

16th March 2026

Cardinham School Newsletter



A word from Mr Larcombe

Dear Cardinham School Community,

At the halfway point of this half term, I am delighted to have been confirmed as the Headteacher of this very special school. From the moment I arrived, I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome from families, the dedication of our wonderful staff, and the enthusiasm of our amazing children. Nearly five months into the role, I feel very much part of the Cardinham community and am excited to continue working together to provide the very best environment for our children to grow and succeed. It has been really encouraging receiving the support from the trust and have them validate the amazing work that has been in place for a significant period and the work which our dedicated staff continue to do. With three weeks of the half term remaining, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for our children. One of these is a chance for parents of Squirrel Class to come and see the children's work on Thursday 2nd April. As we did when we opened the Nest for Deer Class, the school will open at 8:30am, giving families time to look through the children's work before dropping them off. This was a great success last time, and we are looking forward to showcasing the children's fantastic achievements once again.

Something which we are passionate about is creating an inclusive environment where children feel that they genuinely have a place and a sense of belonging and I feel that we achieve this in so many ways! Our differences are something to celebrate and it is inspiring to see how each child brings something unique to their class and to the school. During several recent school tours, I have been reflecting on how we refer to our buildings. We currently have Woodside and what we informally call 'the main building', where Deer and Squirrel Classes are based. Although this is simply a matter of wording, it can unintentionally give the impression that Woodside is secondary—and that is certainly not the case. With that in mind, I would like to open a competition to give a new name to the building that houses Deer and Squirrel Classes. Please write down your suggestions and hand them into the Office. Our School Council will shortlist a few options, and the whole school will then vote for the final name. Please submit your ideas by Friday 20th March.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement. I'm looking forward to seeing the wonderful suggestions you come up with!

Best Wishes
Mr Larcombe

Diary Dates 2026

- Thursday 19th March - RNLI Water Safety Visit for Whole School
- Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 1st April - Friends of Cardinham Easter Bingo @ 6pm
- Thursday 2nd April - Last day of the Spring Term - School closes at 2pm
 - Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays
 - Monday 20th April - First day of the Summer Term
- Friday 24th April - Friends of Cardinham Spring Disco @ 6pm
 - 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

Week commencing 02/03/26 Week commencing 09/03/26

Hedgehog Class -
Nursery : Charlotte,

Year R : Arthur,

Year 1 : Apollo

Squirrel Class -

Year 2 : Aurora,

Year 3 : Lizzie

Deer Class -

Year 4 : Flynn CL,

Year 5 : Violet,

Year 6 : Olive

Hedgehog Class -
Nursery : Oakley,

Year R : Roo,

Year 1 : Ellie

Squirrel Class -

Year 2 : Joe,

Year 3 : Fife

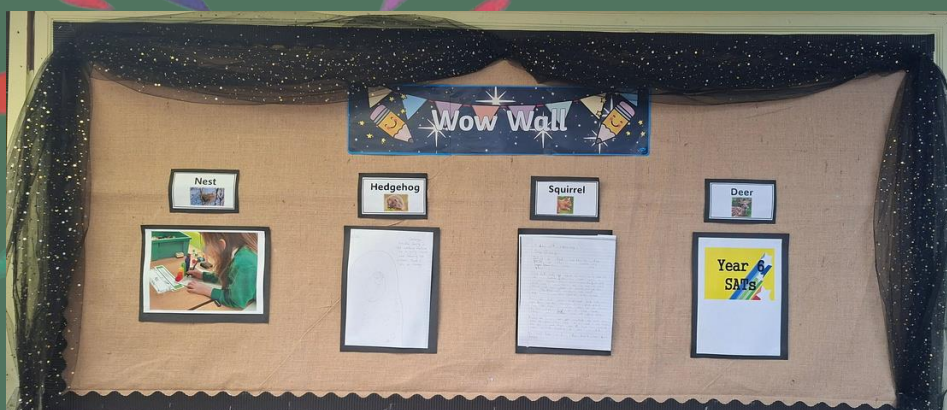
Deer Class -

Year 4 : Seren,

Year 5 : Tabitha,

Year 6 : Olive

'WOW' Wall



Week commencing
09/03/26

Nest - Tilly

Hedgehog -

Carenza

Squirrel Class -

Owen

Deer Class - All of
Year 6

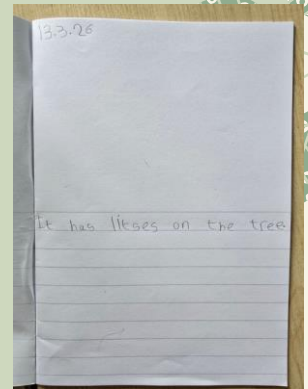
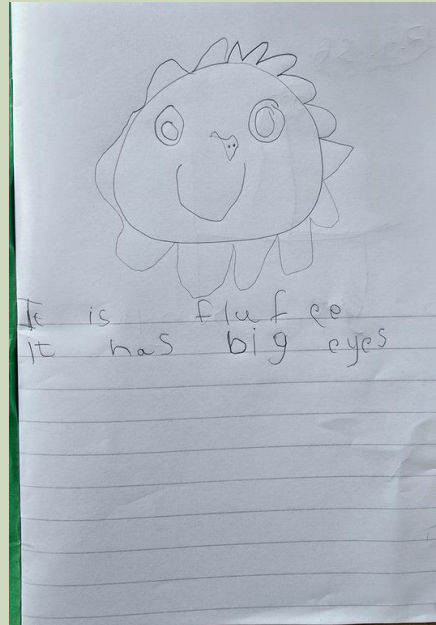
Class Update

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Hedgehog

Hedgehog Class have really shown their resilience this week, settling in to new routines beautifully. Children in Year 1 have been introduced to the same morning activity as the upper school - Pobble writing starts as soon as the children are welcomed into the classroom at 8:50am and gives the children an opportunity to engage in creative writing to start their day. We are excited to continue adding subtle transitions to Year 2 as the second half of the academic year progresses. Across Early Years, we have enjoyed exploring Elmer in Drawing Club, creating our own setting maps and adapting Elmer's tricks on the herd! Watch this space for our upcoming Spring Walk once the sun reappears...



