

24th June 2026

Cardinham School Newsletter



A word from Mr Larcombe

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that there are now only five weeks left of the school year! The time has flown by, and while there is still lots of learning to do, we also have many exciting events and opportunities to look forward to before the end of term. As we begin thinking about the year ahead, we will soon be sharing more information regarding transition arrangements for September to help ensure a smooth and positive move for all children into their new year groups and classes.

With the weather looking particularly hot this week, please do take a moment to read the email that was sent regarding clothing and arrangements for the warm weather. We want to keep all children safe, comfortable and ready to learn; thank you for supporting us by ensuring they come to school appropriately dressed, with plenty of water and a sun hat where needed. We are also very much looking forward to Sports Day next week. A letter has already been sent home with further details, and we hope to see many families there supporting and encouraging the children. As always, if you have any questions, please do come and find me. Looking a little further ahead, a reminder that we will be holding our School Painting Day on Saturday 4th July. Everyone is welcome to come along and help us refresh our wonderful school environment. Whether you can spare an hour or a whole day, your support will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to bring a picnic and enjoy spending time together as a school community.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to La Hayes Farm for hosting each of our classes this year. The children have, as always, displayed wonderful enthusiasm, curiosity and engagement during their visits. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a valuable link with a working farm right on our doorstep, providing the children with memorable first-hand learning experiences throughout the year. Squirrel Class will enjoy their visit this Friday with Deer Class enjoying the farm last week. Finally, please note that there has been a change of date to the Hedgehog Class trip on Friday. Further information will be sent out shortly, so please keep an eye out for those details.

Thank you for your continued support. We have a fantastic final five weeks ahead and I am looking forward to celebrating all that our children achieve before the end of another successful school year.

Best wishes
Matt Larcombe

Diary Dates 2026

- Friday 26th June - Squirrel Class - Trip to La Hayes Farm
 - Monday 29th June - Sports Day
- Thursday 2nd July - Sports Day Reserve Date
- Saturday 4th July - Community Painting Day
 - Friday 17th July - Year 6 Prom
 - 20th & 21st July - Year 6 Bikeability
 - Wednesday 22nd July - Summer Fair - 2pm
- Friday 24th July - Last Day of Term - Finish at 2pm
- Thursday 3rd September - First day of the Autumn Term

Class Update

Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed



Hedgehog

Wow! Hedgehog's Class have had so much fun with their writing topics this week.

Year 1 children have enjoyed being immersed in their 'instruction writing' unit. Playing board games without the instructions proved difficult and using unclear instructions to make a jam sandwich proved messy for Mrs. A! We now understand the role of instructions, and that they need to be clear and in order to accomplish the desired outcome.

See how good our jam sandwiches look now! This week, we'll be using our newfound knowledge to write our own instructions on how to make a sandwich of our choice.

Children in Nursery and Reception have used their fantastic imaginations to independently link their Drawing Club book – Shh! by Sally Grindley and Peter Utton – to their COOL time by making Giant's Castles in our Loose Parts and Construction areas.

Looking forward to this week, it's set to be a scorcher, and we cannot wait to get stuck into some cooling water play! Please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream already applied, a sunhat to wear when not undercover and a change of clothes in case of accidental soaking!



Squirrel



Squirrel Class had a brilliant and highly creative art day exploring the life and techniques of the renowned American artist and collagist, Romare Bearden. The children discovered how Bearden used "visual jazz" taking torn photographs, magazines, and painted paper, and piecing them together to tell stories about his memories, family, and community. Inspired by his work, the students created their very own multimedia collages to celebrate their personal stories and favourite memories.



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Deer



On Friday, Deer Class visited La Hayes Farm. In the morning, they took part in 2 separate activities. The first activity taught children all about the water cycle and the second taught children about how fast water enters the river system, and how the weather impacts the water in our rivers.

Then in the afternoon, they fished for different under water creatures and Mr Larcombe found a fish!

The children also used under water telescopes to so they could take in a peak into the under water world! The final activity saw children using clay directly from the fields at La Hayes to create clay sculptures of the creatures they had spotted throughout the day.

Thank you to the children for your impeccable behaviour and thank you to La Hayes farm for having us!



