Calstock CP School Newsletter

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Summer Term - Number 1 - Thursday 30th Apri.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 5th May - Y5 & Y6 Chyvarhas Visit
- Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May Year 6 SATs
- Thursday 21st May - Music Assembly at 10am
- Monday 8th June - Y5 & Y6 First Aid Training
- Thursday 18th June - Sports Day at 1pm & PTFA Summer Fayre 3.15pm
- Monday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers Party 3.15pm

Class One News

Class 1 have started their new story, 'Mrs Mole, I'm Home!' The children have been learning fascinating facts about moles and using these in their writing to create detailed sentences and descriptions. We also thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Harewood Farm alongside Nursery and Reception. During our visit, we picked fresh spinach and wild garlic, which we used to make our own pesto and garlic butter. The children helped to prepare garlic bread, and we all enjoyed tasting our creations together in the sunshine. It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience for everyone!

Nursery & Reception News

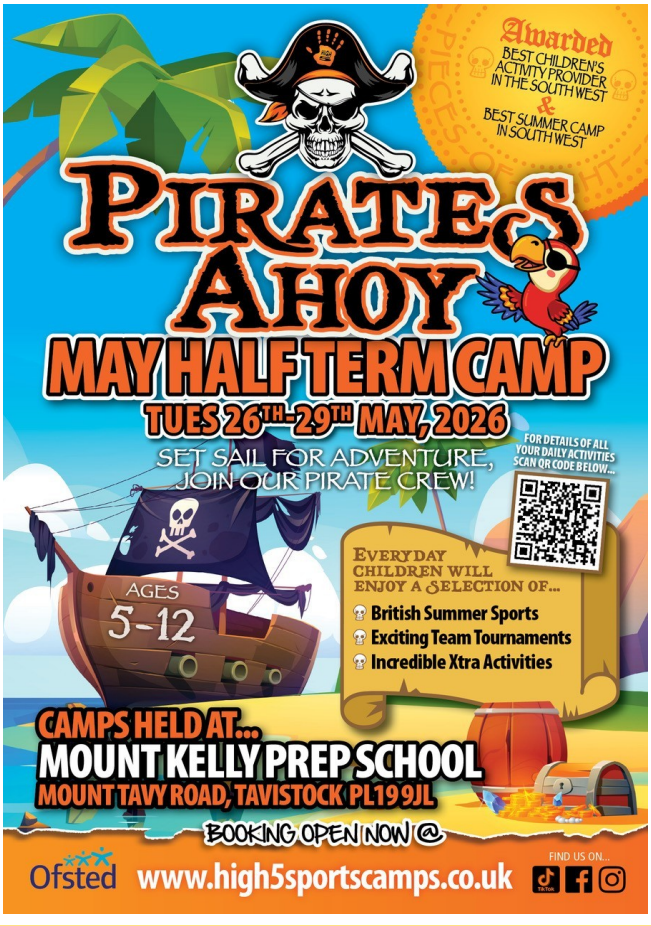
Nursery and Reception have begun exploring 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have fully immersed themselves in all things mini beasts and plants! The children have been learning about life cycles and growth, linking our story to our own planting. We planted strawberries and sunflowers and are looking forward to watching them grow over the coming weeks. In our creative work, the children used pipettes to carefully add paint to cotton pads to create their own Hungry Caterpillar pictures. They also explored symmetry by painting beautiful symmetrical butterflies, developing both their fine motor skills and understanding of pattern.

Class Two News

Class 2 have made a great start to the Summer term. In English, the children have found out all about William Shakespeare, and we have started to look at A Midsummer Night's Dream. We will be finding out more about playscripts and we will be writing our own plays soon. In Spanish, we have done more work on describing animals, and the children are becoming confident in this area. We have also started playing cricket in PE - we have some real talent in the class! In Science, the children carried out some interesting experiments to find out about solids, liquids and gases. Finally, the children have finished their wonderful pencil case project in DT - they have used different design and making techniques and have all come up with some brilliant results. Well done everyone!

Class Three News

Class 3 have been getting creative in the classroom last week with an exciting design technology lesson. Class 2 and Class 3 children worked on the making stage of their designs using a wide range of materials including sewing and gluing with a glue gun, carefully selecting the most suitable techniques for their projects. As they built and tested their ideas, they encountered challenges which encouraged them to adapt their designs and think carefully about what they might improve next time. The children showed fantastic perseverance, problem-solving skills and a highly positive attitude towards their learning, resulting in an incredibly productive and creative lesson. Well done!



WELCOME TO HAREWOOD FARM

Relax. Breathe Easy. Come to Your Senses.

We are delighted to share that we will be working closely with Harewood Farm in Calstock!

Nestled within the winding River Tamar in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Harewood Farm is a true hidden gem. In 2025 it became a County Wildlife Site, designated by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, and it has also been recognised as a 'Tamar Valley Champion' by Tamar Valley National Landscape in recognition of its commitment to biodiversity and sustainable farming.

The 25-acre farm features traditional hay meadows, woodland and small fruit and vegetable gardens. The team follow nature-friendly, agroecological principles, working in harmony with the seasons to grow fresh, local produce. Over the course of this term, each class will have the opportunity to visit the farm to take part in hands-on planting activities. We look forward to returning throughout the Summer term to observe how our crops are growing and, in time, to enjoy the fruits of our labour! We are thrilled to be building this partnership and cannot wait for our pupils to learn, explore and flourish in such an inspiring local setting!

****WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY AT 3.15PM****

The PTFA are holding an informal meeting on 13th May after school - if you have time please do come along.The PTFA are very keen for new helpers to help raise funds for our lovely school! Many thanks

Celebrating Achievements

Perseverance

Fraser

Inspiration

Andrew, Sarah, Rosa O & Lev

Integrity

Greta

Well done to all!

There are children in our school who have **severe life** threatening nut & sesame seed allergies and we would like to ask for your continued support in keeping them safe.

NO cereal bars for snack time or in packed lunches

NO peanut butter or nutella sandwiches in packed lunches

NO nuts in cakes donated for cake stalls at fundraising events

Thank you for your support

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