grandparents, relatives and friends, all bringing along their much-loved pets to share in such a special afternoon in the Village Hall garden. The event was a fantastic celebration of our school and wider community. Thank you to everyone who attended. Please pass on our thanks to your pets too for being so well behaved and helping to make it another memorable community event!

Looking ahead, I am excited to see our children continue to thrive in the classroom and achieve great things over the coming half term and throughout the year. This week we are particularly excited about our zoo trip which promises to be a fantastic learning experience. Opportunities such as these bring learning to life, enriching the curriculum and helping children make meaningful connections between what they learn in school and the wider world around them.

Finally, I would like to point you towards Common Sense Media. This is a website and app that provides trusted reviews, advice, and guidance to help families navigate apps, games, films, and social media safely. I have found it incredibly helpful for my own family as we continue to navigate the ever-changing digital world. You can access it using the website link or QR code below.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the term and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>



Best wishes
Matt Larcombe



Diary Dates 2026

- Tuesday 22nd September - Whole School Zoo Trip
- Thursday 24th September - Whole School Flu Immunisation
- Friday 25th September - Non School Uniform Day for The Children's Cancer Unit Fund, Treliske (more details below)
- Tuesday 29th September - Individual and Sibling Group Photos
- Wednesday 30th and Thursday 1st - Year 6 Bikeability
- Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October - Parents Evening - more information to be sent home soon.
- Monday 19th - Friday 29th October - HALF TERM
- Monday 2nd November - First day back at school
- Friday 6th November - Neals yard & Nibbles evening.
- Friday 13th November - Christmas Bingo
- Friday 27th November - Christmas Disco

Celebrating Success!!

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Week commencing

07/09/26

Hedgehog

Class -

Nursery : Everyone

Year R : Everyone

Year 1 : Everyone

Squirrel Class

Year 2 : Ivy ,

Year 3 : Ava

Deer Class -

Year 4 : Henry

Year 5 : Nellie,

Year 6 : Violet

Week commencing

14/09/26

Hedgehog

Class -

Nursery : Ziggy

Year R : Nancy

Year 1 : Noa A

Squirrel Class

Year 2 : Apollo,

Year 3 : Owen

Deer Class -

Year 4 : Lizzie

Year 5 : Jess,

Year 6 : Ollie A

'WOW' Wall

Week commencing

14/09/26

Nest - Amara

Hedgehog Class - Carenza

Squirrel Class - Ellie

Deer Class - Everlynn

WOW

Class Update



Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed Hedgehog



Wow! All of the grown-ups in Hedgehog Class are so impressed with how quickly the children have settled into new routines – following the school rules and building relationships beautifully.

Your prompt arrival at 8:50am and the independence of the children to bring in their own belongings has really helped with this, so thank you for continuing to drop your child off at the door in the same way.

Our Year 1 Learners have matured into role models over the summer and are brilliant at supporting the younger members of the class. We are particularly proud of how well all of the children walked to the Village Hall for the Pet Blessing – that's a long way for little legs!

In the classroom, we jumped straight into our topic Me, My Family and My Community, with the children even having models of themselves to role play with in the small world area.

In our whole-class Drawing Club sessions, the children have unleashed the magic of their pencils, writing their own secret codes for Owl Babies, turning their drawings into something spectacular – like a treehouse full of animals that zoomed off into space! Now that our new Reception Learners have learned more than a handful of sounds, we have noticed they are making visible efforts to incorporate these letters into their daily mark making, too.

We are very excited for the coming weeks, with our Newquay Zoo trip and special visitors to look forward to.

One final note – to help encourage a love of reading, please take some time to enjoy your child's school library book with them (and listen to your Year 1 child read daily). Many thanks for your support.



Squirrel



Squirrel Class has made a fantastic start to the new school year. We have been so impressed with the children's positive attitude to learning, excellent behaviour and the effort they are putting into their work every day.

