



Calstock CP School Newsletter

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Spring Term - Number 3 - 13th February 2026

Diary Dates

- Fri 27th Feb - St Piran's Performance Y3-6 - Calstock Green 2.30pm
- Weds 4th Mar - Fri 6th Mar - Class 3 Residential London Trip
- Thurs 5th Mar - World Book Day
- Weds 11th Mar - Girls Football Festival Y3/4 & Y5/6 Teams - Callington College 10am - 2pm
- Thurs 12th Mar - Year 1 and Year 2 Multi Skills Sports Festival - Callington College 2 - 4pm

Class One News

What an incredible week it has been in Class 1! After the children produced their brilliant reports on owls, we took our learning even further by dissecting real owl pellets. The children were fascinated, asking thoughtful questions and showing great curiosity as they explored what owls have been eating. The highlight of the week was a very special visit from Baley the Owl from the Barn Owl Trust. Seeing Baley up close was truly amazing - the children were spellbound as they learned about owls' habits, their beautiful feathers, and how these incredible birds live in the wild. In maths, we've enjoyed a range of number activities, including Bingo, Snakes and Ladders, number colouring, and even creating 3D monsters! We also introduced the children to Numbots, an interactive online programme that builds confidence with number bonds and calculation skills through short, engaging games. The children were very enthusiastic and excited to explore the challenges, and they can continue practising at home using their individual logins on the back of their reading records. It has been a fantastic week of hands-on learning, curiosity, and discovery - we have enjoyed every moment!



Class Two News

Class 2 have had another great week. All of the children have done excellent work based on our class book, 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe', and they have used their descriptive skills very effectively to write their own "portal" stories. The children have also done great work on our different projects and it is always fantastic to hear how knowledgeably the children talk about what they are learning. We are also especially excited about our work with Colin Pethick, who is helping us to design our own mural, and about our St Piran's music and drama project with Emma Oliver-Trend. It is wonderful to be working with visiting experts and we look forward to



sharing the outcomes of our work soon. 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 and mental multiplication to revisiting addition and subtraction, now including working out change and the difference between amounts of money. Keep up the great work Class 3!

Nursery News

This week our Nursery has been a hub of curiosity and creativity as the children explored the wonderful world of owls! We began by enjoying the classic story of 'Owl Babies', which led to lots of discussion and excitement as the children practised sequencing the story. They loved retelling the events in order, showing great listening and attention. Inspired by the story, the children threw themselves into a range of owl-themed craft activities. From creating colourful owl artwork to exploring textures and shapes, dissecting owl pellets and even seeing a real Barn Owl swoop across the classroom! Our learning also took a scientific turn as we investigated different waterproof materials, linking them to the story and the owls' own waterproof feathers. The children were fascinated by the experiments. They were so engaged, showing curiosity and excellent concentration throughout the activity. It has been a wonderful week of storytelling, creativity and discovery, and we've loved seeing the children immerse themselves in learning through play.



The whole school enjoyed celebrating NSPCC Number Day last Friday. As a Federation, we raised £179.07! We had lots of exciting number activities, colouring and games. Class 3 had to come up with their own business idea, including detailing the set-up costs for their enterprise. There were some great ideas including a crypto currency app!



Children's Event at Calstock Arts February Half Term 2026

The Book Witch (Sunday 15th February @ 11am & 3pm)



Kira loves reading, visiting the library for a new book is her favourite thing. One day the words in the books start to disappear and the adults start to get grumpy.

Graham Grey says the library will be knocked down to make way for a car park! With her new friend the book worm, Kira must uncover why words are vanishing and where these book monsters have come from! Could there be a Book Witch in the library?

An open hearted and award-winning show aimed at children aged 4+. Exploring the importance of libraries, sharing stories and not judging people. The show features live music, puppetry and storytelling. Created with inclusion and accessibility in mind.

Using storytelling, puppetry, live music and singing, the company of 4 performers bring this magical story to life.

Tickets £8 adult, £6 children or £25 Family ticket for 4. Supported by Carn to Cove.

See <https://calstockarts.org/whats-on/> for more details or email: mail@calstockarts.org

READING CHALLENGE

Class 2 and Class 3 are working on building their independent reading skill and stamina. Just before Christmas, the teachers began giving out reading certificates to reward this increased effort. When a child passes a quiz in Accelerated Reader, their word count is tracked. They are then able to earn certificates once they reach 20,000, 50,000, 75,000, 100,000 and 200,000 or one million words! The classes are also in competition to see who can read the most words before Easter. The children have taken to this challenge with gusto, and the teachers can't wait to see who will be our first 'Word Millionaire'!



