

24th November  
2025

# Cardinham School Newsletter



## A word from Mr Larcombe .....

Dear Cardinham School Community,

Two weeks ago, I wrote to you all to introduce myself to the Cardinham community. Now, two weeks on, I feel even more privileged to be leading this wonderful school and have enjoyed every moment so far. I have been warmly welcomed by staff, our fantastic children, the local governing committee, and parents, and I want to express my sincere thanks for helping me settle in so quickly and so well.

As I reflect on the past fortnight, it has been an action-packed time with several highlights I would like to share. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending our meetings last week. Meeting families and strengthening those connections is always special and I truly valued the chance to get to know our community better. I was also immensely proud of how our children marked Remembrance Day. The whole school came together with maturity and compassion, and it was moving to see pupils represent Cardinham so well at the parade the weekend before. It was wonderful to see our children wear their club's uniform with such pride. Another highlight was hearing how brilliantly our children represented the school at Friday's Cross Country. I have heard inspiring stories of teamwork, encouragement and determination. Each child who ran gave their best and supported one another, which made the school very proud.

Looking ahead, the staff at Cardinham School have been working hard to prepare a series of festive events. From a trip to the Hall for Cornwall to a Christingle service at our local church, there is much to look forward to. Please take time to read the information about the busy weeks ahead and do come and find me if you have any questions. Thank you once again for your incredibly warm welcome. I look forward to getting to know our families even more over the coming weeks.

Matt Larcombe  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates 2025

Friday 28th November - Classroom Christmas Decorations - Please wear Christmas Jumpers

- Friday 28th November @ 6pm - Christmas Bingo
- Friday 5th December - Friends of Cardinham Christmas Disco
- Friday 5th December - last day of Extra-Curricular After School Clubs
- Wednesday 10th December - School Christmas Lunch - Please wear Christmas Jumpers
- Wednesday 10th December - St Petroc's Christmas Music Festival
- Monday 15th December - Christingle and Nativity Service - more details to follow soon.
- Tuesday 16th December - Friends of Cardinham Whole School trip - Christmas Pantomime
- Thursday 18th December - Class Christmas Parties!
- Friday 19th December - Last day of the Autumn Term - Finish at 2:00pm

# Celebrating Success!

Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed

Recognition Board Success -

Week Commencing

10/11/25

Hedgehog Class - Isla & Roo

Squirrel Class - Amara &

Owen

Recognition Board Success -

Week Commencing 17/11/25

Hedgehog Class - Phoebe &

Juniper

Squirrel Class - Joe & Lydia

Deer Class - Robyn & Olive

## Pupil of the Week

Celebrating Empathy -

Week commencing 10/11/25

Hedgehog Class - Arlo

Squirrel Class - Thomas

Celebrating Empathy -

Week commencing 17/11/25

Hedgehog Class - Arthur

Squirrel Class - Arlo

Deer Class - Florence

## Cross Country Update

Some of our Cross Country runners managed to make it to Trethew Cross Country on Friday. This was the 2nd leg of the East Cornwall Harriers

Cross Country league. After the event being postponed once due to heavy rain, and then the arrival of the white stuff on Thursday, we were lucky to have such a beautiful afternoon for the event!

We had some fantastic results from the runners, including a 6th place finish in the Year 3 / 4 boys race. But most importantly, the children had a

fantastic time, showed real camaraderie, supporting each other to the very end! Well done Cardinham!!



# Class Update

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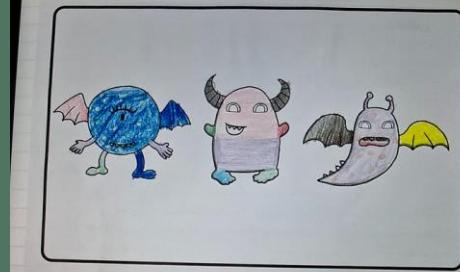
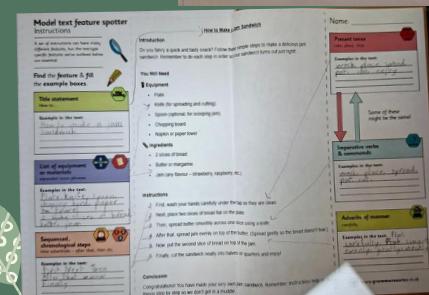
## Hedgehog

In P.E this week, our Year One and Reception children had an exciting challenge! They worked hard to discover new movement skills, including standing on one leg, galloping forwards and sideways, hopping, and skipping. Using these skills, the children created a fantastic dance inspired by bikes, which they proudly performed. It was wonderful to see them be inspired by their own creativity and teamwork, and to watch them succeed in mastering these movements with confidence and joy.



