



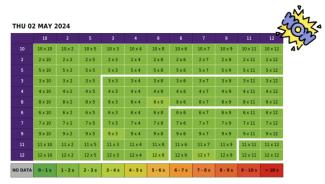


# 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have had quite a mathematical week at Chacewater. The week began with a visit by Nicky Hepworth, a curriculum advisor from Cornwall Local Authority, to our school. She joined me in visits to classrooms to look at how we teach maths at Chacewater and it would be fair to say that she was very impressed by what she saw and in particular our calm focused children and brilliant teachers!

I have also been really impressed over the last two weeks by the children in key stage 2 and their determination really become fluent in all of their times tables. We have had a continued focus on Times Table Rock Stars and this has seen lots of children turn their 'heatmap' green, which means they are fluent in all of their tables. Additionally, we are seeing heaps of personal progress and 'Rock Status' improving rapidly. Remember, that children can also access TTRS at home and just playing for a few minutes each day will really make a difference. Check out Grace's (Young Oaks) heat map below:



I have also had the pleasure of showing more people around our school this week who are interested in becoming part of our school. Next week will be holding interviews to find a teacher to cover Mrs Glanville-Thomas' maternity leave and a new teacher to take Miss Lahera's place as she jets of to Kuwait! Both positions will begin in September this year.

I hope you all have a fantastic long weekend and that the weather is kind to us all. I think we have all had enough of liquid sunshine!

Mr Hick

# Our Lovely Lollipop Man

We were really sad to hear about the incident involving our Lollipop Man, Ritchie. We hope that he is ok – today the children made cards for him. Please see the below:



#### Online Safety Newsletter

Our latest Online Safety Newsletter can be found  $\underline{\mathsf{HERE}}$ . This month is cover how online behaviour can impact on mental health, digital addiction and misinformation online. It is a quick and easy read so please do check it out.

There is also a parent/carer session scheduled for  $Wednesday~8^{th}~May~2024~-4pm~-4.45pm$  which you can join <u>HERE</u>

You do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- **Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile.** (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- If you don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.

#### **Household Support Fund 2024/25**

# The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council.

You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators.

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <a href="https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/">https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/</a>

# It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/

# Why have we made this change?

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

# Y6 Camp – Porthpean – 12<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> June



Y6 School camp is rapidly approaching and we are finalising arrangements for this. On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we are holding an information meeting for parents about our camp. The meeting will take place at the end of the school day (at about 3.20pm) in the Y6 classroom.

In this meeting we will share details about drop off and pick up arrangement. We will also be asking for parental consent forms to be completed to gather any medical and dietary requirements.

# Y6 - Richard Lander Parent/Carer Meeting

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June Lucy Watts from Richard Lander School will be visiting our Y6 cohort for a transition meeting. After school at 3.25pm, Lucy will be leading a meeting for parent/carers of those children who are going to Richard Lander. I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

#### Y5/6 Summer Show

A little way off and full details to be released soon! However, we will be presenting our Y5/6 summer show on 18<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a performance on the afternoon and in the evening. Keep the date free!

#### Y6 SATs

A reminder that these will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May through to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:

- Monday Grammar and Spelling
- Tuesday Reading
- Wednesday Maths
- Thursday Maths

It is crucial that all children in school and on time for these statutory tests.

We are inviting our Y6 children in to school a little earlier on these days for breakfast and a pre test warm up. The children can come in through the front of the school from 8.25am.

On Friday we are planning to take the children for a visit to the beach, for a well deserved post SATs reward. We will travel by minibus and will give more details next week.

#### Class Photos

We are having our class photo day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Can all children wear their normal school uniform on this day and if it is a PE day for them please can they bring their PE kit in school to change into.



## Swimming – rapidly approaching – Y5 and Y6



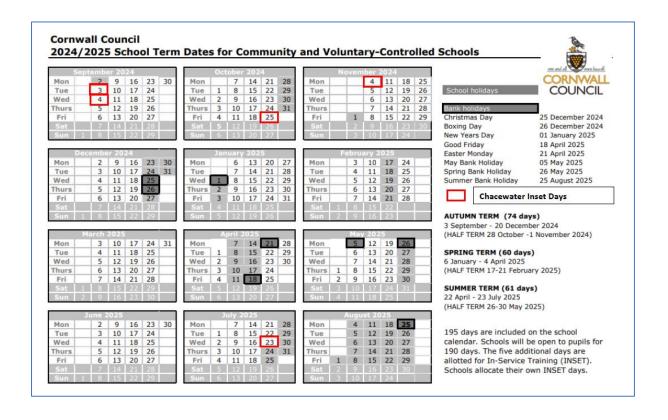
We are really pleased that we will be able to take our Y6 children (Mighty Oaks) swimming in over a two-week block – week beginning **17**<sup>th</sup> **June and 24**<sup>th</sup> **June**. Y5 m(Red Oaks) will be swimming the weeks beginning **1**<sup>st</sup> **July and 8**<sup>th</sup> **July**. The children will swim every morning at Truro Leisure Centre and will be

taught by trained swimming instructors. We will travel by coach each day and hope that parents/carers will be able contribute towards the cost of transport through ParentPay at an equivalent of £2.50 per day.

