Calstock CP School Newsletter

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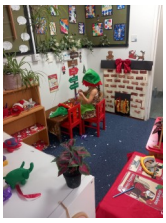
Autumn Term - Number 5 - 5th Dec 2025

Diary Dates

- **Friday 5th December - Christmas Craft Fair 5pm - 8pm £2.50 entry**
- **Wednesday 10th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability**
- **Thursday 11th December - Christmas Music Assembly at 10am**
- **Thursday 11th December - PTFA Calstock School Christmas Bake Off 3.15pm**
- **Monday 15th December - Friday 19th December - Xmas Jumper Week**
- **Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Nativity Performance at 2pm**
- **Thursday 18th December - Christmas Lunch**
- **Friday 19th December - Last Day of Term**

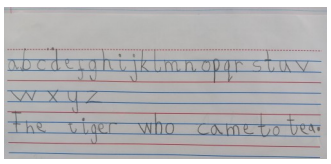
Nursery/Reception News

It has been a wonderfully busy and imaginative week in Nursery as the children have thrown themselves into exploring our new role-play area, Santa's workshop! They have shown real enthusiasm for cutting, wrapping, sticking, and writing labels, all of which provide valuable opportunities to strengthen fine motor control, develop early writing skills, and build confidence in working independently. Their creativity and teamwork have been lovely to see. Nursery have also been practising their star dance for the school nativity. We are very much looking forward to watching them twinkle on stage when the big day arrives!



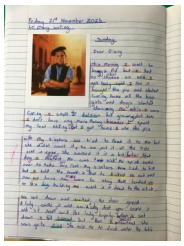
Year One News

The children are bringing their writing unit on *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* to a close. They have produced thoughtful and lively character descriptions, and we are eager to share their finished pieces, which show real progress in both imagination and writing stamina. Alongside this, they have been making excellent strides with their handwriting, showing increasing pride and care in their presentation. In maths, the children have been consolidating their understanding of addition, subtraction and number bonds to 10. Their confidence is growing steadily, and they will be moving on to 'Time' next week. Rehearsals for the nativity are also in full swing! The children are singing beautifully, learning their lines with determination and working hard to bring the performance together. We are very proud of them all and look forward to sharing the finished production with you in a few weeks!



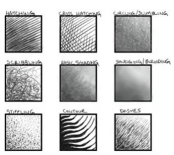
Class Two News

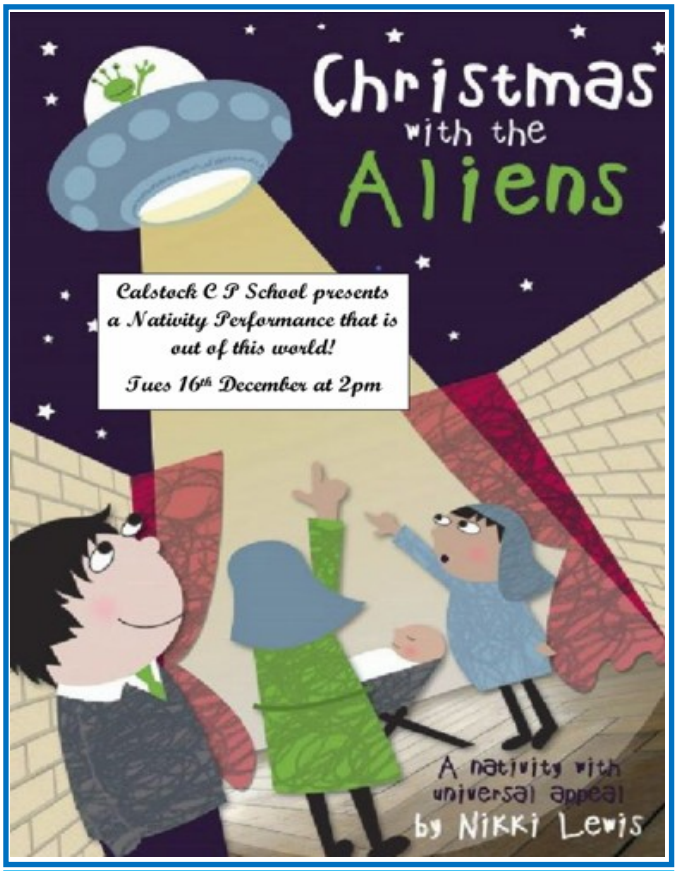
Class 2 have continued to do really great work in all of our subjects. In English we have started to read *Street Child* and the children have written some really interesting diaries from a Victorian child's point of view. In maths we have started to look at shape and it is great to see how confidently everyone is working at describing and sorting. Another recent highlight was our visit to Cotehele. It was really exciting to be able to take the flowers that we grew in the Spring and to add them to the famous garland. All of the children were very careful and very artistic in their arranging of the flowers and it was great to see the completed garland in place in the Great Hall. And of course, we are starting to get excited about Christmas and our performance. Well done everyone!