## Squirrel

We have loved starting our new writing unit all about instructions! First, we explored lots of examples and discovered what makes instructions clear and easy to follow. Then we practised giving and following instructions ourselves, sometimes it was easy, and sometimes it was a little confusing! This helped us realise what really matters: using clear steps, following chronological order, and adding helpful details so everyone knows exactly what to do. Soon, we'll be writing our own sets of instructions, so watch this space for some amazing instruction writing coming soon!



Instructions

1. Colour one of the first monster's wings red.
2. Colour one of the middle monster's arms green.
3. Colour the first monster's legs blue and black.
4. Colour the last monster's wings yellow and black.
5. Colour the middle monster's feet blue and green.
6. Colour the first monster's other wing blue.
7. Colour the middle monster's body pink and purple.
8. Put pink spots on the last monster's body.
9. Put green spots on the first monster's face.
10. Finish colouring in the monsters with any colours you choose!



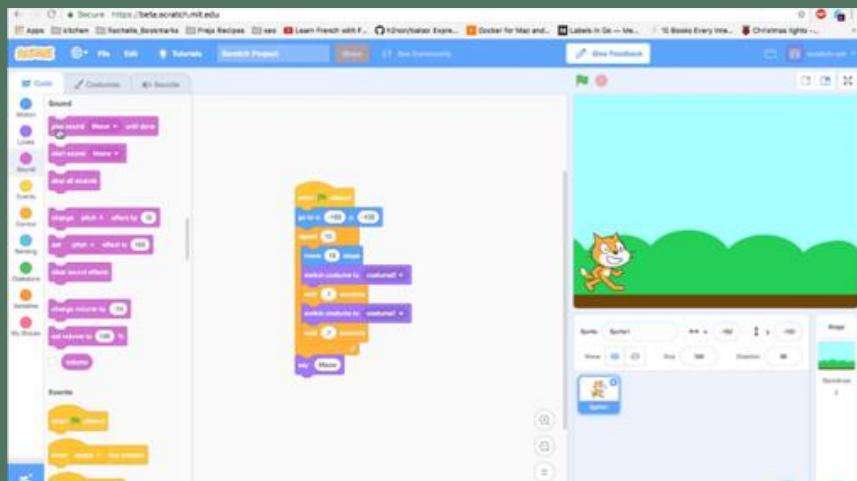
# Class Update

## Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed

This week in Deer Class, we finished our class text - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The children truly enjoyed this book, following along with the adventures of Harry and his friends! We have started our next class text, Wonder by R.J. Palacio. In maths, we focused on learning about finding fractions of amounts (something that the children understood really well!) The children explored computer programming using Scratch, creating their own mini animations. Whilst it may still be November, towards the end of the week, we started practising some jolly Christmas songs to prepare for the Christingle and St Petroc's Tree Festival - both which are fast approaching!

Last week, we sadly only had 9/31 children read at home as documented in their reading records. This is disappointing, as we all know how imperative the skill of word reading and comprehension is for children's development. Please ensure that this is something that you are taking the time to do with your child/children every night.

### Deer



## Sporty Stars GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL

THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

5:15PM - 6:15PM - KS1 // 6:30PM - 7:30PM - KS2

@CARDINHAM PARISH HALL

£7.50 PER CHILD / PLACES LIMITED

BOOKINGS ONLINE: [SPORTYSTARS.CO.UK](http://SPORTYSTARS.CO.UK)

FACE PAINT

MUSIC

LIGHTS

FUN!



Friends of Cardinham School presents...

### ✨ Glow in the Dark Dodgeball! ✨

Sporty Stars is bringing their spectacular Glow in the Dark Dodgeball event to our school! 🎉 This is an exciting, high-energy experience where your child can play dodgeball under UV lights, with glowing face paint, disco lighting, and music! 🎶

📅 Date: Thursday 29th January 2026

Only £7.50 per child – book now to secure your spot!

⌚ KS1 Session: 5:15-6:15pm -  
<https://bookwhen.com/glowsports44/e/ev-skyfm-20260129171500>

⌚ KS2 Session: 6:30-7:30pm -  
<https://bookwhen.com/glowsports44/e/ev-shfhn-20260129183000>

# Cardinham Community News

## Christmas BINGO NIGHT

**GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL**

Refreshments available, you are welcome to bring your own.

28TH NOV 6PM

Cardinham  
Primary School

Cash only  
50p a game



**CORNWALL & DEVON**  
School Age Immunisation Service  
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- FLU - Reception - Year 11
- MMR - Catch-up
- HPV - Year 8 - Year 11
- Meningitis ACWY - Year 9 - Year 11
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - Year 9 - Year 11



Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- Home educated children
- Anxious children
- Children who missed the session at school

Call us on  
**01872 221105**



Together for Families

The deadline for applications is  
**15 January 2026**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2026 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2026**.



**Please note:** you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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Visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system.



