

27th April 2026

# Cardinham School Newsletter



## A word from Mr Larcombe .....

Dear Cardinham School Community,

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back for the summer term. I hope you all had a lovely break and were able to enjoy some of the nicer weather. It has been wonderful to see families again at the school gate, especially with the sunshine making an appearance.

Looking ahead, we have a full and exciting term planned, with lots of engaging learning taking place across our three classrooms. A key focus and real passion of mine, and of ours as a school, is to create learners who fall in love with reading. We want to foster a genuine enthusiasm that excites children and allows them to become absorbed in books. Throughout this half term, we will continue to provide many opportunities to encourage this in school and, no doubt, make the most of the sunnier weather while doing so. Please do continue to read regularly with your children at home. Thank you for all the time you already spend supporting them: this extra practice really does make a significant difference in improving children's fluency and their love of reading. If you would like any support or advice on the best ways to do this, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or come and find me; I will be more than happy to help.

Over the coming weeks, we also have a number of national assessments taking place. These include the Multiplication Tables Check for our Year 4 pupils and the Phonics Screening Check for our Year 1 children. This week, children in these year groups will bring home an information letter with further details about their respective assessments. I would also like to invite families to attend after-school information sessions:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: Tuesday 5th May
- Multiplication Tables Check (Years 3 and 4): Thursday 7th May

These sessions will provide further information and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend but would still like to find out more, please get in touch and we can arrange an alternative.

Finally, I would like to thank Friends of Cardinham for organising two fantastic events: the Easter Bingo and the Disco. Although I have now come to terms with not winning at bingo, I am extremely grateful for the opportunities these events provide for families to come together and to raise funds that will benefit our children. I look forward to the next events and hope to see many of you there.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the gate in the week ahead.

Best wishes,  
Mr Larcombe

## Diary Dates 2026

- Monday 4th May - Early May Bank Holiday - School Closed
- Thursday 7th May - Year 3 & 4 Multiplication Check Information session - 3:20pm.
- Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - KS2 SATS.
- 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.
- Wednesday 22nd July - Summer Fair - 2pm

# Celebrating Success!!

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## Pupil of the Week

## 'WOW' Wall

Week commencing 20/04/26

Squirrel Class -

Year 2 : Alfie G,

Year 3 : Cadyn

Deer Class -

Year 4 : Bethany

Year 5 : Eloise,

Year 6 : Robyn

Week commencing

20/04/26

Nest - Everyone

Squirrel Class - Rora

Deer Class - Cameron



# BIG THANKS

It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to support the school for our Easter bingo on Wednesday 1st April. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised an amazing £230.

Our Spring Disco was a real hit! The school was full of smiles and dancing feet as the children celebrated together. Everyone had a fantastic time, and thanks to all the support, we raised an amazing £159.10.

A massive thank you to all the adults involved for giving up their time to help organise, run and support these events. Your dedication and support make such a positive difference to our school community.

# Class Update

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## Hedgehog

Hedgehog Class have settled brilliantly back into their arrival routines, impressing all the adults in the room.

All year groups were able to take their learning outside last week as the sun shone beautifully.

Year 1 practised their estimating skills in Maths by drawing chalk lines on the ground. Reception enjoyed moving like a seed through it's life cycle in Science. Nursery children made use of the continuous provision tables outdoors, using play dough to make fierce creatures from our Drawing Club Story - 'On the Way Home.'

The children thoroughly enjoy story time down at Woodside, and reading is key in broadening vocabulary and understanding the world. Please try to share a book when you can - and remember, each child (Y1 and YR) should be reading to you daily to enhance their own reading skills. Thank you for your continued support.



## Squirrel



In Squirrel Class, we have been discovering more about British Values through thoughtful discussions and activities. We explored what values such as respect, tolerance, democracy and individual liberty look like in our everyday school life and how they help us work positively together. Pupils shared their ideas, listened carefully to others and reflected on how these values support good learning and strong friendships. It has been lovely to see the children grow in confidence and show maturity in their thinking.

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## Deer



Deer Class have had another week of engaged learning. In Maths, we looked at angles and the children loved using protractors to solve problems. In Science, the class really enjoyed completing independent research about Carl Linnaeus and creating some brilliant information posters to display their research.



**Carl Linnaeus.**

Carl Linnaeus (1707–1778) was a Swedish scientist known as the "Father of Taxonomy" for creating the modern system of naming and classifying plants and animals...



Carl Linnaeus sadly died on the 10 of January 1778.  
He might be gone, but his method will be remembered by all.



He invented a system to organize living things by dividing them into groups: Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, and Species.

He decided every living thing should have a two-part Latin name (Genus and Species) so scientists around the world could understand each other, no matter what language they speak.

