

# Curnow School

# Newsletter



**January 2025**

## Headteacher News

Welcome back to the start of another year, although we are already at the end of the first month!

We are looking forward to an exciting spring term with lots of activities and events happening over the next few months. We have already had a Boccia tournament where team Curnow came in second place. This was a great effort in our first competitive tournament.

We have Toucan theatre visiting in March to both Lower and Upper school to perform two shows, 'The Naughty Fox' and 'The Noisy Dinosaur'. This will be a fully sensory based experience to ensure pupils are fully engaged in the shows!

We will also be starting our training sessions for the Ten Tors next month to prepare our Year 11 and Post 16 pupils for the 2 day event up on Dartmoor in May. We have two local walks to give pupils the opportunity to see if they would enjoy the experience and start to work together as a team.

Finally, we are so proud of the pupils, families and staff at The Karder Hub for having such a great start, settling in and developing relationships to support the pupils learning moving forward. It has been so lovely to see this new provision open and the children enjoying it.

## Dates for diary

Bag2School Collection  
Thursday 6th February

**HALF TERM**  
Monday 17th February

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# Lower School News



Sennen Class



Sennen class had a class trip to Rogue theatre.



We all enjoyed looking at the sensory objects hanging in the trees.

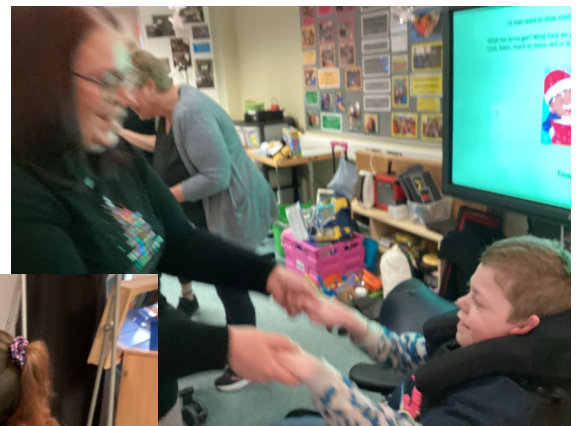


We listened to the fairy sing, watched the fire spinner, finishing off by watching the show in the tent.

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During the last week of the Autumn term Sennen class invited their parents/carers into class for a sensory session, followed by dance with Crofty class. We all had great fun.



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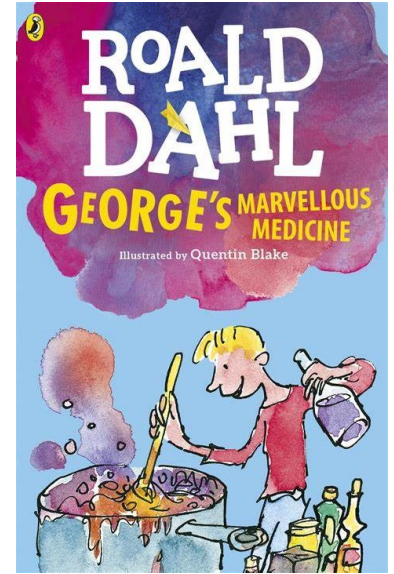
**Father Christmas came to see us in class on the last day of term.**

# Upper School News



## Rock Class

This term in Rock Class we have been enjoying Georges Marvellous medicine as our Sensory Story. The students have done a great job making their own medicines which luckily no one has to drink!



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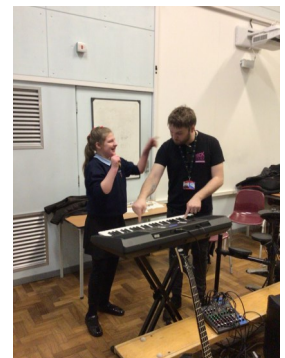
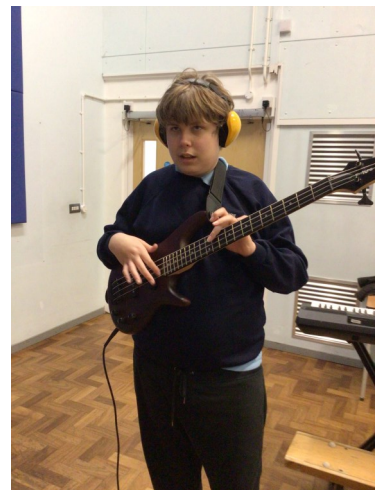
Rock Class have also been exploring their personal interests in music, art and cooking all around the theme of retail!



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# Student News



Huge congratulations to Sarah from Post 16 who has become a member of the youth council of Camborne. Last night was her first meeting: meeting new people, lots to discuss about improving the community and some very good snacks!



