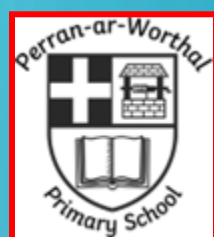


THE HEFFERTON POST

July 13th 2026



ANOTHER BUSY AND EXCITING WEEK AT SCHOOL!

Even though we are now coming to the end of what is always a very busy term, we have continued to pack each week with exciting opportunities for the children. See below what the children have been up to this week!



Following a highly competitive few weeks of heats, our five Yr6 finalists took baking to a whole new level on Wednesday with the most impressive results. Rachael Knowles, Head of Food Technology from Penryn College, was our guest judge along with our Chair of Governors, Val Royston. Staff also couldn't resist getting in on the judging with so many delicious cakes to taste.

But, WHAT A FINAL! The standard can be clearly seen in the pictures. Rachael Knowles was not just blown away by the standard of cooking but by the way in which our Yr6 finalists conducted themselves in the busy kitchen with their confident, purposeful, calm and respectful manner. The winner will be announced on the last day of term. We are so very proud of you all! A huge thank you to Mrs Lightfoot who has helped to inspire these talented young bakers over the years.



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ELMORE STRING QUARTET LEAVE PUPILS IN AWE!

On Wednesday, our children had the privilege to enjoy the hour-long performance delivered by the incredibly talented Elmore String Quartet. Not only did the performance leave the children of all ages spellbound, but the staff were spellbound too! The enthusiasm following the performance continued back in the classrooms as the children were asking even more questions about what they had seen and heard. The opportunity for primary school pupils to see and hear live musicians of this high standard is a rare occurrence. We were delighted to have been one of the chosen schools they contacted as part of their tour.

'The Elmore Quartet play with the ferocity of musicians determined to make an impact.' - The Guardian



BOOMWHAKERS AWAY! Our final Fab Friday of the term was made even more fabulous last week with one of my personal favourite annual concerts from Yr3. It is simply quite amazing what you can do with a selection of coloured plastic tubing of varying lengths! The enthusiasm of the children combined with Mrs Arthur's highly skilled musical ability makes for the perfect combination when Yr3 are given the opportunity to learn rhythm and chord notation as they boomwhaker along to a wide range of classical and contemporary music. The delightful performance was enjoyed by a large audience of KS2 children, parents and relatives of our Yr3 pupils. Well done to our brilliant Boomwhaker instrumentalists – a well-deserved huge round of applause was given by all as a result of their wonderful performance.



AND THERE'S STILL MORE TO COME – SO, WHAT'S COMING UP!

- Moving-Up day for all pupils (apart from Yr6 of course!)
- Meet the Teacher Meetings
- SPORTS DAY (now moved to a 10am start)
- Yr6 End of Year Production
- Yr2 Onsite Camping Day
- Yr6 Buddy Day with Puffins
- Yr6 Leaver's Assembly

BUSY! BUSY! BUSY!

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY 2026

We are always wishing the best for the children in our care and welcome any feedback that highlights what we do well and where we can further improve. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the annual Parent Survey by clicking on the picture below. The closing date for completing the survey is Tuesday, 21st July 2026. Thank you for your support with helping us to continuously improve our provision for your children.





TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS 8th July 2026

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 50 TEAM POINTS

Year 2: Finch

SILVER CERTIFICATE – 100 TEAM POINTS

Year 2: Arthur Co

GOLD CERTIFICATE – 150 TEAM POINTS

Year 2: Jordan and Renn

MEDAL – 200 TEAM POINTS

Year 1: Toby

Year 2: Rafe, Piran, Seb, Hugo, Aurora, Joshua, Jack.W, Luna, Emily and Alfie

Year 4: Albie

Year 5: Lily, Tamsyn, Teddy, Niamh, Olivia and Raffy

Year 6: Amelia and Juno

BADGE – 250 TEAM POINTS

Year 2: Margot and Ember

Year 3: Jessica

Year 4: Lara

HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE AWARD – 300 TEAM POINTS

Year 5: Daphne, Henry, Eva, Genevieve and Isabella

Citizen / Learner of the Week – w/c 10th July 2026

Puffins

- Learner – Loretta (For always approaching her learning with enthusiasm and never giving up)

- Citizen – Tegenn (For settling into a new class, being brave and making new friends)

Wagtails

- Learner – Lily (For consistently giving your best. You are such a good role model to others!)