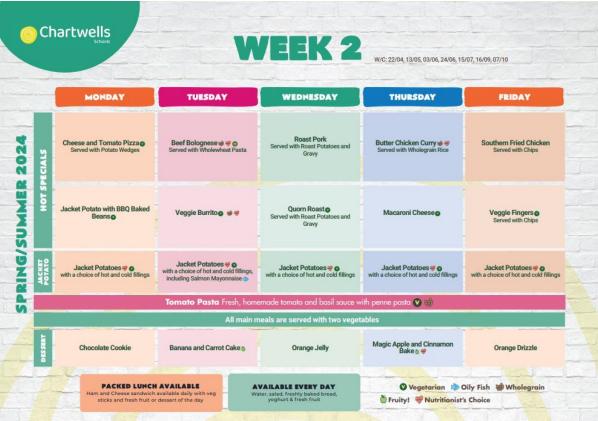
The children will need a swimming hat, goggles and a towel for these sessions.

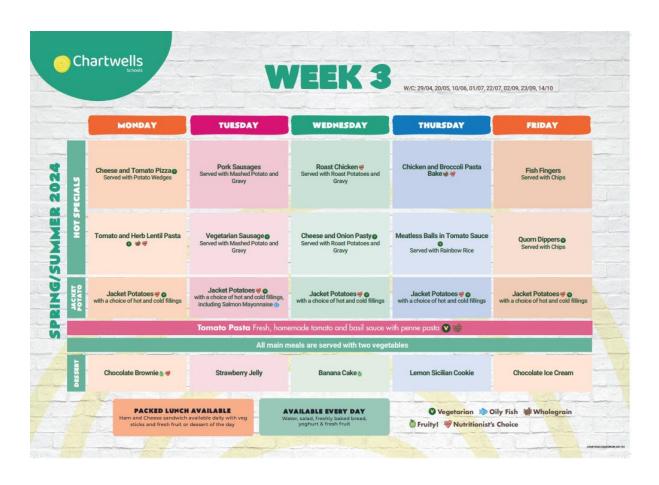
#### Term Dates 2024/25

Out term dates for 2024/25 can be seen below. Our inset days will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. On these days the school will be closed to children.











# **GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS**

ACORNS	Liam & Jude
SEEDLINGS	Charlie & Adelie
BUDS	William & Storm
YOUNG OAKS	Caleb & Ivy-Rose
BUR OAKS	Sophie & Harley
RED OAKS	Ella & Ella-Jane
MIGHTY OAKS	Amelia, Alfie G & Harry

Dates For Your Diary	
15.4.24	Start of Summer Term
13.5.24	Y6 SATs Week Begins
23.5.24	Class Photo Day
	Y6 School Camp Meeting
24.5.24	End of half term
3.6.24	Start of half term
11.6.24	Sports Day – Provisional Date
12.6.24 – 14.6.24	Y6 Camp - Porthpean
17.6.24	Y6 Two Week Swimming Block begins
1.7.24	Y5 Two Week Swimming Block begins
17.7.24	Leavers Disco
23.7.24	LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
	End of Summer Term

3.9.24 & 4.9.24	Inset Days – School closed to children
5.9.24	Start of Autumn Term

# Signposting



# Summer Cricket programme opens for children ages 5 to 11 across the county.

Bookings are now open for this year's All Stars and Dynamos Cricket programmes, providing opportunities for children aged 5 to 11 from across the county to take part in the sport.

39 Cricket Clubs across the county have joined Cornwall Cricket Board to provide the programme which runs nationally and is designed and supported by England and Wales Cricket Board.

All Stars Cricket gives 5 to 8 year olds their first experience of Cricket, learning new skills whilst having fun and making friends. The eight week programme costs just £30 per child.

Dynamos Cricket provides the next step to those moving on from All Stars and is aimed at children aged 8 to 11 years old. The programme, which costs £40 per child, focuses on developing their skills and each child will receive a Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

Places will be available to book from Wednesday 10th April by visiting <a href="ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars">ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars</a> for All Stars and via <a href="ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket">ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket</a> for Dynamos.

Cornwall Cricket Board provides subsidised places to children whose families can not afford the cost, to find out more please contact <a href="mailto:admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk">admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.cornwallcricket.co.uk">www.cornwallcricket.co.uk</a>

Chris Anderson, School and Club Development Officer for Cornwall Cricket Board said: "The ECB National Programmes are set up as 8 week summer cricket programmes at 39 clubs centres around Cornwall! All Stars aimed at 5-8 year olds - is fun and exciting introduction into cricket and Dynamos aimed at 8-11 year olds - is also fun and exciting and a great next step into cricket to development through games of cricket!

"All the equipment is provided throughout the sessions! There are no restrictions as to who can join as cricket is a game for anyone. The programmes offer a great opportunity to learn and play the wonderful sport of cricket and experience a real cricket club environment!

"All Centres will have qualified Activators (who run the programmes) and are verified to ensure hosts are safe, secure and ready for tonnes of cricket fun!"

Cornwall Cricket Board provides adults and children aged 5 years and upwards with the opportunity to take part in the sport across the county. It is also the official governing body for all cricket in Cornwall and is responsible and accountable to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), the National Governing Body, for the strategic management, development and conduct of the sport.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or fundraising for any of the teams is invited to contact <a href="mailto:teamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk">tamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk</a>

