



Parent Newsletter

Mr Goodwin - Deputy Head



'A huge congratulations to the Year 11s who have endured a tough two and a half weeks of intensive exams. They have made it through to the halfway point and have been amazing, attending all the booster sessions and going the extra mile. The invigilator team has commented on how hard every student is trying in the exams and what a credit they all are to the school. Over half term, staff are running revision sessions, so Year 11s, make sure to rest, attend the revision sessions, and do some studying at home. The end is in sight, and you are almost there.'

This past week, our Year 10s have been out in the community on work experience. I know they have been working hard and have received many fantastic comments about their work ethic, behaviour, and tenacity, especially as this is the first experience of the working world for some of them.

I hope everyone has a wonderful half term, and we look forward to welcoming you all back for what is going to be a great second half of the summer term with lots to look forward to.'

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Bronze age smelting in Year 7 DT.

Year 7s have been working hard to produce a metal key fob using the casting process. This project introduces them to a technique that can be used to make items such as jewellery, handles for products or other decorative items.

This ancient technique, vital since the Bronze Age, remains essential in modern manufacturing.

The students have been super creative with their work and brave when using our powerful brazing torches to melt the metal . It can be pretty exciting!



Supported Work Experience Pilot.

Finding suitable industry placements for under-16s can be challenging, but we are excited to participate in Cornwall Council's Supported Work Experience pilot, set up mainly for students with SEND. The Council has organized a week of activities, including School of Dough pizza making by the amazing Frankie and Matt, Spaceport Cornwall, George Slaters' Tech Enterprise sessions, Cornwall Marine Network sessions, Phoenix Project team building with Cornwall Fire and Rescue Services, and a visit to SUEZ to look at waste management. These sessions aim to provide insights into post-school working environments and focus on building key skills such as communication, team building, and problem-solving skills.





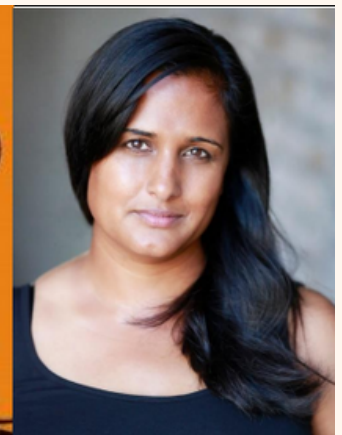
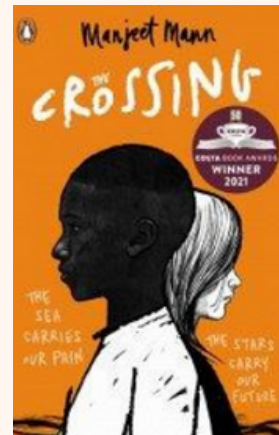
SPARX READER

This half term Year 8 have been using Sparx's new online reading platform, Sparx Reader, to complete their weekly homework and making more books accessible to more young people by using their phone or tablet. So far Year 8 have completed **288 hours** of careful reading and read over 25 books. They have also earned 135,283 Sparx Reader Points. Congratulations Year 8 on all your hard work.



St Austell Literary Festival

We are pleased to announce that our students are being given the opportunity to meet award winning authors as part of the St Austell Literary Festival.



One group will head to Poltair school to listen to Manjeet Mann talk about her journey into writing and inspiration behind her books. Another will go to the White River Cinema for an Author talk, Q&A, fantasy map drawing demonstration and a reading by Kieran Larwood.

Brannel Scalextric Club at the UK Slot Car Festival

Brannel Scalextric Club took students to the British Motor Museum in Warwickshire for the annual UK Slot Car Festival. They raced on various platforms, including 6-lane raceways, timed hill climbs, and drag racing, achieving some of the best times of the day!

There were major slot car retailers offering a wide selection of cars, tracks, and accessories. This made the minibus much heavier on the way home! The trip concluded with a visit to the Motor Museum's collection of motor vehicles, highlighting the history of the British Motor industry and ending the day on a high note!



Cooking Club: A Culinary Journey

In the vibrant kitchen of our cooking club, students embark on a culinary journey that transcends borders and flavours. With aprons tied and utensils ready, we dive into diverse world cuisines. Students engage in conversations while they cook together, building friendships through shared recipes. They improve their culinary skills and learn about different global cultures, gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of diverse traditions.

Mary Poppins - School Production

We are excited to announce that auditions are complete, the cast is set, and rehearsals have begun for our 2024 production of Mary Poppins Jr.

Rehearsal schedules and important information for the cast can be found on the Mary Poppins Team Page. We will soon need techies, make-up artists, and prop/set designers, so stay tuned! Any questions, please see Miss Iddon.