The Nest



The Nest are enjoying their class text of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, with lots of curiosity and discussions on what is going to happen next. Their favourite bit so far has been when Augustus Gloop fell into the chocolate river! During Maths continuous provision, I set them a challenge to build a tower as big as the tallest child, they took that challenge and decided that they could build one bigger than Mr Larcombe. They set to work showing amazing teamwork and communication and built a tower that was even taller than him!



Cardinham Community News

CORNWALL COUNCIL Libraries

GO ALL IN. Reading for Progress

The Cornwall Reading Challenge

Extraordinary Explorers

Running from June 11th until September 12th 2026

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We are excited to announce the Cornwall Reading Challenge 2026!

- Sign up at your local library and receive a challenge booklet and a free swim voucher
- Enjoy six books in a way that works for you and collect stickers and rewards as you go
- There will be a free link to a Cornwall Treasure Trail for anyone completing the challenge, along with a medal and certificate
- We will have family activities on Saturday mornings throughout the challenge at Bodmin Library

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.

For more information head to: CMST.co.uk/learnmore

Hear Music.
Learn Music.
Play Music.

Sign Up at: CMST.co.uk/signup

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ARGYLE FOOTBALL CAMPS

SUMMER

July & August 2026 | 9.30am start
Open to Boys & Girls of all abilities, aged 5-15

SESSIONS FROM £15 PER DAY

ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST

For more information; call 01752 522202, or visit argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

BOOK NOW

| EAST CORNWALL & NORTH DEVON | | Argyle Football Camp unless stated |
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| Monday, 20 July St Joseph's School, Launceston - Start of the Summer Party | Monday, 3 August Lanivet Community Hub St Joseph's School, Launceston | Monday, 17 August Lanivet Community Hub St Joseph's School, Launceston |
| Tuesday, 21 July St Joseph's School, Launceston - Start of the Summer Party | Tuesday, 4 August St Teath Football Club | Tuesday, 18 August St Teath Football Club |
| Thursday, 23 July Saltmill, 3G, Saltash | Wednesday, 5 August Dobwalls Football Club | Wednesday, 19 August Dobwalls Football Club |
| Friday, 24 July Bude Football Club | Thursday, 6 August Saltmill, 3G, Saltash | Thursday, 20 August Saltmill, 3G, Saltash |
| Monday, 27 July Burraton School, Saltash - Multi-Sports Lanivet Community Hub St Joseph's School, Launceston | Friday, 7 August Bude Football Club St Joseph's School, Launceston - Multi-Sports | Friday, 21 August Bude Football Club |
| Tuesday, 28 July Holsworthy Youth Football Club St Teath Football Club | Monday, 10 August Lanivet Community Hub St Joseph's School, Launceston | Monday, 24 August Lanivet Community Hub St Joseph's School, Launceston |
| Wednesday, 29 July Dobwalls Football Club | Tuesday, 11 August Holsworthy Youth Football Club | Tuesday, 25 August Holsworthy Youth Football Club |
| Thursday, 30 July Saltmill, 3G, Saltash | Wednesday, 12 August Dobwalls Football Club | Wednesday, 26 August Dobwalls Football Club Chulmleigh Primary School - Multi-Sports |
| Friday, 31 July Callington, 3G Bude Football Club Polperro Football Club Chulmleigh Primary School - Multi-Sports | Thursday, 13 August Saltmill, 3G, Saltash | Thursday, 27 August Saltmill, 3G, Saltash |
| | Friday, 14 August Callington, 3G Bude Football Club Polperro Football Club | Friday, 28 August Callington, 3G Bude Football Club |

SUMMER FAIR

Wednesday 22nd July
From 2pm

CARDINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FIELD

ALL WELCOME

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN
INCLUDING ...

- Our best raffle yet!
- Teddy tombola
- Penalty shoot out
- Soak the teacher
- Games
- Yummy refreshments
- and much more!



Pre-Loved Uniform

We currently have a clothes rail set up at the school office selling a selection of Pre-loved uniform. Please stop by at either morning drop off or afternoon collection to browse the selection available.

All funds raised will go to the PTA.
Thank you





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.

08/06/2026 - 19/06/2026

Whole School - 94.89%

Hedgehog - 92.54%

Squirrel - 96.43%

Deer - 95.91%