- Citizen – Logan (For always being a happy and friendly playmate)

Robins

- Learner – Tiber (For working incredibly hard in everything he does, always)

- Citizen – Ember (For always showing kindness and care towards other children as well as staff in school)

Starlings

- Learner – Betsy (For her approach to writing her Mary Anning biography)

- Citizen – Jovie (For always being ready to learn)

Skylarks

- Learner – Senara (For always engaging with her learning and contributing to class discussion)

- Citizen – Elodie (For kindness and altruism – always doing the right thing purely because it's the right thing to do)

Kingfishers

- Learner – Daniel (For creating emotive phrases during energiser)

- Citizen – Mhoirbheinn (For demonstrating many of the Skills Builder attributes)

Swifts

- Learner – Darcy (For excellent problem solving when the class played 'Escape the Room' especially as she was a team-mate short)

- Citizen – Ula (For a continued conscientious attitude during her penultimate week of Primary school)



WB 13th July: Meet the Teacher Meetings for Parents at 3.30pm in the classrooms where your children will be in September:

- **Monday, 13th – Soon to be Robins' Meeting**
- **Tuesday, 14th – Soon to be Skylarks' Meeting**
- **Tuesday, 14th – Soon to be Kingfishers' Meeting**
- **Tuesday, 14th – Soon to be Swifts' Meeting**
- **Thursday, 16th – Soon to be Wagtails' Meeting**
- **Thursday, 16th – Soon to be Starlings' Meeting**

13th July: Moving Up Day for all pupils (morning only)

14th July: Yr6 Dress Rehearsal for End of Year

Production

14th July: Yr6 Matinee Performance at 1.30pm (in the school hall)

14th July: Yr6 Evening Performance at 5.30pm (in the school hall)

15th July: SPORTS DAY – 10am on the Village Green

17th July: Yr2 On-Site Camping Day

20th July: Yr6 Buddy Day with Puffins' Class

21st July: Yr6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am and Last Day of Term for all pupils

22nd and 23rd July: INSET Days (school closed to all pupils)

3rd Sept 2026: INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)

4th Sept 2027: First Day of Autumn Term

Please note that there will be further dates added as the year progresses. If any dates need changing due to unforeseen circumstances, then we will give you as much notice as possible. We will keep you informed of any changes and additions on our weekly newsletter and via dojo.

Please see below for term dates and INSET days for the next two academic years. We ask you to not take holiday during term time. Thank you for respecting this.

Information Classification: PUBLIC

Cornwall Council

2026/27 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

September 2026						October 2026						November 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue		3	10	17	24	
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Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2026						January 2027						February 2027						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon		1	8	15	22	
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School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day	28 December 2026
New Years Day	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

3 September - 18 December 2026
(HALF TERM 26 - 30 October 2026)

SPRING TERM (54 days)

4 January - 25 March 2027
(HALF TERM 15 - 19 February 2027)

SUMMER TERM (69 days)

12 April - 23 July 2027
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2027)

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2 September - 22 December 2027
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 October 2027)

SPRING TERM (57 days)

6 January - 31 March 2028
(HALF TERM 14 - 18 February 2028)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)

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Gardeners' House
Offering our landscape and story



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Mental Health Support Team Wild Wellbeing

This summer please join MHST and other partners for a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.**

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book **EACH** child on to a session

The sessions will last approx. 2 hours and sign up will close one week before the event, or when sessions are full.

Locations and dates

All sessions begin at 10am

Tuesday 28 July - **Trengwainton Gardens**

Tuesday 28 July - **Golitha Falls**

Thursday 30 July - **The Core, St Ives Orchard**

Monday 3 August - **Tehidy Woods**

Tuesday 4 August - **Penrose Estate**

Wednesday 5 August - **Lanhydrock**

Wednesday 12 August - **Kennack Sands**

Thursday 13 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**

Tuesday 18 August - **Lanhydrock**

Wednesday 19 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**

Monday 24 August - **Tehidy Woods**

Tuesday 25 August - **Trengwainton Gardens**

Tuesday 25 August - **Dipping Pond**

To book a place please complete the online form or scan the QR code to sign up



<https://forms.office.com/e/XSQp0XRw5a>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

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August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
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September Timetable

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Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
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A REMINDER REGARDING TERM TIME HOLIDAYS:

WARNING LETTER! Local Authority Schools have been instructed to send this warning letter to parents who are taking their child out of school during term time for unauthorised absences. Please could we ask you to read this carefully to fully appreciate the implications of unauthorised absences. As a school we have no choice but to follow this procedure and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

Dear Parent/Carer

Here at Perran-ar-Worthal School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form.

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.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Perran-ar-Worthal School is committed to enabling every child to reach their full potential and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Heffer