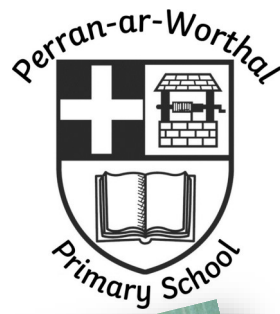


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VERY MOMENT MATTERS!



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025

So, why did we choose The Big Umbrella for World Book Day?

On a rainy day, a child takes their red umbrella from the hall and heads out through the door. On the pavement, by the bus stop, and at the crossing, the umbrella encounters people in need of shelter and lovingly draws them underneath its ever-expanding canopy. The group huddled underneath is delightfully varied and each individual is unique and special. At one point, the eclectic bunch is composed of a hairy brown creature, a petite prima ballerina, an agile basketball player and a pair of enormous duck feet.

***“It loves to give shelter.
It loves to gather people in.”***

Newcomers approach looking hopeful and expectant, or sometimes defeated and weary. Some people question whether there is enough room under the umbrella for more. But the amazing thing is, there always is! On the closing page, the red umbrella smiles over the beautifully diverse community congregated under its canopy—a community that includes a diverse group of individuals that have come together as one with total acceptance and inclusion of each individual.

AMAZING COSTUMES! To celebrate a love of reading, we were amazed to see the wide range of incredible costumes on our World Book Day. Below are only a few of the pictures taken throughout the day—a flavour of a fun filled day of celebrating books!





The Great Virtual Balloon Race!



A huge thank you to our FOPS team for organising this exciting event. The winners of the race were announced on World Book Day and were delighted to receive a fantastic prize.

An amazing £272.52 was raised.



ANOTHER CAKE STALL SUCCESS!

True to form, the array of cakes on offer at last week's cake stall was a delight to behold. An amazing **£145.95** was raised by the Starlings class. A huge well done and thank you for all your generous donations of yummy offerings and for those who helped to run yet another very busy end of day cake stall.

Random
Act of
KINDNESS

Mr Mitchell (Dad of Maddox in Yr4) would like to put forward TJ (Yr4) for a Random Act of Kindness. When taking part in the cross-country race at Penryn last week, Maddox suddenly felt sick and had to stop running . TJ stopped mid race to check if

Maddox was OK. A fantastic example of kindness towards others. Well done and thank you for your kindness, TJ!



TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS 27th February 2025

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 50 TEAM POINTS

Year 2: Ariana

Year 5: Ted and Noa

SILVER CERTIFICATE – 100 TEAM POINTS

Reception: Pearl, Otis, Sol, Logan, Ada and Finlay

Year 1: Artie, Hugh and Rupert

Year 2: Suri, Elowen and Isaac

Year 3: Thomas

Year 5: Calla

Year 6: Rosie.S and Ellie

GOLD CERTIFICATE – 150 TEAM POINTS

Year 3: Hetty and Lauren

Year 4: Raffy

Year 6: Leo

MEDAL – 200 TEAM POINTS

Year 3: Martha



TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS 6th March 2025

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 50 TEAM POINTS

Year 5: Indie and Agnes

SILVER CERTIFICATE – 100 TEAM POINTS

Reception: Ryan, Capucine and Somhairle

Year 2: Ruan, Nancy, Willow and Agnes

Year 4: Bertie

Year 5: Amelia, Finn, Violet and Loic

Year 6: Fearne and Jack

GOLD CERTIFICATE – 150 TEAM POINTS

Reception: Harvey and Zoe

Year 3: Bella

Year 4: Lottie, Ned and Isabella

MEDAL – 200 TEAM POINTS

Year 3: Logan

Citizen / Learner of the Week – 24th February 2025

Puffins

Learner – Otis (For being patient)

Citizen – Benji (For always being ready, respectful and safe)

Wagtails

Learner – Rafe (For independence with his sentence writing and trying hard to apply his phonics when writing)

Citizen – Renn (For showing great teamwork and ideas in Science this week building different houses)

Robins

Learner – Agnes (For incredible division work in Maths this week)

Citizen – Nancy (For always being the best you can be in everything)

Starlings

Learner – Thomas (For incredible effort and resilience in swimming)

Citizen – Albie (For being kind and encouraging to his peers who were finding swimming a challenge)

Skylarks

Learner – Niamh (For putting in her all to learning – it's especially wonderful watching her confidence grow in Maths)

Citizen – Lottie (For effort with her learning along with her efforts to support others in theirs. You have been a great team player this week!)

Kingfishers

Learner – Amelia (For 100% effort in every unit in Maths so far)

Citizen – Loic (For discussing problems and helping his peers in Maths)

Swifts

Learner – Archie (For effort and understanding in algebra)

Citizen – Rosie S (Excellent demonstration of essential skill 'leadership' especially during Maths lessons)

Citizen / Learner of the Week – w/c 3rd March 2025

Puffins

Learner – Jasper (For contributing great ideas during class discussions on World Book Day)

Citizen – Austin (For always offering to help with any jobs that need doing)

Wagtails

Learner – Ruben B (For excellent effort in phonics this week)

Citizen – Isabelle (For always helping others and being an excellent role model to everyone in Wagtails)

Robins

Learner – Barnaby (For working exceptionally hard in phonics)

Citizen – Meyer (For being a kind friend to others and showing an excellent understanding of the themes of 'The Big Umbrella')

Starlings

Learner – Martha (For completing so many extra maths investigations for homework – she explains everything so thoroughly!)

