

8th June 2026

Cardinham School Newsletter



A word from Mr Larcombe

Dear Cardinham School Community,

Summer is one of my favourite terms, with so many exciting events on the calendar and opportunities for us as a school community. During this term, we will look ahead to moving on to new year groups next year and come together to take part in events such as Sports Day and our Summer Fayre. Your child will come home with a letter this week outlining all of the key events over the last seven weeks of the school year. As always, these may change, but we will aim to give you plenty of notice.

This week, our children in Year 1 will complete their Phonics Screening Check and our Year 4 children will complete the Multiplication Tables Check. The staff and I are so proud of the progress the children have made and of their enthusiasm to learn and develop, whether this is through learning their times tables, practising their phonics, or embracing any other aspect of school life. At Cardinham, we want children to develop a real thirst for learning, and this is something which is evident right across our school.

Last week, I had the pleasure of going to London with a group of children from Deer Class. We had a magical time and I was blown away by how the children applied themselves and embraced the three days we spent there. A real highlight was seeing how our Cardinham children cared for one another, as well as for the Nanpean children we travelled with, showing amazing kindness and maturity throughout the trip. Once again, our children demonstrated what makes our community so special. This was something noticed and commented on by several people we met during our visit. Well done to the children for making us proud wherever we go!

A special thank you goes to the staff who helped make the trip such a success, and especially to Miss Tucker for planning such a wonderful experience. Whilst away in London, it was also a pleasure to catch up with Mrs Ashley each day and hear about the wonderful time the children were having back at school, with pupils continuing to display kindness and enthusiastically embracing the activities organised by staff. A big thank you also to the wonderful staff who made this time so special.

Looking ahead, I have a date for your diaries. On Saturday 4th July, we will hold a Community Day where we will paint parts of the school. This promises to be a fantastic event where we can add some colour to the school and come together to have some fun at the same time. Families are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy spending time together in our beautiful school grounds.

Whether you can join us for the whole day or just for an hour, it would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With seven weeks to go, I am excited about all that is coming up and everything we have planned for our children and families.

Best wishes
Matt Larcombe

Diary Dates 2026

- Wednesday 17th June - Whole School Photos.
- Thursday 18th June - Deer Class - Planet Waste Workshop
- Friday 19th June - Deer Class - Trip to La Hayes Farm
- Tuesday 23rd June - Year 6 - Transition Visit to Bodmin College
- Thursday 25th June - Squirrel Class - Trip to La Hayes Farm
- Friday 26th June - Hedgehog Class - Trip to La Hayes Farm
- Monday 29th June - Sports Day
- Thursday 2nd July - Sports Day Reserve Date
- Saturday 4th July - Community Painting Day at School
- Wednesday 22nd July - Summer Fair - 2pm
- Friday 24th July - Last Day of Term - Finish at 2pm



Whole School Zoo Trip - September 2026

Newquay
Zoo

We are thrilled to share some exciting news, all children in Reception to Year 6 will be going on a school trip to Newquay Zoo in September 2026!

We were successful in our bid to the Cally Barrett Wind Turbine Community Fund, who have very generously awarded us £1,143.75. This funding will fully cover the cost of the zoo tickets and the coaches, ensuring that every child can take part in this fantastic experience.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore wildlife, deepen their understanding of conservation, and enjoy a memorable day out together as a school community.

Class Update

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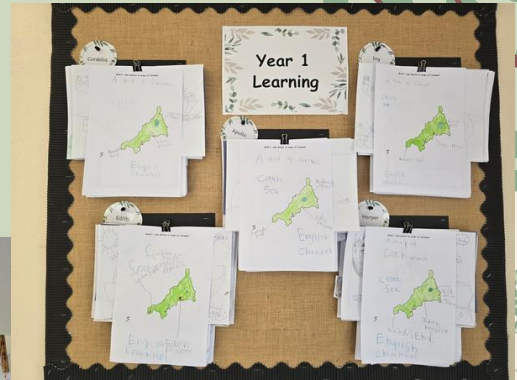


Hedgehog

What a busy, albeit soggy, first week back after half-term! Nursery and Reception have embraced their creative side in Art with Mrs. Butler, learning to use paints and objects to print accurately. This linked brilliantly with our Drawing Club book, Handa's Surprise, as the children experimented with fruits to create different shapes on their summer pictures. Nursery and Reception (and the birds!) have enjoyed our continuous provision fruit shop outside, too, with children writing their own shopping lists and using money to buy pineapple, avocado and mango fruits.

