

10th November  
2025

# Cardinham School Newsletter



CARDINHAM  
SCHOOL

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

Dear Cardinham School Community,

I'm absolutely delighted to introduce myself as your new interim Headteacher. It's a real privilege to be joining such a vibrant and welcoming school, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of the Cardinham community.

Having previously worked as Assistant Head Teacher at Liskeard Hillfort Primary School, another wonderful school within our trust, I'm excited to bring my experience and enthusiasm to Cardinham. After visiting on Wednesday and spending time with Mr Jones, I was struck by the warmth of the staff and the joy and curiosity of the children. I left feeling truly welcomed and even more eager to begin this new chapter on Monday.

Outside of school, I live with my wife and our three young children, all of whom are in primary school themselves. As a family, we love being outdoors and making the most of everything this beautiful county has to offer. We're also big sports fans, especially football, though my team hasn't made that easy lately! Primary school years are truly special, and it's a joy to be part of the journey that helps shape a lifelong love of learning. I can't wait to meet all of our families, please do come and say hello at the gate. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all in the weeks ahead.

Matthew Larcombe  
Interim Headteacher



## Diary Dates 2025

- 10th November - 14th November - Parents Evenings - No Extra-Curricular After School Clubs
  - Tuesday 18th November - Flu Immunisations
  - 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
- Tuesday 16th December - Friends of Cardinham Whole School trip - Christmas Pantomime
- Friday 19th December - Last day of the Autumn Term - Finish at 2:00pm

# Celebrating Success!!

Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed

Recognition Board Success -

Week Commencing

13/10/25

Hedgehog Class - Ziggy  
and Carenza

Squirrel Class - Everyone!!

Recognition Board Success -

Week Commencing

03/11/25

Hedgehog Class - Ivy and  
Cordelia

Squirrel Class - Rora & Isla

Deer Class - Caspian and  
Olive

## Pupil of the Week

Celebrating Empathy -

Week commencing 13/10/25

Hedgehog Class - Hatty

Squirrel Class - Rupert

Deer Class - Everlynn

Celebrating Determination-

Week commencing

03/11/25

Hedgehog Class - Niall

Squirrel Class - Alfie

Deer Class - Tabitha

## Share Your Love of Reading!!

We're creating a special display in our library area to celebrate the love of reading, and we'd love your help! Please send in a photo of your child reading in their favourite place, it could be curled up in a cosy corner, outdoors on an adventure, or sharing a story with a friend or family member. The photos will be displayed on our noticeboard to inspire others and show how much fun reading can be! Please email

your photo to

[dashley@cardinham.tpacademytrust.org.](mailto:dashley@cardinham.tpacademytrust.org)



# Class Update

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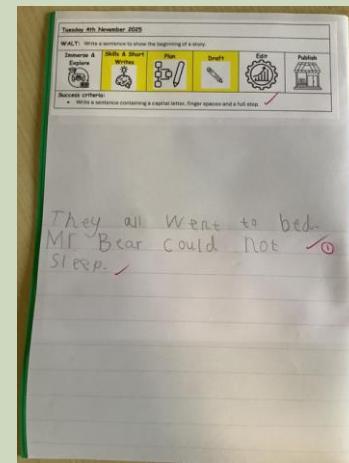
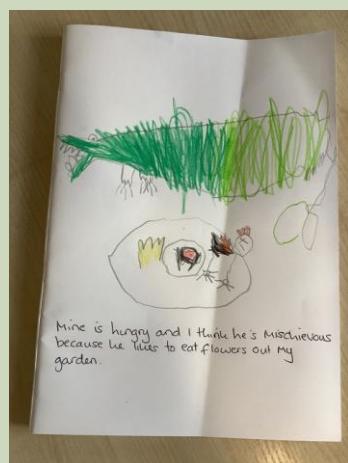
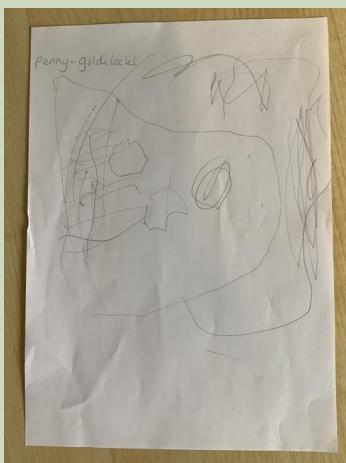
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### Hedgehog

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Hedgehog class have been discovering how to record stories in pictures and words. They have been inspired to create beautiful retellings of the books Brown Bear, Dear Zoo and Peace at Last. Their work has been a real success.



