

05/10/2026

Cardinham School Newsletter



A word from Mr Larcombe

Dear families,

The children have continued to excel and have demonstrated a positive attitude towards their learning. Spending time in classrooms throughout the week is always one of the highlights of my role. Whether I am teaching the children, seeing exciting learning taking place, or talking to pupils about their work, I am continually impressed by their enthusiasm, determination and desire to learn and achieve. The pride they take in their learning is evident and it is a pleasure to see the progress they are making.

This half term, we have been focusing on our school value of Collaboration. Through assemblies and classroom learning, children have explored how working together can help us achieve more than we can alone. We have looked at inspiring individuals who have demonstrated the power of collaboration and discussed how teamwork, communication and mutual support contribute to success. It has been wonderful to see children putting these values into practice in lessons, on the playground and around the school. We have also encouraged children to think about how they can demonstrate collaboration at home, whether through helping family members, working alongside siblings or contributing positively to family life. I hope you have seen this in action in your households!

Community is always at the heart of what we do at Cardinham School and we are incredibly fortunate to have strong links with our local community and church. We are looking forward to attending our Harvest Festival at the church on Tuesday and celebrating this special occasion together. Another exciting event on the horizon is the Churchyard Project with Squirrel Class. Following the successful award of funding, the school and church will be working in partnership, alongside John Herewood, on a shared project within the church grounds. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children and the wider community, and something that both the school and church are very excited about. We look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming weeks.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Working together as a school community enables us to provide the very best opportunities for our children and I look forward to sharing more of their successes and achievements throughout the term.

Best wishes
Matt Larcombe



Diary Dates 2026

- Monday 19th - Friday 29th October - HALF TERM
- Monday 2nd November - First day back at school
- Friday 6th November - Neals yard & Nibbles evening.
 - Friday 13th November - Christmas Bingo
- Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November - Parents Evening.
 - Friday 27th November - Christmas Disco
- Friday 18th December - Last day of the Autumn Term - 2:00pm finish

Celebrating Success!!

Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed

Week commencing

21/09/26

Hedgehog

Class -

Nursery : Everyone

Year R : Thor,

Year 1 : Juniper

Squirrel Class

Year 3 : Tilly,

Year 3 : Edie

Deer Class -

Year 4 : Henry,

Year 5 : Piran,

Year 6 : Tabitha

Week commencing

28/09/26

Hedgehog

Class -

Nursery : Charlotte

Year R : Nancy

Year 1 : Niall

Squirrel Class

Year 2 : Ellie,

Year 3 : Arlo D

Deer Class -

Year 4 : Lydia,

Year 5 : Felix,

Year 6 : Cameron

Non School Uniform Day

Our recent Non- School Uniform Day for The Children's Cancer Unit Fun, Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity raised a fantastic £85.20! Thank you!!



**Royal Cornwall
Hospitals Charity**

Registered charity number 1049687



Class Update



Discover. Be Inspired. Succeed Hedgehog

Firstly, it was a delight to hear such wonderful things about how the children in Hedgehogs Class represented the school on the Newquay Zoo trip – it sounded like a lot of fun was had!

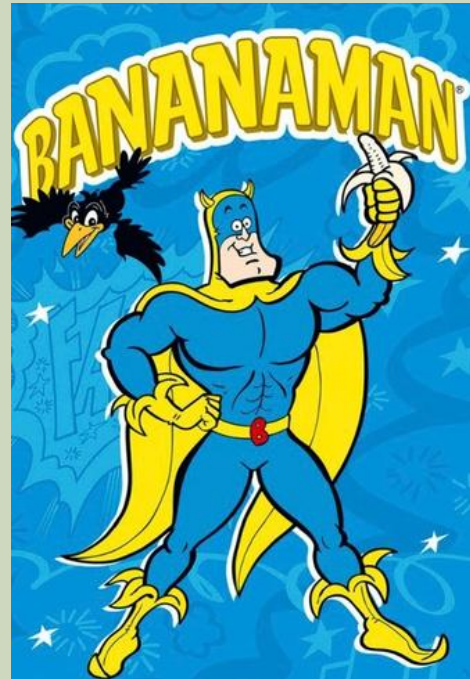
The children in Hedgehogs Class are also having great fun on their Drawing Club journey, watching clips of the old cartoon Bananaman and creating their own superhero adventures!

In Maths, Reception are learning to use their fast eyes to see groups of 2, 3 and 4 without needing to count, whilst Year 1 are discovering the concept of wholes and parts.

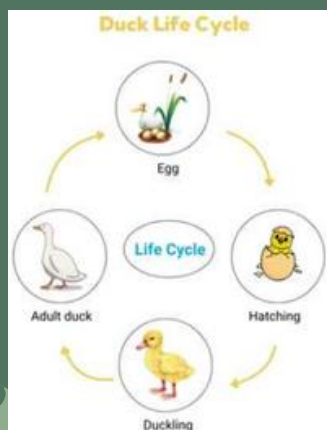
We are enjoying being creative in art, with Reception getting mucky making patterns with finger paints and Year 1 exploring different mediums to replicate Picasso's artwork.