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## CHRISTMAS ROADSHOWS

22 DECEMBER - 2 JANUARY | 9.30AM-3.30PM  
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15



**ARGYLE  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST**

01752 522202  
[argylecommunitytrust.co.uk](http://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk)

# FOOD FESTIVAL

## FESTIVE FUN

10th December

Roast Turkey & Stuffing

Or

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath

With

Roasties, yorkshire pudding, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Christmas cookie

Or

Jelly



# QUIZ evening!!

- Friday 5th December @ 7pm
- Cardinham Parish Hall
- In aid of St Meubred's Church Tower Fund
- Teams up to 6
- Tickets £7 each
- Buffet food available
- Bring your own drinks
- **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** on 01208821303

WADEBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTS

WITH

HOPEFUL MONSTERS: A WADEBRIDGE THEATRE COMPANY

# Dick Whittington

BY BEN CROCKER

Wadebridge Town Hall

3rd - 6th December -7:30pm

plus a 2:30pm matinee on Saturday 6th

Tickets: Adults £10 Children: £8

Tickets available from

Krazy Kards & Wadebridge Library

or online - [www.crbo.co.uk](http://www.crbo.co.uk)

For more info call Wadebridge Town Council on

01208 817085

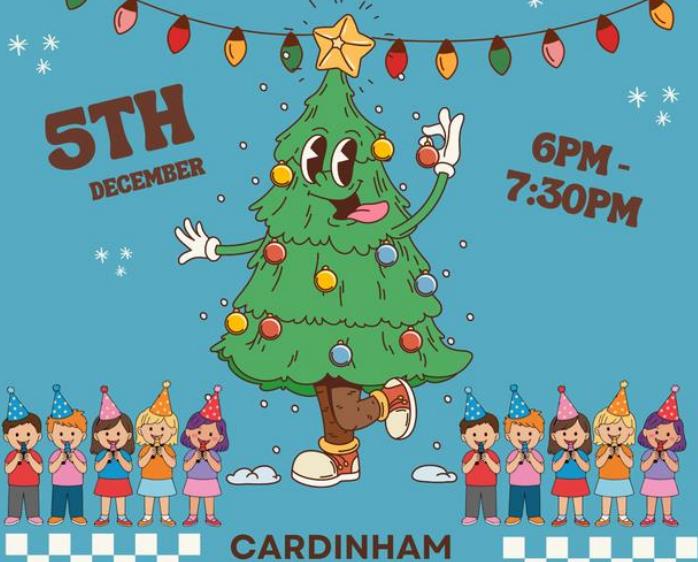


# CHRISTMAS DISCO



5TH  
DECEMBER

6PM -  
7:30PM



CARDINHAM  
SCHOOL

£3 PER TICKET - SEE MRS ASHLEY

# CARDINHAM SCHOOL AND NURSERY



## OPEN AFTERNOON



Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

We would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to join us for our tours and stay and play sessions. Come and have a look around our delightful school set in beautiful wooded surroundings. Cardinham School is a place where your child's creativity, curiosity, and confidence are nurtured each day. A place where small group sizes ensure your child feels seen, heard, and cherished. All this just ten minutes from Bodmin.



### During the open afternoon you can:

Take a tour of the school

Meet our staff

Ask questions and find out about our fantastic school

Stay and play with your child in the Early Years classroom



**Cardinham School, Cardinham,**

**Bodmin, PL30 4BN**

**01208 821326**

**cardinham@tpacademytrust.org**

Open afternoon:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2026**

**3.30-5.30pm**

Can't make the above day? Feel free to call to book a 1:1 tour!



## CORNWALL FA HQ FACILITY UPDATE

Cornwall FA are delighted to share that progress continues to be made on our plans for a new Headquarters in Bodmin, working in close partnership with Bodmin Town Council, Bodmin Town Football Club, the Football Foundation, and other key stakeholders. The project's ambition is to deliver a stadium-standard 3G pitch suitable for the National League System and Women's Tier football, alongside a modern community building with changing facilities and additional spaces designed to support grassroots football and wider community use.

Both the stadia 3G pitch and community building will be developed at the same time including community engagement. With the likelihood of the stadia 3G pitch being able to come forward quicker than the community building.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION IS NOW LIVE.** →



## HAVE YOUR SAY!

## CORNWALL FA COMMUNITY SURVEY

Our community consultation survey is your chance to share ideas and help shape the design of Cornwall FA's new headquarters and facilities.

The survey is now live, and we want to hear your views.

**Deadline to complete Survey:**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### CONTACT US



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**SCAN  
QR CODE TO  
COMPLETE SURVEY**



- SHARE YOUR VIEWS
- TELL US WHAT YOU NEED
- SHAPE OUR NEW HQ
- INFLUENCE FUTURE FACILITIES
- SUPPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- BE PART OF CREATING A NEW HOME FOR THE COMMUNITY IN CORNWALL

# Attendance Message

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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.

10/11/2025 - 21/11/25

**Whole School - 94.97%**

**Hedgehog - 93.33%**

**Squirrel - 96.31%**

**Deer - 95.29%**