

8th December
2025

Cardinham School Newsletter



A word from Mr Larcombe

Dear Cardinham School Community,

Another two weeks have flown by, and I've taken time to reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding period. The children have continued to work incredibly hard, showing real commitment and enthusiasm in their learning.

It has been wonderful to walk around the school and see pupils applying themselves so diligently, eager to share their work and achievements. I have been particularly impressed during reading lessons where the children have demonstrated a genuine love for reading while refining their comprehension strategies. This approach, introduced at the start of the year, has now become firmly embedded and it is fantastic to see the positive impact it is having.

There have been many highlights over the past fortnight, but one standout moment was when Deer Class stepped into the role of teachers by delivering their own created games to Squirrel Class. Experiences like these truly showcase the strength of our school community and the joy of collaborative learning.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events coming up. We will continue to work hard in class right through to the end of term, alongside activities that I know the children will enjoy and remember. If you need any further information about these events, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of Cardinham School for organising two wonderful Christmas events and raising an impressive amount of money for our school. Thank you to everyone involved for making these occasions so special, and to all who attended.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events over the next couple of weeks and on the gate throughout the week!

Best wishes,
Matt Larcombe
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2025/2026

- 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
 - Monday 5th January 2026 - First day of the Spring Term - Welcome Back!
 - Friday 16th January - Next Cross-Country Event @ Cothele - more details to follow.
- Tuesday 10th February - Year 5 and 6 Netball Event at Bodmin College - More details to follow.
 - Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - HALF TERM.

Celebrating Success!!

Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed

Recognition Board Success -

Week Commencing 24/11/25

Hedgehog Class - Phoebe & Isla

Squirrel Class - Jake & Rupert

Deer Class - Charlie G &

Flynn **Pupil of the Week**

Celebrating Empathy -

Week commencing 24/11/25

Hedgehog Class - Loveday

Squirrel Class - Owen

Deer Class - Wills

Recognition Board Success -

Week Commencing 01/12/25

Hedgehog Class - Florence & Arthur

Squirrel Class - Rora & Teddy

Deer Class - Gracie & Annie

Celebrating Empathy -

Week commencing 01/12/25

Hedgehog Class - Apollo

Squirrel Class - Joe

Deer Class - Charlie J



Class Update

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Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed



Hedgehog class have been discovering why Christmas is so important to Christians. They have been inspired to take part in retellings, drama, written work and drawing based around the story of the Nativity and beginning to prepare to share this knowledge at the Christingle morning which we hope will be a real success!

Hedgehog

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Squirrel & Deer

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Our pupils have been busy discovering the exciting world of invasion games. They have learnt the key skills and strategies behind a variety of games, building both confidence and curiosity along the way. Taking this learning further, the children worked in small groups to design and refine their very own invasion game, an opportunity that truly inspired creativity, problem-solving and teamwork.

Deer Class embraced the challenge of becoming teachers. They proudly introduced their unique games to Squirrel Class, demonstrating impressive leadership and communication skills. Squirrel Class, in turn, showed great enthusiasm as they listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions, and fully immersed themselves in each activity.

The session was a wonderful example of how our pupils discover new ideas, inspire one another, and succeed together through collaboration and shared learning. Well done to everyone involved!



Fundraising Update

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CHRISTMAS BINGO!

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A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Bingo evening. It was a wonderful festive event, and we're delighted to share that it raised £138!

Bingo!!!

CHRISTMAS DISCO!

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What an incredible evening we had at our school disco! Over half the school joined in the fun, and the atmosphere was electric. Our brand-new lights created a fantastic party vibe, and the introduction of karaoke was a huge hit, so many children took centre stage and sang their hearts out!

With face painting, Christmas crafts, and plenty of dancing, there was truly something for everyone. It was wonderful to see children and adults alike enjoying themselves and making memories together. We're thrilled to share that we raised £126! Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the event such a success!



THANK YOU!!!

The Friends of Cardinham School would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped organise, run, and support our fundraising events this term. Your time, enthusiasm, and generosity make an enormous difference to what we're able to offer the children.

We're excited to put the money raised this term to good use over the next couple of terms, and we already have plans for more fun and engaging events ahead.

As always, we warmly welcome any new ideas for fundraising or community events, big or small. If you have a suggestion or would like to get involved, please do let us know.

Thank you again for your fantastic support!
Friends of Cardinham School

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Cardinham Community News



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

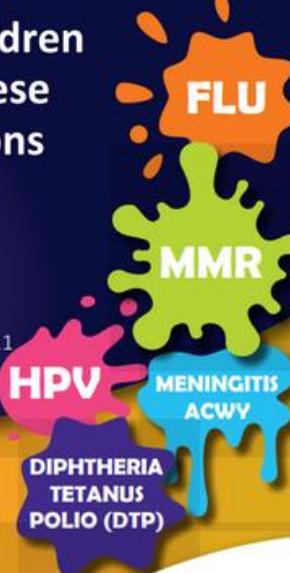
Did you miss us?

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.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



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TIME2MOVE
Holiday Programme

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays on 22nd Dec, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 2nd Jan

Scan here to book!

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk

CHRISTMAS 2025

- Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Scan here to book!



CHRISTMAS ROADSHOWS

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

BEACON ELECTRICAL

BOOK NOW!

www.argoylecommunitytrust.co.uk

01752 522202

ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST

FOOD FESTIVAL

FESTIVE FUN

10th December

Roast Turkey & Stuffing

Or

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath

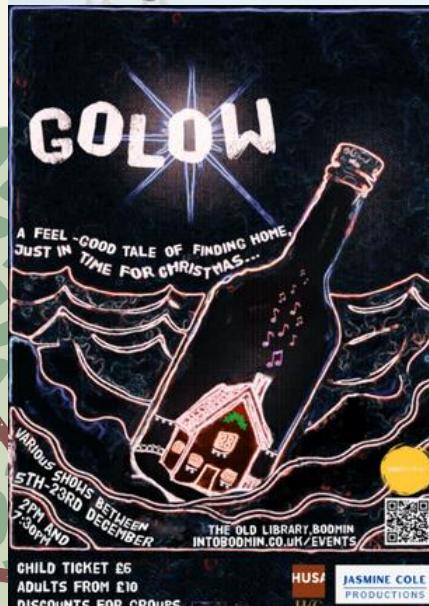
With

Roasties, yorkshire pudding, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Christmas cookie

Or

Jelly



Sporty Stars

GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL

THURSDAY 29TH 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-shfn-20260129183000>

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.

24/11/2025 - 05/12/2025

Whole School – 92.52%

Hedgehog – 95.18%

Squirrel – 96.43%

Deer – 87.71%