Year 1 have been practising their drawing and colouring skills in Geography, learning how to add details to pictures and maps of Cornwall. We now know the difference between human/physical features and can find Cornwall on a map of the UK.

All of Hedgehogs have made fantastic progress in their reading over the last half-term, and in order to keep this going, please ensure your child is reading to you regularly (every school day would be ideal!) Thank you for your continued support.



Squirrel



Squirrel Class had a fantastic art day, exploring their creativity through a collage project. The children began by sketching their ideas, carefully planning their designs and thinking about how their artwork would come together.

They then used a range of materials to bring their sketches to life, creating colourful and imaginative collages. It was wonderful to see their ideas develop from paper to final piece, and they showed great focus, creativity and pride in their work throughout the day.



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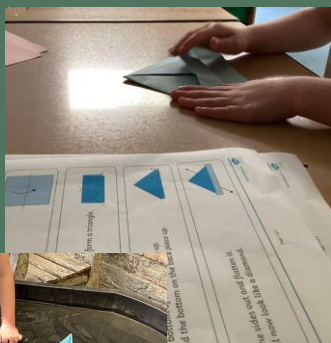
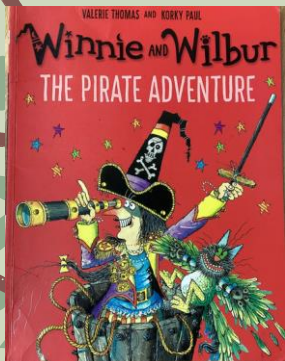
Deer



While some of our children in Deer class were away on the London trip, those who remained at school also had a fantastic and active few days together. They enjoyed a range of sports activities including end ball, pickleball and hockey, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout.

The children also visited La Hayes Farm, where they took part in a fun filled 'Farm Olympics'. They worked brilliantly together in a variety of team building games, explored the farm during a scavenger hunt, and even had the opportunity to make their own candle. Back at school, the children also enjoyed a range of creative activities. They carefully designed and made their own string portraits, explored printing techniques, and used their imaginations to create detailed real or mythical creatures.

It was a wonderful few days, new experiences and great memories for everyone involved.



The Nest



In the Nest, children have used their curiosity to fuel their learning. Whilst reading the book, *Winnie and Wilbur - The Pirate Adventure*, the children lead the discussion about how boats move along the water. It turned into a great debate with some amazing ideas focused around sails, power from engines and the Titanic! They then developed their listening and fine motor skills by making paper boats out of coloured paper and decorating them. Next, they took their learning outside and spent some time exploring different ways that they could get their boats to move along the water.

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Bag2School

FINAL REMINDER!!

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.



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CORNWALL COUNCIL Libraries GO ALL IN. National Reading Week 2026

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

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined and supported our Neal's Yard event. It was an informative, relaxing evening with plenty of laughs, and together we raised £140.

As we get everything ready for our Summer Fayre on Wednesday 22nd July at 2pm, we would like to thank everyone who has offered ideas for stalls and activities on the Parents and Friends of Cardinham School Facebook group. Your support and creativity are truly appreciated. If you haven't had a chance to share your ideas yet, there is still time and we would love to hear from you!

Open to All
 Senior
 Prep
 Local Community

TRURO SCHOOL COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2026
 12.00pm - 9.00pm
 SEN & Toddler Bounce Session from 11am

TRURO SCHOOL

Live Music and Entertainment
 Festival Food Court
 Buskers Corner
 Artisan Stalls
 and More

Circus Skills
 Little Eden Bounce Parc
 Swimming Pool Inflatables
 Archery and Climbing Wall
 Treasure Hunt

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Our Annual Community Event

2pm - 4pm Saturday
Stalls 13th June

Food and Drinks

Competition

AT CARDINHAM PARISH HALL

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



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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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.

18/05/2026 - 05/06/2026

Whole School - 96.05%

Hedgehog - 95.18%

Squirrel - 97.62%

Deer - 95.79%