In Writing, we are enjoying exploring our class story, 'The Faraway Tree'. Through speaking and listening activities, we have travelled to many of the magical lands at the top of the tree and shared our ideas and imaginations with one another. Our favourite activity so far has been creating our own magical potions, which inspired some wonderful vocabulary and creative thinking!

We are looking forward to continuing our learning journey and can't wait to share our character and setting descriptions with you at the end of this half term.

Well done, Squirrel Class. Keep up the fantastic work!



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Deer



What an incredible first few weeks back Deer class have had. Year 4 have settled in beautifully to the running of the classroom and it's like they have always been in with us. Each and every child has come back with more resilience and determination to succeed that they left with in July, and I have a feeling it is going to be a brilliant year. There are so many wonderful things that Deer class have to look forward to this year and I cannot wait to see all that they achieve in the coming months.

Date: 14.9.26

WALT: Count 10/100/1000/10,000 more/less than any given number.

1. Complete the number tracks.

a) 7 17 27 37 47 57 67 ✓

b) 169 159 149 139 129 119 109 ✓

c) 475 575 675 775 875 975 ✓

2. Find the missing numbers in the function machines below.

89,900 → + 10 → A

45,889 → + 100 → B

C → + 1,000 → 39,116

3. The number 568,241 is shown in the place value chart.

Thousands			Ones		
H	T	O	H	T	O
5	6	8	2	4	1

a) Rose wants to find 1,000 more than 568,241.

I'm going to add one counter to the thousands column!

Explain why Rose's method will work.
What is 1,000 more than 568,241?

b) What is 100 more than 568,241?

c) What is 1 less than 568,241?

d) What is 10 more than 568,241?

Task 1: 17.9.2026

WALT: identify where something is happening in a sentence.

The chick is laying an egg in the nest.

The dog is eating food in the garden.

Wow! Super focus!

Date: 17.9.2026

WALT: compare quantities using the more than, less than and equal to symbols.

How many? Write your answer in the box.

5

7

Which symbol should you add to make it correct?

5 < 7

The Nest



In the Nest writing workshops, they have been learning how to use colourful semantics to build and structure their sentences. They have enjoyed working in collaboration to find hidden sentence strips around the classroom and matching them to the correct pictures to create their sentences. They have then applied their prior learning and knowledge to write these sentences beautifully and with such care in their books. In their maths workshops, they have been exploring how to compare measurements and quantities and use the symbols less than, equal to and more than. They have used scales during continuous provision to help understand objects that were heavier or lighter. It created some interesting discussions with some unpredicted surprises!

Cardinham Community News



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children's hospice SOUTH WEST

Santa's on the Run

eden project

Sunday 6 December

Sign up today chsw.org.uk/santas

Registered Charity No. 1003314



Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity
Registered charity number 1049687

NHS
Royal Cornwall Hospitals
NHS Trust

Non School Uniform Day

Friday 25th September 2026

September is Children's Cancer Awareness Month

Raising funds for The Children's Cancer Unit Fund,
Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity.

Help support children in Cornwall on their cancer journey.



Hatchbox Photography LTD



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 29th September is Individual and Sibling Group photo day.

Please ensure children arrive in school uniform and not PE kit on this day.

All individual photos will be taken throughout the school day, however, if you would like to have additional photos with pre-school age siblings, please email Miss Tucker

(cardinham@tpacademytrust.org) to let her know you will be attending, and arrive at school at 8:30am on the day of the photos.
Thank you.

This September, we will be supporting The Children's Cancer Unit Fund, Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity by holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 25th September. We will also be holding a book swap. Please can children bring in 1 good condition book to swap. We will be asking for a donation of £1 per child to support the charity.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Thank you!

PTA Update (from Last Term)

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who came along and supported us at our Summer fair at the end of the term. Seeing everyone together, enjoying the afternoon, made the whole event feel so special. We raised an incredible £1061.59. What a wonderful community we have!



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.

02/09/2026 - 18/09/2026

Whole School - 95.92%

Hedgehog - 96.02%

Squirrel - 99.16%

Deer - 93.49%

