16/11/ 2026

Cardinham School Newsletter

A word from Mr Larcombe .....

Dear families,

This has been another wonderful week at school and, as we move further into the Autumn Term, it has been fantastic to reflect on how well the children have settled into their new classes and the progress they have made since September. Across the school, children are working incredibly hard to develop their foundational skills and are showing great determination, resilience and enthusiasm in their learning every day. The progress being made in classrooms is a real testament to the children's efforts and the dedication of our staff team. All of our children should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved so far this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Cardinham team for organising two fantastic events over the past fortnight. A special thank you goes to Julie from Neal's Yard for hosting such a wonderful evening. It was a lovely opportunity for members of our community to come together, learn more about the products and enjoy a relaxed and enjoyable evening whilst raising funds for the school. We also held our Family Bingo evening last Friday, which was incredibly well attended and full of laughter and friendly competition. Whilst I wasn't lucky enough to take home any prizes this time, I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thank you to Thomas and Lynette for their brilliant efforts as bingo callers and for keeping the evening running so smoothly.

We are very much looking forward to our Parents' Evenings next week. These meetings provide an important opportunity to celebrate the progress children have made, discuss their successes and consider the next steps in their learning journey. If you have not yet booked an appointment, I would strongly encourage you to do so. The partnership between home and school is such an important factor in every child's success and these conversations help us continue to work together to support each child to achieve their very best.

As we begin to turn our attention towards Christmas, there is also much to look forward to over the coming weeks. We are excited to share a range of festive events and opportunities for children and families to come together and celebrate the season. Many of these events will also strengthen the valuable links we have with our local community, something that is incredibly important to us as a school. We look forward to welcoming families into school and sharing these special moments together as we approach the end of another busy and successful term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have an enjoyable week.

Best wishes
Matt Larcombe



Diary Dates 2026

- **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November - Parents Evening.**
- **Friday 27th November - Christmas Disco.**
- **Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Lunch.**
- **Wednesday 9th December - Chistmas Tree Festival at St Petroc's Church - 6pm.**
- **Monday 14th December - Rock Steady Concert - 2:30pm.(PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME)**
- **Friday 18th December - Last day of the Autumn Term - 2:00pm finish**

Celebrating Success!!

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Week commencing
09/11/26
Hedgehog
Class -
Nursery : Denny
Year R : Nancy
Year 1 : Juniper
Squirrel Class
Year 2 : Harper,
Year 3 : Rora
Deer Class -
Year 4 : Finn,
Year 5 : Charlie G,
Year 6 : Eloise.

Friends Of Cardinham - Update

The Friends have been busy over the last couple of Fridays.

We recently hosted a Neal's Yard Evening, which has raised £104 so far, with 10% of all sales kindly gifted back to us. A huge thank you to Mrs Tucker and Julie for organising such a lovely event. It was a very relaxing and sociable evening, enjoyed by all who attended.

It was eyes down last Friday for our annual Christmas Bingo! There was lots of fun, laughter and, at times, some very competitive bingo playing. We raised an amazing £140. Thank you to Lynette and Thomas for being our bingo callers, and to everyone who joined us and donated prizes for the raffle.

Upcoming Events

School Disco - Friday 27th November

We are excited to be hosting our School Disco with DJ Trev on Friday 27th November. If your child would like to attend, please send £3 to Mrs Ashley in advance so that we can plan numbers accordingly.

Mount Christmas Fayre - Saturday 28th November - 10am to 2pm @ Mount Village Hall

Mrs Smith and Mrs Searle will be at the Mount Christmas Fayre selling good-quality books for both children and adults, as well as offering face painting. We hope to see lots of familiar faces there!

Class Update

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Hedgehog



Hedgehogs Class have glided straight back into their learning routines this half-term, with your prompt arrival at 8:50am allowing the children to settle into their morning tasks and prepare for the day ahead – thank you!

We have fully embraced autumn here at Woodside, with Nursery and Reception getting stuck into firework painting, Diwali-inspired patterns in our sensory trays and autumn walks. (That being said, please do ensure your child has a coat and appropriate warm layers at school every day!) Our Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring The Enormous Turnip in Drawing Club, creating some truly magical drawings along the way. Their phonics sound recognition is coming on brilliantly, and we are now working hard to blend individual sounds together to read simple words!





