



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello 'Skol Gynsa Trewythelan' - Hello Trewidland Primary and Pre-School

We've reached the end of another term, and the rain still continues to pour! We have been outside at times during the week – in between the downpours – but not as much as we would have liked. Let's hope the weather picks up soon!

This week has still been a busy one. It has been Children's Mental Health week, and we have been learning all about what keeps our minds healthy. The theme of the week was 'belonging' and the children worked together using their SECRET skills of 'go for it, finish it' and 'make creative links' too.

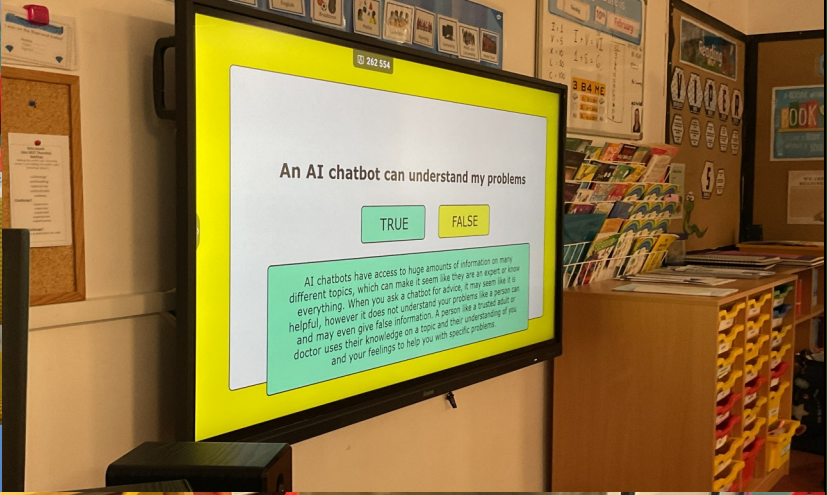
We have also celebrated Internet Safety Day. This year's focus was all about Artificial Intelligence and teaching the children that voice recognition systems (like Alexa, Siri and Gemini) all have programming which may allow them to sound like they are human, but they are still just a computer. It was fascinating to hear how many children are used to asking Alexa to 'turn on the light' and how specific they have to be with instructions. Things have definitely moved on from when I was a child!

Next week is half term and I hope you all manage to get outside at some point! That said, I think wellies will definitely be required if you do get out as the ground is so wet! Whatever you do, enjoy the break. I will see you on Tuesday 24th February.

All the best,

Mrs Cummings
Head of School





The children have been learning about AI during their lessons this week and in Class 1 they have been tasting Chinese food for Chinese New Year.



TREWIDLAND PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL

SCHOOL PHOTOS





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SCHOOL NOTICE — LEAVE REQUESTS



LEAVE OF ABSENCE / EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE LEAVE REQUEST FORM

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of underachievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education no longer allows Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the form attached to this notification. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

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.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

All requests must be completed on this form; letters will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the School Office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence.



TREWIDLAND PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2 March 2026 @ 2.45 PM

PHONICS WORKSHOP

Parents are welcome to come along to explore Phonics and what we do with the children in Year 1.

GAMES AND PLAY

Bags for School Fundraising

Please bring in your unwanted clothes on Monday 9 March

They will be collected on Tuesday 10 March



Class 2

Eden Project Trip

Thursday 19 March

Leave from Dobwalls at 8.45 am

Collect from Dobwalls at 3.10 pm

Price of Trip

£19.58 to be paid on Parentpay

Deadline for payment by Friday 27 February

School Meal Prices

Please note that with effect from 24 March 2026, Aspens will be increasing the cost of a school meal to **£2.75**



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wild Tribe with Mr Jones

Friday 27 February

Friday 13 March

Thursday 26 March

Please ensure that children come into school appropriately dressed for wild tribe. Thank you