'Hi, I'm Rachel and I play Mary Poppins in the school's production of Mary Poppins Jr. I'm taking Drama for GCSE's and I think this is a great way to prepare me for that. I'm so excited to be able to be in this production and a main character and for the fun I know I will have. I'm especially excited to see how they are going to make me enter from the sky!!'

'Hello, my name is Ronan and I play Bert in Mary Poppins Jr. I am SO excited to do this and I am only in Year 8'



Ski trip to Les Orres in the Alps

Travel Dates: March 28th - April 5th, 2026

Les Orres is nestled in the breathtaking French Alps at an altitude ranging from 1550m to 2730m, the resort boasts an excellent snow record, ensuring optimal skiing conditions. With 250km of piste, there are abundant options for both beginners and advanced skiers to explore.

See Mr Harris for details but hurry because places for this will go fast.



Sports Results

Our athletics team have done another amazing job competing at Par Athletics track. Well done to all our students who took part.

Brannel vs Bude U13 Cup

Bude scored 66 in the first innings, with the standout bowler being Harry H, who took 2 wickets. Brannel managed to surpass the target, losing only 1 wicket. Our top scorers were River P, with 21 not out, and Hayden C, with 20 not out. We will now progress to the next round against Penrice. An amazing team effort!



Our Under 12 girls cricket team had the chance to compete in a cricket festival this term and were amazing. Well done girls for all your hard work and effort.



Upcoming Fixtures:

- Wednesday 5th June - Super 8 Athletics at Par Y7, Y8+Y9
- Thursday 6th June - School Games Softball and Rounders @ Poltair
- Thursday 6th June - U15 Cricket County Cup vs Torpoint @ St Stephen CC
- Tuesday 11th June - Y7 and Y8 County Athletics Championships @ Carne Brea
- Thursday 13th June - U15 and U13 Cricket @ NTS
- Thursday 13th June - School Games Dodgeball @ Fowey River Academy



Athletic Achievements

Libby Straight, in Year 9, won the schools' combined pentathlon at Par on Saturday, 11th May, and Sunday, 12th May, with an impressive 2231 overall score. She achieved personal bests in both long jump and hurdles. Libby has been selected to represent Cornwall Schools at the South West Schools Combined Events Championships on Sunday, 23rd June, in Yeovil. Congratulations, Libby!

Alumni Spotlight: Alfie Harbone

We love when ex-students visit to share their amazing achievements. Alfie recently completed a 3-year BSc in Football Science, akin to Sport and Exercise Science but focused on football.

Modules included football medicals (muscular and respiratory tests), football analysis, and scouting.

Marjon offers excellent facilities, such as an astro turf and biomechanics lab, and partners with Plymouth Argyle, providing valuable industry experience. Next year, he will be pursuing a Masters in Sport Coaching.



Mr. Furlonger Selected for England Over 40's Indoor Cricket

Mr. Furlonger, our Mathematics teacher and Assistant Head of Year 7, has been selected to represent England's Over 40's indoor cricket team at the Masters Indoor Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka this September/October. He will compete against teams from South Africa, Australia, India, New Zealand, and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Furlonger has dedicated the past 18 months to playing and training in Birmingham and Derby. Now selected, he will attend monthly training camps until September, followed by weekly sessions in Birmingham until departure on 24th September.

To view all our amazing students who have won awards please click on this link.

[Student Awards 24th May](#)



06.06.24 - Binic, France - Cultural
13.06.24 Exchange.

Tall ship sailing expedition for Y9 and Y10

Mary Poppins - Production Dates

Production	Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Saturday 14th December
Dress Rehearsal	Saturday 7th December 2024 10:00am till 4:00pm
Tech Rehearsal	Saturday 23rd November 2024 10:00am till 4:00pm
Mary Poppins Summer School	Monday 19th August 9:00am till 3:00pm
Rehearsals	Every Wednesday and Thursday After School 3:30pm – 4:30pm

SEND Notices

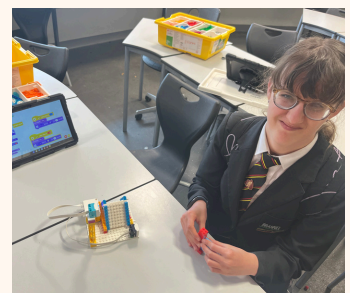
Thank you to everyone who came to the Autism Parent Cafe on 14th June. Feedback has been very positive and we look forward to arranging another event after the summer break. Letters will be sent home once a date has been determined.

Year 9 Access Arrangement testing was completed for the whole year group on Friday 26th April. All parents will be notified of the outcome.

Enhanced Transition Week for the Year 6's will be from week commencing 24th June. We look forward to seeing everybody.