Class Three News

Class 3 have been busy expressing their creativity in recent weeks, particularly in art. In our drawing unit, we have been exploring how line and tone can communicate emotion, practising a range of techniques to see how each one changes the mood of a piece. We have looked at artists such as Henry Moore, Wassily Kandinsky and Vincent Van Gogh, using their work as inspiration to create our own emotion-led artwork. In maths, we have moved from fractions to mental multiplication to revisiting addition and subtraction, now including working out change and the difference between amounts of money. This week we were very excited to visit Okel Tor Mine to learn about how in the past, children even younger than themselves once worked in mines. The children enjoyed learning about their Cornish roots and how Cornish miners carried their expertise around the world.





We currently have lots of lost property items including school jumpers. If you are missing an item of clothing please look in our lost property box located in Reception. Meanwhile, please ensure school jumpers/ hoodies are clearly labelled

Celebrating Achievements

Each week teachers choose pupils in their class who have demonstrated a key value which we encourage and celebrate in school. Values Certificates were presented to:

Inspiration

Ruby, Felix, Seren, Aiken, Reggie and Sumire

Perseverance

Max, Gabriel, Tilly, Jacob, Willow and Danny

Integrity

Ailsa

Term Dates 2025-26

Autumn Term 3rd September 2025 - 19th December 2025

Half Term 27th October 2025 - 31st October 2025

Christmas break 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 5th January 2026 - 2nd April 2026

Half Term 16th February 2026 - 20th February 2026

Easter break 3rd April 2026 - 17th April 2026

Summer Term 20th April 2026 - 23rd July 2026

May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term 25th May 2026 - 29th May 2026

Training Day closures are: **3rd September 2025, 24th October 2025, 5th January 2026, 22nd July 2026 and 23rd July 2026**

WELLBEING NEWS

SEND Notice Board

The SEND team for Calstock and Stoke Climsland School are as follows:

Staff Name	Role
Steph Cook	SENDCo Calstock & Stoke Climsland

If you need to contact a member of the SEND team to discuss your child, please contact the relevant school secretary in the first instance – secretary@calstock.cornwall.sch.uk (Calstock School) or secretary@stoke-climsland.cornwall.sch.uk (Stoke Climsland School).

SPACE

Supporting Parents And Children Emotionally

SPACE is a **free** programme for **any parent or carer** who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

This 5 week online programme will cover:

- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- Managing different emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in ourselves and our children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing your ability to provide nurturing care

MHST has an upcoming online programme with sessions starting on:

Monday 12 January 2026 at 9.30am
Monday 12 January 2026 at 11.30am
Thursday 15 January at 9.30am
Thursday 15 January at 1.30pm

These sessions will be running for 5 weeks, please ensure you are able to attend each week for the duration of the programme

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided: https://forms.office.com/e/mX4A6KKfwv

These courses are for parents/carers of children 5-11 yrs only

Spaces are limited, if you cannot attend, please notify us ASAP - 01726 873204

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NHS

CORNWALL & DEVON School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

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

FLU · MMR · HPV · MENINGITIS ACWY · DIPHTHERIA TETANUS POLIO (DTP)

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

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net

Let's keep this going for all the people who are going through a tough time.

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤

CALM - 0800585858
Mind - 03001233393
No Panic - 08449674848
Bereavement - 08088081677
PAPYRUS - 08000684141
Samaritans - 116 123
SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258
Abuse - 0808 2000 247
Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe this Christmas.