



2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we move well into the autumn term, it is hard to believe that there are now just two weeks until half term! The weeks are flying by, and the children are fully immersed in their learning across the school.

Our youngest children in Acorns have been busy learning all about "Me", thinking carefully about friendship, kindness and what makes each of us special. In Seedlings, children have been enjoying their topic "Animal Allsorts", learning about different types of animals, what they look like and what they eat.

In Buds, pupils have been exploring how animals grow and change, developing their understanding that all animals produce young called offspring and learning about the different stages of growth. Meanwhile, Young Oaks have been investigating "What's Inside Us?", focusing on our amazing bodies, including our skeletons, muscles and the importance of healthy eating.

The learning journey continues in Bur Oaks, where children have been asking "Where Does My Food Go?" and learning all about the digestive system. In Red Oaks, learning has been driven by the science theme "Circle of Life", exploring living things and their habitats, as well as animals, including humans.

Last but certainly not least, Mighty Oaks have been studying the science theme "Have a Heart", learning about the circulatory system. They are particularly excited about an upcoming first aid training session, which will help bring their learning to life.

Of course, this is just a snapshot of the fantastic learning taking place across the school. Every classroom has been buzzing with curiosity, creativity and hard work, and we are incredibly proud of all that the children are achieving.

This week, we have also begun talking about Black History Month and the importance of recognising and celebrating the contributions, achievements and stories of Black and mixed-heritage people throughout history. In particular, the children have been fascinated to learn about William Robinson Clarke, who became the first Black pilot to serve in the British military during the First World War. His determination, courage and achievements have sparked some thoughtful discussions across the school and provided an inspiring example of perseverance and service.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another fantastic fortnight of learning before the half-term break. Have a wonderful weekend when it arrives!

Mr Hick

Face to Face Meetings

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.

Online Safety



This week's online safety focus highlights several apps, games and online services that parents may wish to be aware of.

The newsletter includes information about **AI companions (chatbots designed to simulate friendship)** and the potential risks they can pose for children, including exposure to inappropriate content, over-reliance on AI and the sharing of personal information. Parents are encouraged to have regular conversations with their children about their online activity and to ensure appropriate age restrictions and parental controls are in place.

The newsletter also raises awareness of a number of platforms and games that may appear child-friendly but contain mature content, including **Doki Doki Literature Club** and **Happy Tree Friends**, both of which contain themes that may be upsetting or unsuitable for younger audiences.

In addition, there is guidance on **CapCut**, a popular video-editing app, and **Discord**, a communication platform frequently used by young people. The newsletter highlights the importance of understanding privacy settings, monitoring use and talking regularly with children about how they stay safe online.

Alongside advice about online risks, the newsletter also provides some great ideas for positive family activities online, including quizzes, games, creative projects and educational websites.

The full Online Safety Newsletter has been shared separately with parents and carers and contains further information and guidance

Search for Santa

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



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](#)

Wear Yellow – Friday 9th October



Next Friday, we're proud to support *YoungMinds'* #HelloYellow campaign to raise awareness for children's mental health. To show our solidarity and spark some sunshine, we're inviting all pupils to come to school wearing something yellow!

Whether it's a pair of bright socks, a golden hairband, or full-on Minion chic, every splash of yellow helps us stand together for mental wellbeing. Let's turn the school into a sea of sunshine and show that we care.

Thank you for your support – let's make it a joyful, yellow-filled day!

Harvest Festival



On the 14th October we will be holding two short harvest celebrations in Chacewater Church. One for **key stage 2 at 1.30pm** and one for **key stage 1 and reception at 2.15pm**. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these but please be mindful of available space in the church. During this week we will be taking a collection of goods for Truro Foodbank.



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

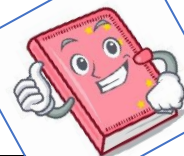
Fruit snack is only provided to children in key stage 1. Children in key stage 2 will need to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. Please also remember to send your children to school with a bottle containing water. Juice is allowed at lunchtime.

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

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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	Maeve & Zaylo-Jay
SEEDLINGS	Robyn & Corey
BUDS	Archie & Maddie
YOUNG OAKS	Isla & Jack
BUR OAKS	Olive & Daxon
RED OAKS	Holly & James
MIGHTY OAKS	Elliemay & Ella-Grace