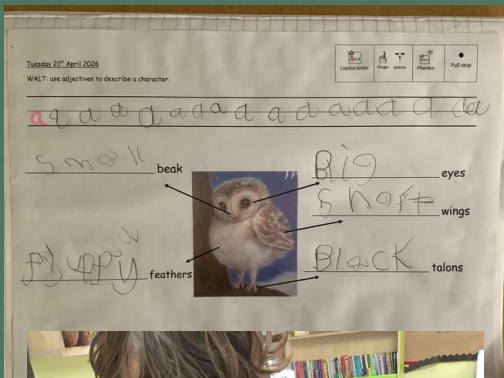


## The Nest



In the Nest our writing has been inspired by the book *The owl who was afraid of the dark*. We have been focusing on our handwriting, sentence structure and adding adjectives to our writing. We created a mind map of adjectives and have then used this to create sentences describing Plop.

In Maths we have looked at using the vocabulary long, short, taller and shorter. We have used junk modelling to create beanstalks, have explored different objects and had fantastic discussions to decide whether something is long or short. We then showed incredible team work to build an amazing tower out of multilink cubes.



# Cardinham Community News

**THE INVADER IS COMING!**  
**TOM PALMER**

**REPORT TO YOUR LIBRARY!**

**LIBRARY INVASION**  
**OF CORNWALL LIBRARIES**

**30 MINUTE ACTION-PACKED TALK WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR TOM PALMER**

**FREE SIGNED BOOK FOR THE FIRST 5 FAMILIES!**

**IDEAL FOR AGES 7+**

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May | 10am Hayle | 11.30 am Camborne | 1pm Redruth  
 Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May | 10am Bodmin | 11.30am Wadebridge | 2.30 pm Camelford  
 Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May | 10.30am St Columb | 11.45am Newquay | 1pm Perranporth | 2.30pm St Agnes  
 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May | 10am St Ives | 11.30am Penzance | 1pm St Just  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May | 10am Helston | 11.30am Falmouth | 1pm Penryn | 2.30pm Truro  
 Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May | 9am Lostwithiel | 10.15am Fowey | 11.45am St Austell  
 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June | 11.30am Liskeard | 1pm Saltash | 2.30pm Torpoint  
 Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June | 10am Callington | 11.30am Launceston | 1:30pm Par | Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> June | 1pm Bude

**FREE ENTRY - CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR BOOKING DETAILS**

**CORNWALL COUNCIL** Libraries  
 www.cornwall.gov.uk/library Barrington Stoke

Sponsored by: **KERNOW COATINGS** **children's hospice SOUTH WEST**

**The brightest fun run for everyone!**

Saturday 20 June 2026 at RAF St Mawgan, Newquay

**rainbow RUN**

Sign up today [chsw.org.uk/rainbow](http://chsw.org.uk/rainbow)

Registered Charity No. 1003314

## Bag2School

Our wonderful PTA group - Friends of Cardinham School have arranged another Bag2School collection for 10th June. Please bring any bags of old / unwanted clothes and fabrics on week commencing 08/06/2026. More details will follow soon.



**NEAL'S YARD REMEDIES** COVENT GARDEN

**NEAL'S YARD PAMPER EVENING**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 - 7PM**  
**CARDINHAM SCHOOL**

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Guided facial massage.
- Experiment with oils and serums.
- Games and quizzes.

**£8 A TICKET**

There will be a raffle on the night.

A goody bag for each person to take home and enjoy.

Please book your tickets via Danielle Ashley or Sonia Tucker

All Stars Cricket  
5-8 years of age starts on  
11th May (Monday)  
17:30 - 18:30

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/a83930c1-2925-4662-988f-0b271b988df5?venue=lanhydrock>

Dynamos Cricket  
8-11 years of age starts on  
11th May (Monday)  
18:30 - 19:45

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/74bf311c-d863-40cb-81b4-6469596693c9?venue=lanhydrock>



## Parish Hall Tea Party

On the first Thursday of each month, we hold a tea party at the Parish Hall, from 2.30 - 4pm, where anyone can drop in for a cup of tea and cake. From 7th May, the Parish Nurse will join us to talk over any problems.

The Parish Nurse is available for private consultations to discuss any worries or problems anyone would like help with, from making appointments, tests reviewed, blood pressure checks etc. Juliet has direct access to staff and records at Bosvena Health. You are most welcome to come along and meet her, you don't need an appointment.

If you want more information do contact Loveday Sutton 07990 691805 or Libby Pidcock 07977 106963

An advertisement for CMST. It features a child playing a double bass. The text reads: "GREAT NEWS! We are delighted to be able to offer musical instruments and vocal lessons in your child's school that CMST will provide. So that we can get your child's music journey underway, please go to our website to find out more and to sign up for your musical sessions." It includes a QR code with "Scan Me" and the website "CMST.co.uk/learnmore". At the bottom, it says "Sign Up at: CMST.co.uk/signup" and "CMST ILOW RAG OLL".



# 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.

**30/03/2026 - 24/04/2026**

**Whole School - 98.03%**

**Hedgehog - 98.81%**

**Squirrel - 98.41%**

**Deer - 97.1%**

