

11th May April  
2026

# Cardinham School Newsletter



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

Dear Cardinham School Community,

Over the course of this half term, the children have continued to impress me with their determination to learn and their willingness to take on new challenges. At the start of the half term, we explored a number of significant events where individuals have achieved extraordinary things. One example we discussed was a recent space mission that saw humans travel further than ever before. We reflected on how these individuals were once children just like us, growing up, attending school, and showing determination and resilience in order to succeed. Following this, I set the school a challenge to try something new or step outside of their comfort zone over the coming weeks. It has been incredibly encouraging to see pupils taking risks in their learning and pushing themselves to achieve more. This willingness to try, persevere and grow is a real strength of our children at Cardinham and is one of the things that makes our school so special.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who have worked exceptionally hard in the lead-up to their SATs. Their journey towards this point has started long before this year, and throughout that time they have consistently shown determination, focus and a strong desire to learn. All of the staff at Cardinham are incredibly proud of the progress they have made but most importantly of the positive role models they are for the rest of the school. Although I have only been part of a small section of their journey, I am immensely proud of how they continue to strive to be the very best they can be. We wish them the best of luck during this week!

On **Friday 22nd May**, we would like to invite families of **Hedgehog Class** to come and see some of the children's wonderful work. As we have done with Squirrel and Deer Class, the classroom will be opened as a forum for parents and carers to view what the children have been learning. This time, the class will be open from 2:50pm, allowing families to visit before the end of the school day. These events have been very popular this year, and we look forward to welcoming many of you.

Looking ahead, I would also like to share an important date for your diaries. On **Monday 29th June**, we will be holding our **Sports Day**, with **Thursday 1st July** as a reserve date should the weather be unsuitable. This year, we are planning to run Sports Day slightly differently to make it more manageable for families to attend. Events will take place throughout the day, allowing families to join us in the morning, the afternoon, or both if they are able to. In the morning, we will host a more traditional Sports Day with a range of races for the children to enjoy. In the afternoon, children will take part in a carousel of multi-skills activities led by our wonderful Year 6 pupils, collecting points as they move through each activity. We are also hoping that many families will be able to join us for a picnic lunch on the school field; hopefully under the warm Cardinham sunshine! More details will follow, but we wanted to give you plenty of notice to plan ahead.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to inform you of upcoming dates but please come and find me if you have any questions.

Thank you all, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes  
Mr Larcombe

## Diary Dates 2026

- Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - KS2 SATS.
- Friday 22nd May - Parents Sharing Learning (parents welcome to come in and look at children's books) - Hedgehog Class 2:30pm
- Friday 22nd May - Green Day - more details below
  - 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.
    - Monday 29th June - Sports Day
  - Thursday 2nd July - Sports Day Reserve Date
  - Wednesday 22nd July - Summer Fair - 2pm

# Celebrating Success!!

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## Pupil of the Week

Week commencing

27/04/26

Hedgehog

Class -

Nursery - George

Year R - Florence J-E

Year 1 - Ivy

Squirrel Class

Year 2 : Ava,

Year 3 : Fife

Deer Class -

Year 4 : Florence B

Year 5 : Charlie J-E,

Year 6 : Alfie R

## 'WOW' Wall

Week commencing

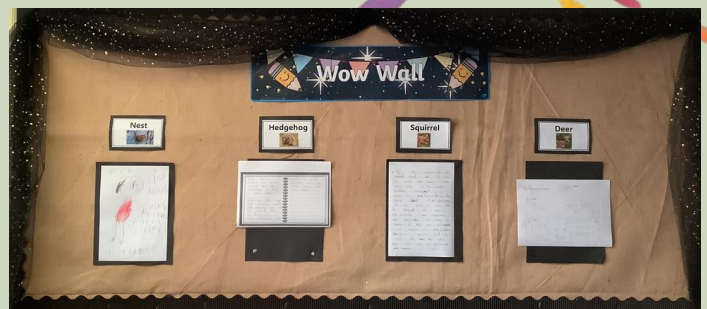
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Nest - Alfie R

Hedgehog Class - Oakley

Squirrel Class - Rora

Deer Class - Florence



## School Climate Action Plan - Green Day

On Friday 22nd May, our amazing School Council will be launching Cardinham School Climate Action Plan with our Green Day.

Children are invited to come into school in non-school uniform and to wear something coloured green.

They will take part in a range of activities focussing on our environment and caring for our planet.

Julie Finney (Neal's Yard Organics) has kindly agreed to run a workshop making bath salts and / or hand cream using organic ingredients and plants from our garden.

We are requesting a voluntary donation of £2 cash per child to cover the cost of the workshop.

A list of ingredients used in the salts base and cream is available upon request.



# Class Update

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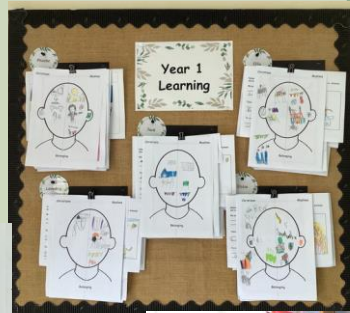
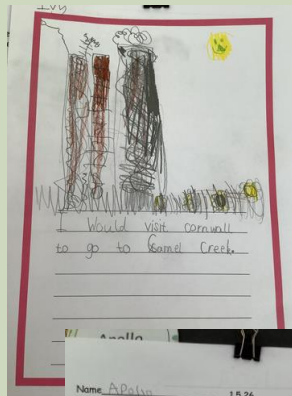
## Hedgehog

What a busy two weeks it's been in Hedgehogs Class! We have been sharing the story *Whatever Next!* by Jill Murphy in Drawing Club, which has inspired us to put our recently developed D.T. junk modelling skills to use and make our own rockets during our daily COOL (Choosing Our Own Learning) time.