WORLD BOOK DAY

FRIDAY 6 MARCH

Come along dressed as your favourite Disney character



After School Dance Club

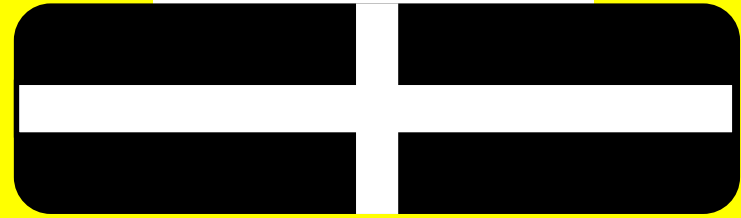
Every Wednesday

3.15 pm—4.00 pm

HAPPY ST. PIRAN'S DAY



Thursday 5 March



RNLI Lifeguards



The South West Water Safety RNLI Lifeguard Team will be visiting the School on Friday 20 March to talk to the children about the importance of being safe in and near the water.



TREWIDLAND PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL
EVENTS



Trewidland Primary & Pre-School



Come along for stories, music and fun!



Move to the Music: Tales & Tunes



Starting 15 January | 10:30 - 11:30am
Spring Term - weekly, every Thursday

Free cuppa for grown ups and healthy snack for children
Early Years session with an adult
Everyone welcome



For more information, please call
our office on: **01503 240275**
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EXTERNAL MESSAGES BROUGHT TO YOU



SALE! TABLE TOP & SEED/PLANT SWAP

21st Feb 9-12.30

All Proceeds towards Charity

Site Entry
 Adults £1
 Children 50p



Pre book your 6ft table now! £5

Bring your spare seeds and plants to add to the free seed & plant swap area. Or donate seeds and plants by 19th Feb

All Under Cover & Free Parking

Serving drinks, bacon butties & cakes



2026 Table Top & Seed/Plant Swap hosted by Kehelland Trust at our main site in the Village of Kehelland 21st Feb 9am-12.30pm.
 To book a selling table you can pay in person at our Camborne shop or Kehelland Shop, or by visiting www.kehellandtrust.org.uk
 Sales Team: 01209 718975 sales@kehellandtrust.org.uk



Free Half Term Activity at St Nectan's Glen

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – 17th, 18th, 19th February

1.30pm – 4.00pm

Come and decorate your very own mushroom to be part of our magical woodland art trail! Each child's creation will be added to a growing forest of dreams, unveiled in April.

Perfect family activity for creative little explorers

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EVENTS 2026
Feathered Friends

Wednesday 18th February
 10.00am - 3.30pm



Bird Box Building £7.50

Site Entry FREE

Garden Bird Trail FREE



Christmas Tree Planting FREE

Join us during Nest Box Week for a fun filled day celebrating our native birds. We invite you to bring a picnic to enjoy in our beautiful grounds.

Hot drinks, hot dogs, cakes and snacks will be available from our pop up cafe.



Well behaved dogs on leads welcome

U18's must be accompanied by an adult

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Secret Skills Celebration Certificates

Class 1

- Alexander for showing great perseverance with his writing and using adjectives to make it more interesting
- Charlie for joining in really well with maths and phonics and having a great 'Getting Involved' attitude

Class 2

- Vincent for his 'Go For It, Finish It' attitude with his maths challenges
- James for 'getting involved' in his DT lessons

Please could all parents, when dropping off their children in the morning, park in the top car park. This is to avoid congestion at the front of the school and to ensure everyone is safe.

Please could parents label their child's School jumper with their child's name. This would be very helpful. Thank you

Attendance

9 Feb — 13 Feb 2026

Class 1

97%

Class 2

87%

Diary Dates

16-20 Feb—Half Term

23 Feb—Inset Day

27 Feb—Wild Tribe

2 Mar—Phonics Workshop Year 1

5 Mar—St Piran's Day

6 Mar—World Book Day

13 Mar—Wild Tribe

19 Mar—Class 2 Trip to the Eden Project

20 Mar—RNLI Water Safety visit

26 Mar— Thursday—Wild Tribe

26 Mar —Biffa Visit—Whole School