### Squirrel

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Squirrel Class had an amazing time during our Design and Technology day! We became mini engineers, learning all about axles and axle holders to make our very own cars. The children measured and carefully cut wood to create their axles, then put everything together ready for testing. There was lots of excitement as we watched our cars roll and thought about how we could make them even better next time. It was wonderful to see so much curiosity, creativity, and perseverance in action!



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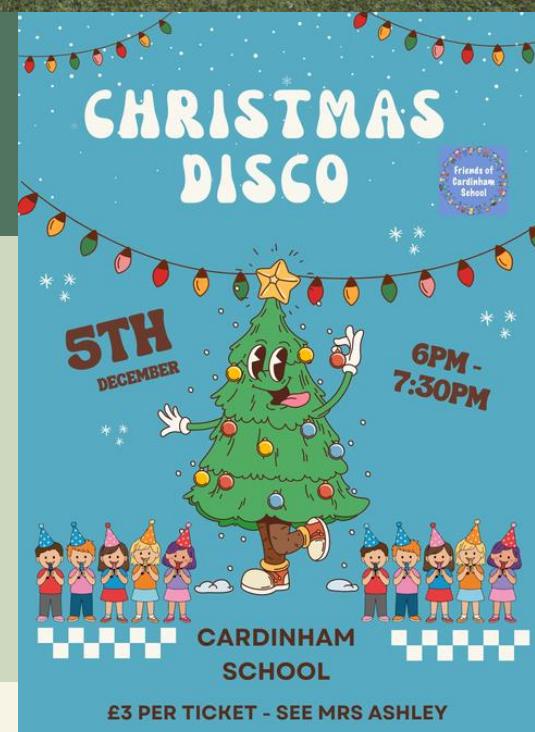
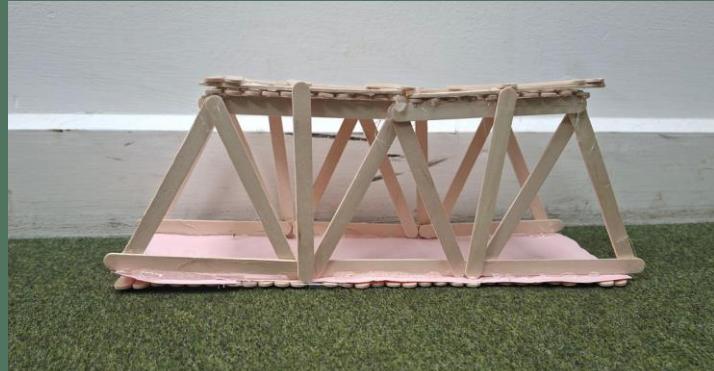
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### Deer

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Deer Class have had a fantastic start to the term! During our DT days, we explored structures and bridges in depth, learning how design and strength work together. One child summed it up perfectly: "It was fun and we got to work together in teams on our determination and patience – it helped with our collaboration." We've also begun a new writing unit focused on writing instructions and continued our maths learning with division. Everyone has settled back in well after the half-term break and really enjoyed meeting Cardinham's new headteacher, Mr Larcombe.



# Cardinham Community News



## 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



Our Bag2School collection before Half Term raised an amazing £70!! This will be used by the PTA to enrich the learning of the children at school. Thank you!!



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.

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



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

# 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.

13/10/2025 - 07/11/25

Whole School - 95.65%

Hedgehog - 97.13%

Squirrel - 95.71%

Deer - 94.52%