

Newsletter



11 September 2026

This term's theme:
Going for Goals

Headlines:
Setting a realistic
goal

Virtue of the
week: Being able to
be patient

Musician of the
week: The Beatles

What a wonderful first week back at Gwinear School!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our staff, families and children for making me feel so welcome during my first week. It has been a real pleasure getting to know our school community and to see the excitement and enthusiasm with which everyone has returned after the summer break.

It has been fantastic to see children settling confidently into their new classes and embracing new learning opportunities. Godrevy Class have enjoyed a visit to the Eden Project as part of their Chocolate: From Bean to Bar topic, while Rinsey Class have explored technology at a local veterinary practice to launch their Machines: Friend or Foe? topic.

Our new Reception children have made an excellent start to school life. They have already begun forming friendships, building confidence and learning the routines that help make every day successful. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled into our school family.

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead and all that we will achieve together.

Best wishes,
Mrs Bandara - Headteacher



Caught being brilliant!



Celebrating Success!



A huge well done to all of our children who have impressed their teachers this week with their effort, enthusiasm and commitment to learning. We are incredibly proud of you all!

Stars of the Week:

- ★ Poldhu: Poppy, Brody
- ★ Kynance: Hugo, Harrison
- ★ Godrevy: Nell, Ella
- ★ Rinsey: The Whole Brilliant New Class!
- ★ Virtue: Theo, Kaia and Sariah

Mathletics Champions:

A special congratulations to our fantastic Mathletics achievers this week:

🏆 Arthur & Olivia, Isla, Theo, Lila, Saoirse and Cohen.

It is wonderful to see so many children demonstrating dedication, perseverance and a love of learning. Keep up the fantastic work!

Dates for your diary

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child, please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Bandara, the headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead.



September:

- Wed 16 - Poldhu blackberry picking (am)
- Wed 16 - Kynance to Crenver Grove (am)
- Thur 17 - Godrevy swimming starts
- Mon 28 - Photographer in school

October:

- Tues 6 - Biffa Workshop (KS2)
- Wed 14 - Godrevy Farm Visit (am)
- Thur 15 - Flu Immunisations
- Mon 28 - Fri 30 Half Term

November:

- Thur 5 - Rinsey swimming starts (pm)

December:

- Tues 8 - Christmas Performance 2pm
- Wed 9 - Christmas Performance 6pm
- Fri 18 - Christingle Service & End of Term

After school clubs

Tuesday: Bike Club

INSET DAYS

Monday 7th June 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

Friday 23rd July 2027



Attendance Matters

Every day in school is an opportunity to learn, grow and belong.

Good attendance supports children's learning, friendships, confidence and wellbeing. Missing just a few days across the year can make it harder for children to keep up with learning and feel fully connected to school life.

We ask all families to support our aim of achieving at least 95% attendance for every child wherever possible. If you are experiencing difficulties affecting your child's attendance, please contact us as early as possible so that we can work together to provide support.

Thank you for helping us ensure that every child is in school, on time, every day they can be. Together, we can make every day count.

Polite notice

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of children attending our after-school club, we kindly ask that families leave the school site once children have been collected and refrain from using the playground equipment after school.

Our after-school club operates immediately after the end of the school day and requires continued access to the playground and equipment in a safe and supervised manner. By leaving the site promptly, you help us ensure that children in our care can enjoy these facilities safely and that club activities can run smoothly.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe, positive and enjoyable environment for all children.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Bandara



Whole School Attendance Target 2026-2027: 96%
This Week's Whole School Attendance Figure: 98.9%

Healthy Lunchboxes, Happy Learners

Some Simple Lunchbox Ideas

- ☒ Wholemeal sandwich, wrap or pitta bread
- ☒ Cheese, chicken, tuna, egg or hummus fillings
- ☒ Fruit such as apples, grapes, berries, melon or satsumas
- ☒ Vegetable sticks such as cucumber, peppers or carrots
- ☒ Yogurt, cheese cubes or a dairy-free equivalent
- ☒ Water or milk as a drink



Instead of... Chocolate bars

Try... Fresh fruit, dried fruit or a small oat-based snack

Instead of... Sugary drinks

Try... Water or milk

Instead of... Sweets

Try... Fruit pieces, raisins or yogurt

Instead of... Crisps every day

Try... Breadsticks, rice cakes or crackers on some days

At school, we want every child to feel their best and be ready to learn, play and thrive throughout the day. One way we can support this together is through healthy, balanced lunchboxes.

Children need food that provides steady energy to help them concentrate, participate in lessons, enjoy playtimes and regulate their emotions. While sugary snacks and drinks can give a quick burst of energy, they can also cause blood sugar levels to rise and fall rapidly. Some children may then feel tired, hungry, irritable or find it harder to concentrate later in the day.

A balanced lunch containing a mixture of protein, carbohydrates, fruit, vegetables and dairy (or dairy alternatives) helps provide longer-lasting energy and supports learning, concentration and wellbeing.

We know that every family is different and that busy mornings can make lunchbox preparation challenging. These suggestions are simply ideas to help support children's health, wellbeing and learning throughout the school day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children develop healthy habits that will benefit them both now and in the future.

Community events



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ADVENTURERS**

**AT THE CENTRE
NEWLYN**

FREE CREATIVE ARTS CLUB

THEATRE, MOVEMENT, ART & MUSIC

FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS

From 21st September 2026
Every Monday 4-5pm (term- time)
The Centre - Newlyn


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