Squirrel



Squirrel Class have been busy becoming data detectives. They've been discovering how to collect information, record it using tally charts, and bring their findings to life through colourful pictograms and bar charts. Using the computer to present their data has inspired them to think carefully about how information can be shared clearly and creatively. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow over each lesson as they build these important skills.

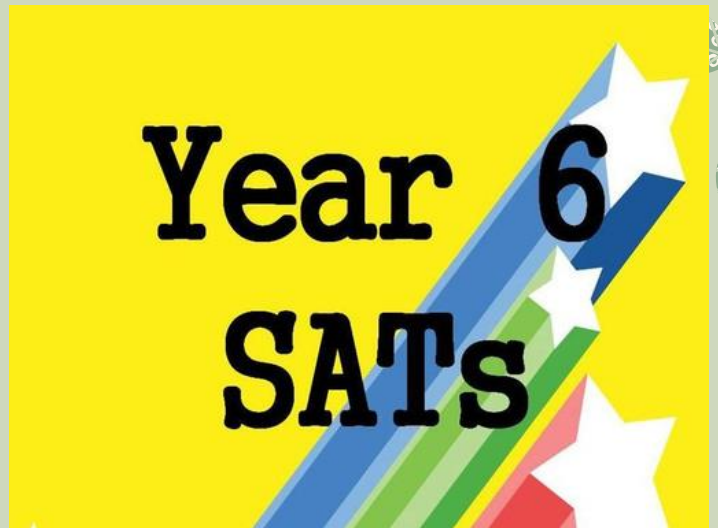
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Deer



This week, the whole class has shown how flexible they can be as the Year 6's completed their first Mock SATS week. We couldn't be prouder of the Year 6s and how well they persevered - the test were hard, but they did so well! Years 4 and 5 enjoyed some time practising their times tables, exploring coding in computing and completing a piece of independent creative writing!



The Nest



The Nest have been working incredibly hard towards their goals and targets and have focussed on independence around self-care routines. They have looked at how to keep their teeth healthy with a sequencing activity, practicing their brushing skills and then role playing what happens when they go to the dentist. They spent some time learning about spring, which included a woodland walk completing an 'I spy' activity sheet, they then spent some time exploring the outdoor learning space at Woodside, reading books, making 'spring soup' at the mud kitchen and sharing information about different farmyard animals.

Cardinham Community News



SPRING DISCO

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

6PM - 7:30PM

CARDINHAM SCHOOL

TICKETS £3 - SEE MRS ASHLEY

Friends of Cardinham present



BINGO

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 6PM CARDINHAM SCHOOL

Yummy prizes to be won!

Refreshments available, welcome to bring your own.

Cash only - 50p a game

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

MURDER MYSTERY £17.50 PER PERSON

Evening BAR AVAILABLE

Actors/ Performance from "Murder by Appointment"

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

AT CARDINHAM PARISH HALL 7PM FOR 7:30PM START

CORNISH SUPPER INCLUDED BOOK YOUR PLACE WITH NIC BEST 07747724678 OR ON CPH FACEBOOK PAGE



NEAL'S YARD PAMPER EVENING



FRIDAY 8TH 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>



Woodside Pre-Loved Uniform

We currently have a clothes rail set up at Woodside 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



Fundraising

THANK YOU

Thank you to the local community for your recent support, as a result, we raised £165.36 to spend on scholastic books after our book fair success, thank you to everyone who supported.

We earnt £21.75 from Sporty Stars for arranging a fun glo in the dark dodgeball event.



EASTER ROADSHOWS

7-17 APRIL | 9.30AM-3.30PM
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15



ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST

01752 522202
argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

EAST CORNWALL / NORTH DEVON

Tuesday, 7 April
Lanivet Community Hub
Burraton Primary School - Multi-Sports

Wednesday, 8 April
Dobwalls Football Club

Thursday, 9 April
Saltmill 3G, Saltash

Friday, 10 April
Bude Football Club
St Joseph's School, Launceston

Monday, 13 April
Lanivet Community Hub
St Joseph's School, Launceston
Burraton Primary School - Multi-Sports

Tuesday, 14 April
St Teath Football Club
Holsworthy Youth Football Club

Wednesday, 15 April
Dobwalls Football Club

Thursday, 16 April
Saltmill 3G, Saltash
Chulmleigh Primary School - Multi-Sports

Friday, 17 April
Bude Football Club
Callington 3G
Polperro Football Club



Sponsored by:

The brightest fun run for everyone!

Saturday 20 June 2026 at RAF St Mawgan, Newquay

Sign up today chsw.org.uk/rainbow

rainbow RUN

Registered Charity No. 1002314

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**

📱 [@stneotafc](https://www.facebook.com/stneotafc)



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.

02/03/2026 - 13/03/2026

Whole School - 97.37%

Hedgehog - 98.01%

Squirrel - 96.99%

Deer - 97.1%