In Science, Nursery and Reception are patiently waiting for their cress seeds to grow; Year 1 enjoyed drawing pictures of their pets and thinking about the needs of animals.

In Geography, Nursery and Reception made actions to remember the difference in sizes between the country, county and town we live in; Year 1 have been discussing what it means to be a tourist and thinking about why others like to visit Cornwall on holiday.

Our learning lockers are bursting with work and we cannot wait to show our grown-ups next week - we hope you can pay us a visit on Friday (22nd) afternoon!



Name: Abella 15.26 Science: Animals  
Write about your pet and draw a picture of it.  
My pet is a dog  
Their name is Gwen  
To care for my pet, I need to walk her



## Squirrel



Over the last two weeks, we have been learning about the art of persuasion and how to present our ideas clearly and convincingly.

As part of our work, we wrote persuasive letters to Mr Larcombe sharing suggestions for exciting events and activities we would love to see at school. The children showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm, proposing ideas such as having a class pet, organising a Fossil Day, hosting a Maths Day, and inviting the emergency services into school for a special learning event. It has been wonderful to see the pupils using their persuasive writing skills so confidently while sharing thoughtful ideas to help make our school an even more inspiring place to learn.

Dear Mr Larcombe  
I am writing on behalf of Squirrel class and Deer class because we would like sports school uniform.  
Firstly, it would be sensible and it would be better for us to play in shorts and t-shirts.  
Secondly, it would be good for the summer when it's warm and in the winter we could have fleeces with out logos like Arsenal have.  
Finally, playing football will make us feel happier and it would be better than we made new friends.  
Yours Sincerely  
Teddy Seattle

Dear Mr Larcombe  
I am writing on behalf of the school because we would like a school garden with a small tool to plant seeds. Next we could learn about what plants need to grow.  
Firstly, having a school garden would encourage people to learn a lot more about plants. We need to learn to be responsible for plants. Then we can go to a farm and learn about plants and flowers. Next we could go and learn what animals could be in the garden.  
Secondly, having a garden would mean that if you were class you can go and look at the flowers and play some games. After that flowers, plants, and mushrooms in the garden will be cared for.  
Finally, having a school garden would teach us how to take care of plants and animals in the garden.  
We understand that having a school garden is a big job and we promise to care for it every day.  
Thank you for reading the letter and have a good think about our idea and if a school garden is a good place to have for the school.  
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## Deer



In Deer class, Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard in the run up to their SATS. The children are so prepared and have been cool, calm and collected all week. We know how incredibly they are going to do and wish them the best of luck. Please have a relaxing weekend in the sunshine and get plenty of rest before next week!

Year 4 and 5 have worked hard on their maths and times tables knowledge all week! The children really enjoyed PSHE lessons about democracy and freedom as part of our British Values - particularly learning about Harriet Tubman and her work on the Underground Railroad.




## The Nest



The Nest has taken their learning outside, enjoying the sunshine. They have enjoyed reading together, enjoyed working on their gross motor skills and balance by using hula hoops, playing hopscotch, and balancing. They have explored the garden, looking at the different plants and discovering the different scents of the flowers and herbs. They also spotted some butterflies and recreated their own using chalk. In maths they have recapped 2D shapes through continuous provision. They have made pictures by drawing around 2D shapes and placing them in patterns and have even created 3D shapes using magnet shapes. "Look, I've made a cube!"

# 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**

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## 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.

**WHITSUN ARGYLE FOOTBALL CAMPS**

26 - 29 MAY | 9.30AM - 3.30PM  
Boys & Girls All Abilities Aged 5-15



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PLYMOUTH	EAST CORNWALL / NORTH DEVON
Tuesday, 26 May Manadon Sports Hub	Tuesday, 26 May Lanivet Community Hub Callington 3G
Wednesday, 27 May Manadon Sports Hub Iybridge Community College Manadon Sports Hub - Argyle SEND Camp	Wednesday, 27 May Dobwalls Football Club
Thursday, 28 May Manadon Sports Hub Iybridge Community College Manadon Sports Hub - Argyle SEND Football Camp	Thursday, 28 May Saltmill 3G, Saltash St Teath Football Club
Friday, 29 May Home Park - Argyle Girls Only Football Camp The Hub at Foulston Park - Argyle Multi Sports Camp	Friday, 29 May St Joseph's School, Launceston Bude Football Club
MID CORNWALL	
Tuesday, 26 May Penair School Brannel School	
Wednesday, 27 May Treviglas Academy Falmouth Sports Hub - Argyle Girls Only Football Camp	
Thursday, 28 May Helston FC Perrice Academy	
Friday, 29 May Falmouth Sports Hub Cornwall College	
SOUTH DEVON	
Tuesday, 26 May Devon FA	
Wednesday, 27 May Kingsbridge CC	




**BAG 2 SCHOOL**

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



## 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.



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Play Music.

For more information head to:  
[CMST.co.uk/learnmore](https://CMST.co.uk/learnmore)

Sign Up at:  
[CMST.co.uk/signup](https://CMST.co.uk/signup)





# 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.

**27/04/2026 - 08/05/2026**

**Whole School - 96.76%**

**Hedgehog - 96.44%**

**Squirrel - 96.3%**

**Deer - 97.31%**