Our youngest learners have spent plenty of time in our outdoor provision, with our sand pit and climbing equipment being firm favourites.

Thank you for continuing to arrive at 8:50am to allow a prompt start to our day – and well done for encouraging independence at the door!



Squirrel



This half term, the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm and curiosity during their Science learning. They have developed their observation, discussion and questioning skills through learning about animals, their offspring and their life cycles. The children have grown in confidence when using scientific vocabulary and explaining their ideas, demonstrating an excellent understanding of how living things grow and change. We have been particularly impressed by the thoughtful comparisons they have made when exploring animals and their offspring, identifying similarities and differences and justifying their thinking. Our visit to the zoo provided a valuable opportunity to apply this learning in a real-life context, as the children observed a range of animals and their features. They were especially fascinated by the fossils they discovered, which sparked lots of questions and discussion. Throughout the topic, the class have embraced opportunities to think like scientists and have shown excellent progress in their ability to observe, compare and communicate their learning. Well done Squirrels!

Class Update

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Deer



Last week, Deer class worked incredibly hard. They finished their writing skills ready for their independent character write about Medusa next week, based on the Percy Jackson novel we are reading as our class text. Children enjoyed continuing to learn about Crime and Punishment, particularly looking at Bodmin Jail and the history of this local establishment.

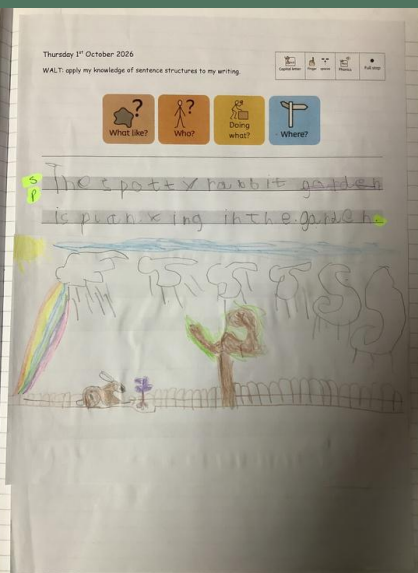


The Nest



The Children in the Nest have worked incredibly hard in their workshops and have blown me away with their determination and focus this week. In the writing workshops we have used colourful semiotics to add adjectives to our writing. The children used their sentence strips and have written some amazing, creative sentences. They were then given the challenge to draw pictures that matched their sentences. The children really enjoyed this!

In the maths workshops, we have looked at matching number words to the correct numerals from 1 to 20 and using the symbols + and = to write equations. We have secured our knowledge of 4 addition facts by using part and whole models and have made our own addition number stories. At the start of our learning I asked the children, who could tell me what an equation was, a reply was "It's a problem to be solved." What an amazing answer!



Cardinham Community News

CHRISTMAS DISCO

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

CARDINHAM SCHOOL

6 - 7:30

Tickets £3 -
see Mrs Ashley

Friends of
Cardinham
School

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Friends of Cardinham present ...

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Refreshments available,
welcome to bring your own.

**YUMMY PRIZES TO
BE WON!**

Friday 13th November
6pm

50P A GAME

Sponsored by: **polymer** medics

children's hospice **SOUTH WEST**

Santas on the Run

eden project

Sunday 6 December

Sign up today chsw.org.uk/santas

Registered Charity
No. 1000214

ARGYLE FOOTBALL CAMPS

OCTOBER

26-30 October, 2026 | 9.30am start
Open to Boys & Girls of all abilities, aged 5-15

SESSIONS FROM £15 PER DAY

For more information:
call **01752 522202**, or
visit argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

BOOK NOW

EAST CORNWALL & NORTH DEVON Argyle Football Camp unless stated

Monday, 26 October St Joseph's School, Launceston Lanivet Community Hub	Wednesday, 28 October Dobwalls Football Club	Friday, 30 August Callington 3G Bude Football Club Polperro Football Club
Tuesday, 27 October Burraton School - Multiskills Holworthy Youth Football Club St Teath Football Club	Thursday, 29 October Chulmleigh School - Multiskills Saltmill 3G, Saltash	

MID CORNWALL Argyle Football Camp unless stated

Monday, 26 October Brannel School Helston FC - Girls Only	Wednesday, 28 October Falmouth Sports Hub - Girls Only	Friday, 30 August Falmouth Sports Hub - Halloween Special Cornwall College - Halloween Special
Tuesday, 27 October Treviglas Penair	Thursday, 29 October Helston FC Penrice Academy	



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.

21/09/2026 - 02/10/2026

Whole School - 96.89%

Hedgehog - 98.52%

Squirrel - 99.13%

Deer - 93.91%