Citizen – Logan (For being the first out of the changing rooms at swimming multiple times)

Skylarks

Learner – Teddy (For consistent hard work and beautiful presentation – always taking pride in his work)

Citizen – Ned (For aiming high and always pushing himself to do his best – going the extra mile)

Kingfishers


Learner – Theo (For working so hard with reading)

Citizen – Juno (for always showing kindness and encouragement to her peers)

Swifts

Learner – Seth (For understanding and application of algebra)

Citizen – Jasmine (For checking in with people every day – including her teacher!)



In Case You
Missed It!

YOUTH SPEAKS 2025

The annual event convened by the Rotary Club allows local school children to experience public speaking. A very powerful skill in this day and age. To hold the attention of an audience using persuasive and well thought out details and arguments is not easy and is certainly not a run of the mill activity for children under the age of 11!

Archie, Rosie and Bethany, the team of three, were selected by Perranarworthal School to be their representatives in the local event hosted by Devoran school with other schools invited to attend.

Their chosen theme 'My favourite myth' gave them every opportunity to develop information and comparison. They chose the rich vein of local myths including Cornish Piskies and were well coached and tutored by Mr T (senior) during school team meetings to hone their public speaking and presentation skills.

Early in January they delivered their presentation to a packed school assembly. Archie (Chair person) showed nerves introducing Rosie (Speaker) and invited her well thought out three minutes explanation of the favourite myths. Finally Bethany (Proposer) summarised the presentation and invited a question from the audience which was expertly managed.

Throughout the assembly (rehearsal for the competition) the audience were captivated. Approximately 100 children 'leaning in', listening and engaged by the three presenters excellent, well crafted speaking and information.

This was a privilege to see as young children developing lifelong skills shared the moment of speaking and listening.

Well done to all involved at PAWS!

The winner of local competition event was Truro Prep School. Maybe a bit of a disappointment to the PAWS team but nevertheless the accurate public feedback from the judges highlighted all that was good about Archie, Rosie and Bethany, with one or two points that were achieved better by Truro Prep.

So at the conclusion of this year's Youth Speaks competition the attention turns to the present Year 5 children. Hopefully they will be enthused by public speaking and will be the selected presenters for 2026! No pressure there then!

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3rd April
19:00 - 20:30
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Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

Diary Dates



WB 10th March: Cornwall Music Festival for those taking part

WB 17th March: Scholastic Book Fair each day this week in Robins' Classroom from 3.30pm

Wednesday, 19th March: Songfest at Truro Cathedral for Yr6 singers

Thursday, 20th March: Non-Uniform Day for Raffle prizes for the Spring Plays event (any items for our hampers will be welcomed e.g. bottles, treats, toys, books, pamper gifts etc)

Friday, 21st March: World Poetry Day

Wednesday, 26th March: 2.45pm Yr4 Brass Ensemble for Yr4 parents

Friday, 28th March: Yr3, 4 and 5 Spring Plays at 6pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday, 2nd April: World Autism Awareness Day

Friday, 4th April: Last day of term

Monday, 7th April to Monday, 21st April: EASTER BREAK

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.

Diary Dates



Monday, 16th April: National Offer Day for Primary School Places

Tuesday, 22nd April: First day of Summer term—School open to all pupils

Thursday, 24th April: Non-Uniform Day for Choccy Bingo

Friday, 25th April: Choccy Bingo at Village Hall. More information about arrangements to be confirmed closer to the date.

Monday, 5th May: BANK HOLIDAY—School Closed

Thursday, 8th May: Victory in Europe Day

WB: Monday 12th May: KS2 SATS week

Tuesday, 20th May: Class photos

WB 26th May: HALF TERM WEEK

Thursday, 5th June: World Environment Day

WB 9th June: Final Term Progress Review Meetings

Thursday, 12th June: Science Day

17th June, 24th June, 1st July 2pm to 2.45pm: Learning Together sessions

30th June, 1st and 2nd July: Yr6 camp at Porthpean

Thursday, 3rd July: Yr4 Surf and Sleep

Thursday, 3rd July: Yr3 Seal Sanctuary and Tea (TBC)

Wednesday 9th July to Friday 11th July: Yr5 Camp at CampKernow

Tuesday, 15th July: Yr6 Production Matinee and Evening performance

Thursday, 17th July: Sports Day

Monday, 21st July: Back up Sports Day

Tuesday, 22nd July: Yr6 leavers assembly 9.30am to 11am and last day of term

Wednesday, 23rd July: INSET day—School Closed

Thursday, 24th July to Tuesday, 2nd September: SUMMER BREAK

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We are delighted to welcome Emma Counsell who will be at our school each week on a Tuesday afternoon to work with children on a 1-1 basis, in groups and whole classes. Below is more information about what Emma is trained to deliver.

Hello!

My name is Emma Counsell (she/her)



I work for the NHS, Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Schools.

I am an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) and I work with children who might be feeling sad or worried, to try to help them feel better. I work with children in groups, 1:1 and with the whole class. I sometimes work with parents and carers too.

Here are some things about me:

I enjoy gig rowing and reading.

I love going on muddy walks with my family.

I look forward to meeting you soon.



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