



9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't quite believe that we are already just one week away from half term! The autumn term has flown by, and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning across the school.

This week, we have spent a lot of time thinking about and looking at mathematics across the school. It has been a real pleasure to drop into lessons, look at children's work and talk to pupils about their learning. I have been incredibly impressed by what I have seen. The children have shown great enthusiasm, resilience and confidence when tackling mathematical challenges, and it is clear that they are working hard to develop their understanding.

One area that we are placing a particular focus on is mathematical fluency, especially children's recall of key number facts and times tables. Being able to quickly recall multiplication facts has a huge impact on children's confidence and success in maths. The more opportunities children have to practise at home, the better. Some simple ways you can help include:

- Regularly practising times tables on Times Table Rock Stars.
- Quick-fire questioning while travelling in the car or walking to school.
- Chanting tables together and challenging children to answer randomly ordered questions.
- Looking for real-life opportunities to use multiplication, such as calculating the cost of multiple items when shopping.
- Using playing cards to create rapid recall games and challenges.

Just a few minutes of practice little and often can make a **HUGE** difference.

Alongside our maths focus, we have continued to place a strong emphasis on Science throughout the school. We are always looking for opportunities to make learning practical, memorable and engaging, and it has been fantastic to see children developing their scientific knowledge through investigation, exploration and hands-on activities.



A huge shout-out this week goes to our amazing Mighty Oaks class, who took part in a First Aid Morning on Wednesday. Their enthusiasm, maturity and engagement throughout the session were fantastic to see. The children embraced every opportunity to learn new skills and are now much better equipped to respond in an emergency situation. We are very proud of them.

We have ended the week by taking part in Hello Yellow, thinking about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. The sea of yellow around school brought lots of smiles, and it provided a valuable opportunity for us to talk about how we look after ourselves and others. Looking after our

wellbeing is just as important as looking after our physical health, and it was wonderful to see the children engaging so thoughtfully with this important message.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone for a final busy and successful week before half term.



Mr Hick

Face to Face Meetings (Live now – sorry for the confusion last week)

A reminder that during the week beginning 12th October, we will be holding our face-to-face Parent Consultation Meetings.

Details of how to book an appointment have already been sent out, and we would encourage all families to sign up for a slot. These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class, celebrate their successes and talk about how they are progressing with their learning so far this year.

Working together is key to ensuring every child has the best possible experience at school, so please do make every effort to attend.

Please note that there will be no after-school clubs running during Parent Consultation Week to allow staff to meet with families.

Harvest Festival

On 14th October, we will be holding two short Harvest Celebrations at Chacewater Church:

- Key Stage 2: 1:30pm
- Reception and Key Stage 1: 2:15pm



Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Please be mindful that space within the church is limited.

Throughout the week, we will also be collecting donations for Truro Foodbank. If you would like to contribute, information about suitable food donations can be found [HERE](#).

Please note that these are intended to be simple, low-key celebrations of harvest and an opportunity to support our local community through Truro Foodbank. While the children will

undoubtedly sing with great enthusiasm, this is not a formal performance, so please don't expect a polished production!

We urgently need:

Tins of meat (pies, in sauce, cold)
Tinned potatoes
Tinned carrots, sweetcorn, peas
Tinned tomatoes
Pasta
Microwavable rice
Tinned fruit
Tinned puddings / custard
Biscuits
Shower gel
Toilet rolls

Term Date Review

As part of our ongoing review of school term dates, TPAT is seeking the views of staff and parents/carers on the two-week October half term break. The Trust adopted this pattern in recent years by slightly shortening the summer holiday and extending the October half term break from one week to two weeks. We are keen to understand parent/carers experience of this and whether it should continue. Feedback will be considered alongside the evidence and data before recommendations are made to Trustees at their meeting in December.

[Term Dates 2027 - 2028 Parent Consultation – Fill out form](#)

Lost Property Appeal



Our lost property collection appears to be growing at an impressive rate and may soon require its own classroom, staff member and place on the register!

The lost property will be available to browse during next week's parent meetings, so please do take a look. You never know, that missing jumper, water bottle, lunchbox or mysterious unnamed cardigan could be yours.