Certificates were presented to:

Commended Reading:

Ariya, Lottie, Greta and Demi-Rose

Reading 20,000 words:

Elsa and Jack

Reading 75,000 words:

Willow

Reading 100,000 words:

Tilly and Erin

Reading 200,000 words:

Fred Oliver

Reading 400,000 words:

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GALAXY EXPLORERS

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MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026

MARTIAN MONDAY

Deep Space Dodgeball

Cosmic Cricket

Space Jam Basketball

Neon Dodgeball Tournament

Starship Fun Swim

EXTRATERRESTIAL TUESDAY

Deep Space Dodgeball

Halo Hockey

Cosmic Cricket

Zero Gravity Inflatables session: including zorb wars

Wet Welly Space Explorers

OUT OF THIS WORLD WEDNESDAY

Space Jam Basketball

Deep Space Dodgeball

Zero Gravity Inflatables session: including zorb wars

Wet Welly Space Explorers

MILKY WAY THURSDAY

Moon Ball Tennis Masterclass

Halo Hockey

Deep Space Dodgeball

Zero Gravity Inflatables session: including zorb wars

Wet Welly Space Explorers

FLYING SAUCER FRIDAY

Space Jam Basketball

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Cosmic Cricket

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WHATS ON THIS HALF TERM

LOVE OF THE UNLOVED
Meet snakes, spiders, snails & more with Zoolab (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 1-4pm; talks at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30). Included in Self guided tickets from 12:30pm.

FAMILY ACTIVITY TRAIL
Kids solve clues and puzzles through the jail to win a prize.

BROKEN HEARTS GUIDED TOUR
Discover real historic crimes of passion.

THE STORY OF CHARLOTTE DYMOND
Explore the controversial story of Charlotte Dymond and Matthew Weeks — guilty or not?

All this and so much more!
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We note some children are wearing cros to school. These can cause injury when running and playing, therefore please ensure your child wears closed-toe well-fitting shoes to school, which offer your child's feet the correct level of support. Thank you for your co-operation.



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:

Perseverance

Fraser

Inspiration

Corin, Leo, Ailsa, Willow, Rosie and Fred Oliver

Empathy

Demi-Rose

Well done to all!



Term Dates 2026/27

Autumn Term 3rd Sept - 18 Dec 2026 Half Term 26th Oct - 30th Oct 2026

Christmas break 21st Dec - 1st Jan 2027

Spring Term 4th Jan - 25th Mar 2027 Half Term 15th Feb - 19th Feb 2027

Easter break 26th Mar - 9th April 2027

Summer Term 12th April - 23rd July 2027 May Bank Holiday 3rd May 2027

Half Term 31st May 2027 - 4th June 2027

Training Day Closures are: 3rd Sept 2026, 4th Sept 2026, 23rd Oct 2026, 4th Jan 2027 and 12th April 2027

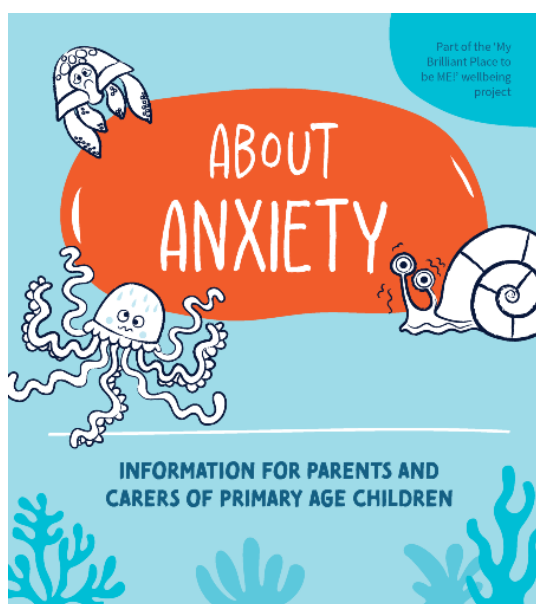
WELLBEING NEWS

SEND Notice Board

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

Staff Name	Role
Steph Cook	SENDCo Calstock & Stoke Climsland
Amy Hicks	SEND Assistant 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).



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This year, Children's Mental Health Week 2026 will take place from 9-15 February, with the theme 'This Is My Place'.



What is Children's Mental Health Week?

Children's Mental Health Week is an annual mental health awareness week launched by children's mental health charity, **Place2Be**. The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

The theme highlights the importance of connection, belonging and feeling understood, principles that sit at the heart of effective behaviour-informed practice. When young people feel safe, included and supported, they are better able to regulate their emotions, engage positively with learning, and thrive.

Click on the following link to access free resources for anyone wanting to take part as a family or community group;

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

FREE Neighbourhood health events 2026

Come along to events in...

- Lanivet Community Centre: Tuesday 10 February
- Camborne Wesley Church and Centre: Wednesday 11 February
- St Erme Community Centre: Thursday 19 February
- Chi Austel, Saint Austell: Tuesday 3 March
- Isles of Scilly: Planned for late March 2026

SHAPE health plans for your neighbourhood
HEAR about local health and wellbeing services
SHARE your ideas and views

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Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care System

This is a partnership event arranged and delivered with your local GP practice, NHS, community and council partners working together.

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