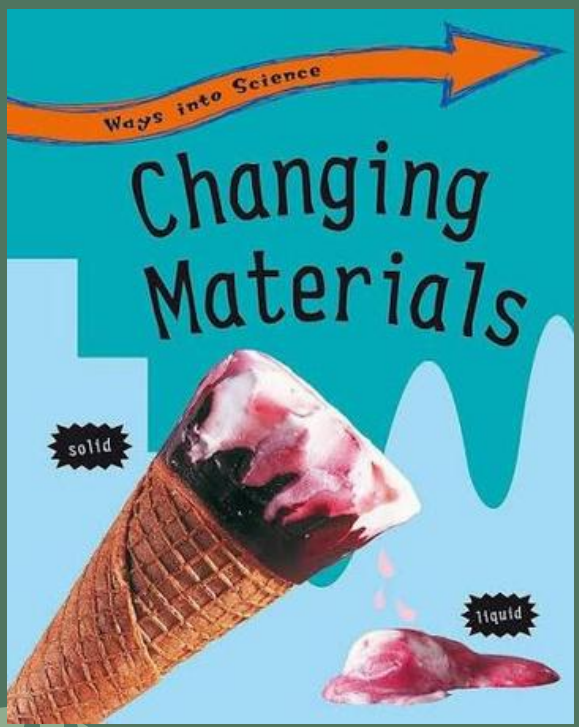
Year 1 have completed their Drawing Club journey and leapt into the world of English writing lessons. We have been focusing on extending our sentences using the word and and learning how to write questions, all in preparation for writing our very own letters to Father Christmas!

Perhaps most impressively, Year 1's perseverance and maturity really shone in our most recent DT lesson, when the children were given the challenge of creating a stable structure out of... paper!

Please continue to encourage your child to read with you every day, and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Squirrel





Squirrel Class are thoroughly enjoying their new Science topic 'Changing Materials. The children have been investigating different materials and making predictions before testing whether they can bend, squash twist or stretch. They have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored the properties of a range of materials and discussed their findings. We are looking forward to carrying out many more exciting experiments throughout the term as the children continue to develop their scientific skills of questioning, predicting and investigating.

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Deer

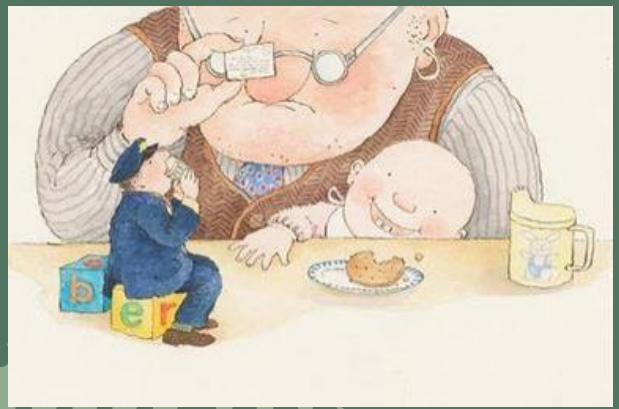


In our English lessons, children were transported back to being prisoners in Bodmin Jail in the 1800s. They had to follow strict rules in the classroom, and there were punishments if these weren't followed, such as isolation and having to restart their activities! This put children in the shoes of prisoners at Bodmin Jail to think about how they were feeling and what they might have thought, which will help them to write a diary entry in a few weeks time. In Science we continued to learn about fossils, and how they are found in sedimentary rock. Children enjoyed learning that simple fossils are deeper, and more complex fossils are closer to the surface due to evolution of living things.



The Nest





In the Nest writing workshops, the children have been learning how to structure a letter, what it needs to contain and the journey it takes. They have enjoyed exploring several books throughout the week. They read Dear Zoo and considered how the lion could contact the zookeeper. They also read The Day the Crayons Quit and investigated how each crayon had written its letter.
Their favourite book was The Jolly Postman. We read it together as a class, and each child enjoyed spending time looking at the different types of letters. The children shared lots of fantastic ideas with one another before writing the first draft of their letters to Santa.

Cardinham Community News







Attendance Message

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.

02/11/2026 - 13/11/2026

Whole School - 94.93%

Hedgehog - 97.91%
Squirrel - 96.52%
Deer - 91.09%