Any items that remain unclaimed after next week will be lovingly released back into the wild and made free to a good home. Please help us reunite these belongings with their rightful owners before they begin applying for permanent residency at school!

Search for Santa

Many of our children are going to be part of this production.





Nut Free



Please remember that we are a nut free school. There are several children in school that have severe nut allergies and therefore we kindly ask that you avoid giving children nuts in packed lunches.

Breaktime Snacks

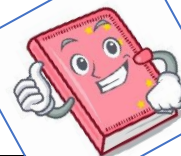
Fruit snack is only provided to children in key stage 1. Children in key stage 2 will need to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. Please also remember to send your children to school with a bottle containing **water**. Juice is allowed at lunchtime.

Uniform

Please ensure that any items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. It makes returning lost items a lot easier.

PE Days

- Reception – will be updated on Tapestry
- Year 1 – Monday and Friday
- Year 2 – Monday and Friday
- Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 4 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 5 – Monday and Tuesday
- Year 6 – Monday and Tuesday



Dates For Your Diary

w/b 7.9.26	New class/teacher meetings
w/b 21.9.26	Clubs begin
24.9.26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
28.9.26	Safe Inside Drill
W/b 12.10.26	Parent Face to Face Meetings (booking details to follow)
14.10.26	Harvest – Chacewater Church
19.10.26 – 30.10.26	October Half Term (2 weeks)
2.11.26	Start of second half of term
14.12.26	Christmas Production Week (provisional dates and times)! • 15.12.26 - Seedlings and Buds Nativities (morning and afternoon) • 16.12.26 - KS2 Carol Concerts (1.45pm and 6pm) • 17.12.26 – Acorns Nativity
16.11.26	Odd Sock Day Anti – Bullying Week
18.12.26	End of Term – 1pm Finish

Chacewater School Calendar 2026/27

September 2026	October 2026	November 2026	December 2026
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May 2027	June 2027	July 2027	August 2027
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CORNWALL COUNCIL the council for Cornwall	Together for Families
School Holidays	
Bank Holidays	25 December 2026
Christmas Day	28 December 2026
Boxing Day	01 January 2027
New Year's Day	26 March 2027
Good Friday	29 March 2027
Easter Monday	03 May 2027
May Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	30 August 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

Autumn Term
1st Sept – 18th Dec 2026
(Half Term 19th – 30th Oct)

Spring Term
4th Jan – 25th Mar 2027
(Half Term 26th – 9th Apr 2027)

Summer Term
12th Apr – 23rd Jul 2027
(Half Term 31st May – 4th Jun 2027)

INSET Days (highlighted in Yellow) school closed:

- **Mon 1st Sept 2026**
- **Mon 4th Jan 2027**



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Sophie & Dax
SEEDLINGS	Miley & Ayva
BUDS	Sennen & Alfie
YOUNG OAKS	Jidenna & Luke
BUR OAKS	Lorelei & Alivia
RED OAKS	Jensen & Analyn
MIGHTY OAKS	Everyone for Firs Aid



You are invited to our **Open Evening**

Thursday 17 September, 4.30pm - 7pm



At Redruth School our students are at the centre of everything we do. A strong academic curriculum supported by outstanding extra-curricular provision, which enables Redruth students to develop the necessary skills to be successful in their adult life.

Talks at 5pm and 6pm

Presentation and welcome by Mr Craig Bonds, Headteacher
Information about moving to secondary school
Introduction to key members of staff

4.30pm — 7pm

Teaching staff available for questions and answers
Faculty displays
Activities in all subjects with current students supporting
Guided tour of the school with current students
Competitions including an opportunity to win one of two tablets

Start your Redruth School Journey with us at our Open Evening
and see how we work together with families to inspire success, support
achievement and unlock potential.

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9AM - 12PM

for students starting secondary school
in September 2027!



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PE - 26 SEPTEMBER

SCIENCE - 3 OCTOBER

IT & DT - 10 OCTOBER

CREATIVE ARTS - 17 OCTOBER

OPEN EVENING - THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026



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Truro School



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Miss Jessica Lily Chance

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