## RLG Dance

We are in search of a business or individual who would be interested in sponsoring T-Shirts for our upcoming RLG event at Redruth School. Please spread the word far and wide to help us out. Your support is greatly appreciated! Contact Mel Clarke on [mclarke@curnowschool.org.uk](mailto:mclarke@curnowschool.org.uk)



# HMRC Advice

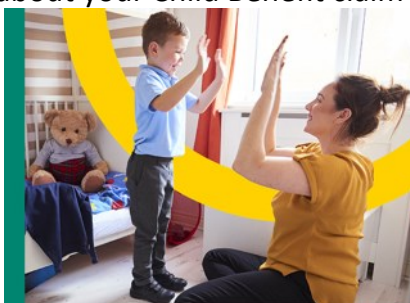


Child Benefit Parents and carers can now claim £25.60 per week in Child Benefit for their first child and £16.95 for any other children they have. There's no limit on the number of children they can claim for. Child Benefit is worth £1,331.20 a year for the first child and £881.40 a year for each additional child. It's paid into bank accounts every four weeks (or weekly in certain circumstances). We've also made claiming Child Benefit easier than ever. Parents no longer need a paper form to claim and can do it quickly and conveniently via the HMRC app or online. Claims are backdated for up to three months. High Income Child Benefit Charge In April 2024, the amount people can earn before they start paying the High Income Child Benefit Charge (HICBC) increased to £60,000. For parents and carers who have not yet claimed Child Benefit, or who opted out of payments and have income between £60,000 and £80,000, it can be worth their while financially to claim. The quickest and easiest way to claim is through the free HMRC app or online. If they already claim but have opted out of payments, they don't need to claim again – the parent or carer that originally claimed can simply opt back in on the app or online. To note: If they or their partner claimed Child Benefit payments before 6 April 2024, and the higher earner had an individual income of over £50,000, they may have to pay the tax charge for 2023 to 2024. They can check the Child Benefit tax calculator to find out more

Supporting materials for you to share with families Email/newsletter copy Don't miss out on up to £1,331 a year in Child Benefit Are you a parent or carer who doesn't claim Child Benefit, or has opted out of payments because of the High Income Child Benefit Charge? We wanted to let you know that the amount you can earn before you need to start paying the charge has increased from £50,000 to £60,000. If you and your partner both have an adjusted net income of less than £60,000, you no longer have to pay the charge. If you or your partner have an adjusted net income between £60,000 and £80,000 it can still be worth your while financially to claim, so it's worth checking what you would get. There's more to Child Benefit than just payments too – you'll also:

- receive National Insurance credits which count towards your State Pension
- make sure your child automatically gets a National Insurance number when they're 16 years old

Claiming on the HMRC app or online is quick and easy. If you already claim but have opted out of payments and would like to restart these, you don't need to claim again – the parent or carer that originally claimed can simply opt back in quickly and easily through the app or online. Don't forget, if you claimed Child Benefit payments before 6 April 2024 and you or your partner had an individual income of over £50,000, you may have to pay the tax charge for 2023 to 2024. You can check the Child Benefit tax calculator to find out more. Get on it – download the HMRC app You can view and manage your claim quickly and easily on the HMRC app. This includes viewing payments, proof of entitlement and adding additional children – all without needing to call HMRC. By downloading the app, sign-in can be even faster with a PIN, fingerprint or facial recognition too – giving you everything you need to know about your Child Benefit claim at your fingertips.



Changes to the  
**High Income Child  
Benefit Charge**



Missing out on  
**Child Benefit  
payments?**



You can restart  
them **online** or  
in the **HMRC app**



# Events



## Autism Behaviour with Joanna Grace

February 5th 2025  
10.30-2.30 with lunch.

St Austell Printers & Conference centre  
St Austell PL25 4FD

Booking via [michellepcc@outlook.com](mailto:michellepcc@outlook.com)



## Q&A Session with Tigger

Do you have questions about ARFID, the Autistic Individual, PDA, ADHD .....

February 27th  
10.30-12.30

St Austell Conference Centre,  
St Austell business Park,  
St Austell PL25 4FD

to book contact  
[michellepcc@outlook.com](mailto:michellepcc@outlook.com)



## Joanna & Tigger Autism Relationships

March 6th 2025  
10.30-12.30 with lunch.

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Drop in

SEND Information event

40+ Services in attendance

March 12th  
10.00am-1.00pm

Eden Project

Bring your local pass and make a day of it.

# Events



**GWEALAN TOPS**  
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**  
Mon 17-Fri 21  
12-4pm

**AGES 7-16**

**FREE HOT MEALS FOR EVERYONE @ 1PM**

Mon - Tomato pasta  
Tues - Fajitas  
Wed - Jacket potato  
Thurs - Fish fingers & chips  
Fri - Soup & Hot dogs

Children must be registered  
New users must book an induction visit before they attend by contacting [manager@gwealantops.org](mailto:manager@gwealantops.org)

SCHOOL LANE - REDRUTH TR15 2ER  
[WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG](http://WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG)

COMMUNITY FUND

TIME MOVE Holiday Programme

**ROARSOME PLAY**

**Inset day at soft play**

Private session for Curnow School pupils

10am - 1pm Tuesday 6th May

£6 per child (includes squash) Adults free

Cafe open for food & drinks

No maximum age limit, so all of our children can play.

Payment on booking via PayPal  
Leanne Spargo: [codyjaxon1@gmail.com](mailto:codyjaxon1@gmail.com)  
Friends & Family ONLY please, to avoid fees.

(Please note: this is not a school event)

Roarsome Play, New Portreath Road, Redruth. TR16 4QL

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**

Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for

Thursday 6th February

Any questions – please ask your school collection organiser Lyndsey Barradas

**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.

**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.

**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 coordination. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions.

**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.

**SEND ROADSHOW 10AM-3PM**  
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.

**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 (EHCP).

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**LEARN. PLAY. SUCCEED**