

12th January  
2026

# Cardinham School Newsletter



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

Dear Cardinham School Community,

It is great to be back at school ready for a new full term ahead. For those who I haven't yet caught on the gate over the past week, myself and the team here at Cardinham wish all of our families a very happy New Year! I hope that you had a restful Christmas break and are ready for the Spring term.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding over recent school changes in school opening and closing times. It has been a first week back where we have been hit by ice and then by a storm, and I know many have had to significantly change their plans to adapt to the changes in the school day. With situations like the past week, I will do everything possible to keep the school open but the safety of our school community and staff here must take absolute priority. Thank you again for your understanding and your continued support around this.

Looking ahead, we have a term filled with exciting learning in the classrooms and opportunities outside of our usual timetable starting with Cross-Country next week. If you have any questions around the upcoming term then please do get in contact and please stay tuned for further updates on upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the gate on over the upcoming days.

Best Wishes  
Mr Larcombe

## Diary Dates 2026

- Thursday 15th January - School Census Day - See special menu below.
- Thursday 15th January - Deadline for school applications for children starting Reception in Sept 2026. See info below.
- Friday 16th January - Next Cross Country Event @ Cothele - letters have been sent home to those attending.
- Thursday 29th January - 6:30pm - Glow in the Dark Dodgeball at Cardinham Parish Hall to raise funds for the PTA
- Tuesday 10th February - Year 5 and 6 Netball Event at Bodmin College - More details to follow.
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - HALF TERM.
- Week commencing 23rd February - Scholastic Book Fair - see below for more details.

# Celebrating Success!!

Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed

Recognition Board Success -  
Week Commencing 05/01/26

Hedgehog Class - Isabel

Squirrel Class - Arlo

Deer Class - Everlynn

Pupil of the Week

Celebrating Determination-  
Week commencing 05/01/26

Hedgehog Class - Cordelia

Squirrel Class - Cadyn & Jake

Deer Class - Alfie & Daisy

# HAPPY

# NEW YEAR!



# Class Update

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This week Hedgehog class have been inspired by the weather to learn about the season of winter and use the knowledge of winter trees to draw using charcoal in art and create landscape pictures. There has been lots of discovery around ice and how it melts over time. The children succeeded in making their own ice sculptures using water and moulds.

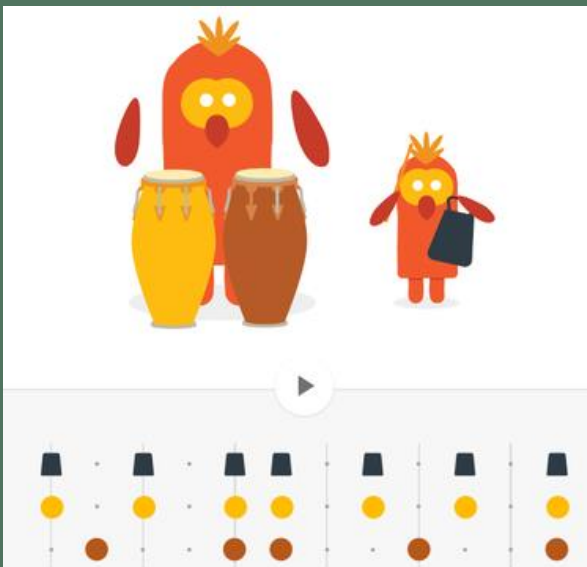
## Hedgehog



## Squirrel



In Computing, Squirrels have been diving into the world of digital music! We began by exploring the fascinating sounds inspired by Gustav Holst's Planets suite, listening carefully to how music can tell a story. Then, the children took their creativity a step further by experimenting with rhythm and pace using Chrome Music Lab. They created rhythms to represent an animal of their choice, some chose lively woodpeckers, galloping horses, and even the laughing call of a kookaburra! It's been wonderful to see their excitement as they compose their own patterns and discover how technology can make music magical.