DT Exhibition

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Technology Exhibition that was due to take place on the 20th of June. There will be an opportunity to see some of the amazing Art, DT, Photography, Food and Computing work produced by pupils in our coming Newsletters and social media posts.





Abbie's Fundraiser Haircut, Prize Bingo and Stalls.

Please support Abbie Symons-Bradley in Year 7 on 1st June as she bravely cuts her long hair for the Princess Trust, which makes wigs for children with medical conditions. The event starts at 5:30 pm at Roche Victory Hall and features bingo, raffle prizes, a tombola stall, crafts, and cakes. If you can't attend, please donate [here](#). Let's help Abbie reach her goal to fund a wig for someone in need!

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WHITSUN HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

MID/WEST CORNWALL MAY 2024 | 9.30AM-3.30PM
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

(Football Roadshow unless stated)

TUESDAY 28TH
Tretherras School

WEDNESDAY 29TH
Carn Brea Leisure Centre
Penrice Academy

THURSDAY 30TH
Helston AFC
Brannel School

FRIDAY 31ST
Falmouth Sports Hub
Penair School

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FOOTBALL ROADSHOW
Our Soccer Roadshows are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, techniques, competitions and small sided games.

STRIKERS & GOALKEEPERS
This specific day will cover a variety of shooting activities and goalkeeper training. With opportunities for defenders and attackers to showcase their skills.

GIRLS ONLY ROADSHOW
Girls of all abilities have the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and really feel part of the football community. These sessions are in place to shatter any lingering pre-conceptions about women's and girls' football and boost participation whilst learning skills and techniques and playing small sided games.

SEND ROADSHOW 10AM-5PM
Our Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) Roadshows are inclusive sessions for children with a disability. This can be physical disabilities such as visual and hearing impairments and cerebral palsy, or children with learning needs such as autism and ADHD.

MINI PILGRIMS 10AM-11PM
Mini Pilgrim football sessions are aimed at three- six year olds, who are experiencing their first taste of a structured coaching session. The sessions are staffed at a ratio of 1 coach to 12 children. The emphasis is to improve the children's listening and concentration skills whilst working on balance and co-ordination. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions.

MULTI SPORTS/SKILLS
Chance for participants to undertake a wide range of sports throughout the day. Sports will vary from football, handball, tag rugby plus many more. Each venue and area will offer different sports.

SHORT BREAKS 10AM-1PM
Fun and inclusive football and multi-sport activities for children aged 7-15 with a disability and educational health (care plan) (EHC).

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LEARN. PLAY. SUCCEED

Plymouth Argyle are running football sessions at Brannel on Thursday the 30th May and are inclusive for all ages and abilities.

If you would like to get involved please contact the on any of the details opposite.

MENU

Week Beginning - 3rd June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT FREE MONDAY See special board	MEXICAN CHICKEN Mustard	ROAST CHICKEN AND SAGE AND ONION STUFFING Gluten	OVEN BAKED BREADED FISH Gluten	BOLOGNAISE PASTA Gluten
V MEAT FREE MONDAY	V THREE BEAN VEGAN CHILLI Mustard	V NUT ROAST Gluten nuts	V PIZZA PIN WHEELS Gluten milk	V ROASTED VEGETABLE PASTA Gluten
SEE DAILY SPECIAL BOARD	RICE PEAS	CRISPY ROAST POTATOES SEASONAL VEGETABLES GRAVY	WARM NEW POTATO SALAD Mustard BEANS GARDEN PEAS	GARLIC BREAD Gluten milk SWEETCORN SALAD
	FRUIT CRUMBLE & CUSTARD Gluten milk	MIXED FRUIT JAM PUDDING AND CUSTARD Gluten milk	CHOCOLATE MOUSSE Milk	CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE Gluten milk

Week Beginning - 10th June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT FREE MONDAY See Special Board	MEAT FEAST PASTA BAKE Gluten	ETHERINGTONS ROAST GAMMON	CHICKEN STROGANOFF Mustard milk celery	SAUSAGE CASSEROLE
	V TOMATO PASTA Gluten	V QUORN AND LEEK PIE Milk gluten	V MUSHROOM STOGANOFF Mustard milk celery	V THREE BEAN CASSEROLE
	GARLIC BREAD Gluten milk SWEETCORN	CRISPY ROAST POTATOES SEASONAL VEGETABLES FRESH BREAD	SAVOURY RICE PEAS	MASH Milk GREEN BEANS
	JAM AND CREAM TOPPED SPONGE Gluten milk	CHOCOLATE ORANGE FUDGE CAKE Gluten milk	VANILLA SPONGE AND CHOCOLATE SAUCE Gluten milk	BANANA MOUSSE Milk