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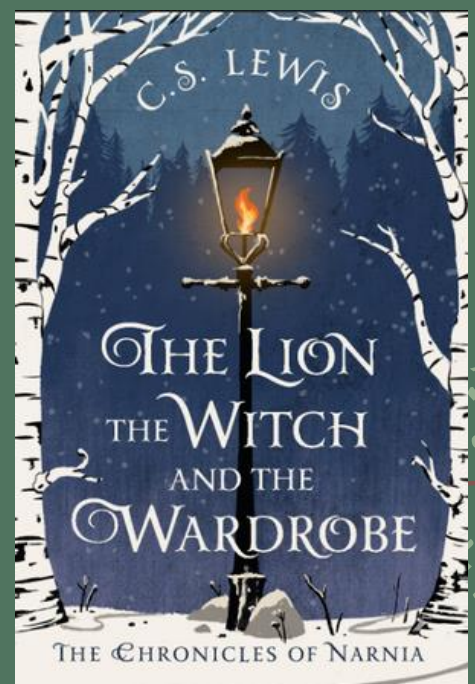
## Deer



It was so lovely to see all of Deer class again after the Christmas break! Despite the turbulent week of weather, they have all worked incredibly hard and I know this will only continue over the half term. We began our learning about the water cycle in Geography this week, focusing on the enquiry question 'How does the water cycle influence our everyday lives?' Please see the attached vocabulary overview for all of the technical terms the children are learning! Our class text this half term is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. I am certain that the children will enjoy this book as much as the others.

Please ensure you are reading with your child during the week; reading records are checked every Friday. Spelling practice at home is also an expectation - updated spelling books are sent home on Monday with the relevant test being completed the following Monday.

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|  <div>Geography<br/>Year 4/5/6 - Year A - Autumn</div> <div>How does the water cycle influence our everyday lives?</div> <div>Vocabulary Overview</div> |  |
| Sanitation   | Keeping places clean and safe by removing waste and germs so people stay healthy.                          |
| Hydration  | Making sure our bodies have enough water to stay healthy and work properly.                                |
| Irrigation   | Watering crops and plants by bringing water to them through pipes, channels, or sprinklers.                |
| Leisure  | Fun activities people do in their free time, like swimming, playing or relaxing — sometimes using water.   |
| Nutrition  | Getting the food and drink our bodies need to grow and stay healthy (including clean water).               |
| Water cycle  | The journey water takes as it moves around Earth — changing from liquid to gas to clouds and back as rain. |
| Evaporation  | When the sun heats water and it turns into a gas (water vapour) and rises into the air.                    |
| Condensation   | When water vapour cools down and turns back into tiny water droplets, forming clouds.                      |
| Precipitation  | Water falling from the sky as rain, snow, sleet or hail.   |
| Runoff   | Water that flows over the ground, like rain running down hills into rivers, lakes or the sea.              |
| Drought  | A long time with very little or no rain.   |
| Flooding   | When too much water covers the land, often because of heavy rain.  |
| Hydroelectric power  | Electricity made by using moving water, such as water in a river or a dam.                                 |
| Atmosphere   | The layers of air that surround the Earth.   |
| Rainfall   | The amount of rain that falls in a place.  |
| Climate  | The typical weather in a place over a long period of time.   |
| Energy   | The power we use to make things work, like light, heat, or movement.                                       |
| Renewable  | A natural resource that won't run out because it can be replaced, like sunlight, wind or water.            |
| Reservoir  | A large, man-made lake where water is stored for people to use.  |





# Cardinham Community News

**SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS**

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

## COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!




DATE: Week commencing 23rd Feb 2026 TIME: After school

LOCATION: Squirrel Class

**GO ALL IN.**

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Includes 4 free mini figures!

All books subject to availability.

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- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

**HELP EARN FREE BOOKS**

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

\*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fair for details. All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. \* Warning Not suitable for children under 5. Small parts.

**FOOD FESTIVAL**

## LET'S EXPLORE!

### 15th January

Campfire BBQ beef burger wedges and Sweetcorn

Or

Veggie Campfire sausage wedges and Sweetcorn

And

Sticky oat flapjack



## St Petroc's Heritage Adventure

Come and be part of our story!



**A FREE day of family activities based around the fascinating history of St Petroc and St Petroc's Church. All welcome.**

**Thursday 19 February 2026**  
10.00 AM - 3.00 PM

Heritage craft demonstration | Family activity trail | Short talks about the history and heritage | Live music and more ...

Activities for all ages  
Free admission | Refreshments available

St. Petroc's Church, Priory Road, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 2DP  
[bodminchurch.com](http://bodminchurch.com)



**NHS** **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

**FLU**  
**MMR**  
**HPV**  
**MENINGITIS ACWY**  
**DIPHTHERIA TETANUS POLIO (DTP)**

**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**

**CORNWALL COUNCIL** **Together for Families**  
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**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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**SportyStars**  
**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**

**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>



# 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.

**08/12/2025 - 09/01/2026**

**Whole School - 94.01%**

**Hedgehog - 94.03%**

**Squirrel - 91.8%**

**Deer - 95.51%**

