

# Curnow School

# Newsletter



**February 2025**

## Headteacher News

Newsletter Article: The Benefits of AI in Special Schools

We are thrilled to share how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can enhance the learning experience at our special school. Here are some key benefits:

### Personalized Learning

AI helps us tailor lessons to each student's unique needs, ensuring they receive the right support to succeed.

### Enhanced Communication

AI-powered tools improve communication for students with challenges, helping them express themselves better.

### Assistive Technologies

AI-driven tools like text-to-speech and speech-to-text make learning materials more accessible.

### Real-Time Feedback

AI provides immediate feedback, allowing teachers to quickly address learning gaps.

## Dates for diary

### Thursday 6th March

LOWER ONLY  
World Book Day

### Friday 21st March

Red Nose Day

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## Data-Driven Insights

AI analyzes student performance data, helping us make informed decisions to support each student's progress.

## Safety and Well-Being

AI monitoring systems enhance student safety by alerting staff to potential issues.

## Reduced Workload and Time Savings

AI can automate administrative tasks, reducing the workload for teachers and giving them more time to focus on teaching and supporting students.

We are committed to using AI to provide the best possible education for our students. If you have any questions, please contact us.

This article was created by AI in seconds!

BUT...

We will always embrace change and will be committed to using the benefits of any technologies that have a positive impact on our pupils and their outcomes. I strongly believe that the most important aspect of a Special School are the relationships that we develop with pupils, staff and the families/carers. Developing strong, trusted and informed relationships is fundamental to our school and this will always be the priority (call me old fashioned!).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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## Tehidy class



Our lovely Kate from our school SITT team has been working with our children on the "Move to Learn" group intervention sessions. This is a 12 week programme that has been developed by the SPT occupational therapist and intervention coordinators to support our youngest pupils in school in developing within their self regulation and self modulation skills. The sessions included calming activities, activities that support fine and gross motor control within a specific structured session to meet the needs of our pupils.



# Lower School News



**Working within small groups and following the specific routine, the children have engaged and responded incredibly well within this new session and "move to learn" is now part of our weekly timetable.**



# Lower School News

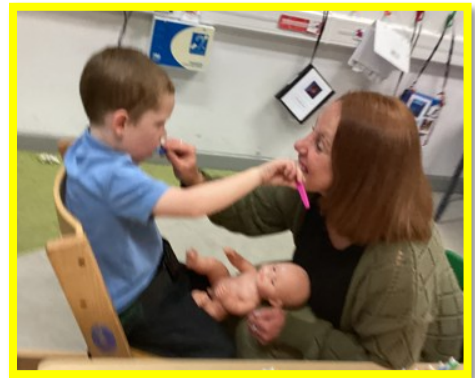


## The Big Brush club



Tehidy have been part of the NHS supervised tooth brushing initiative "the big brush club".

The aim of the programme is for every child to brush their teeth with fluoride toothpaste once a day which we know can be a difficult task for our children. In Tehidy, the children have their own tooth brush and we have been working 1-1 with our teeth cleaning, this may mean cleaning a dolls teeth, or our adults and then making attempts for their own. This has been a great success and all the children are making progress in the sessions.



# Upper School News



## Tolcarne Class



**Well-being Week** was a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore different ways to support their physical and emotional well-being. Throughout the week, they took part in a variety of activities, including **Movement** to stay active, **Music** to uplift and engage, **Messy Arts** to spark creativity, **Mindful Moments** for relaxation, and **Mother Nature** to connect with the outdoors. It was wonderful to see everyone embracing new experiences and discovering what makes them feel happy and calm!

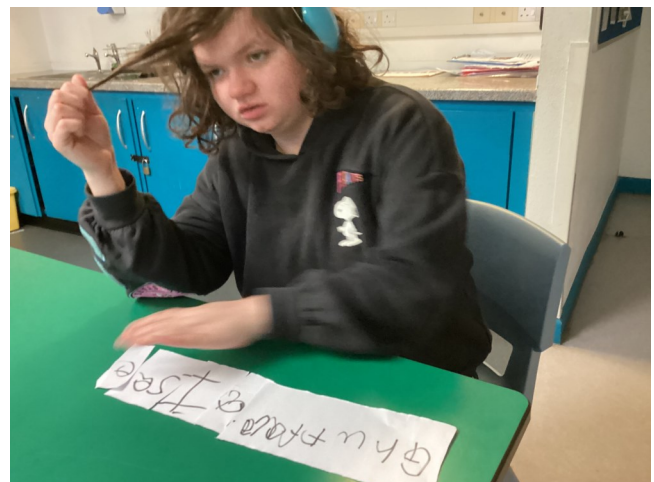
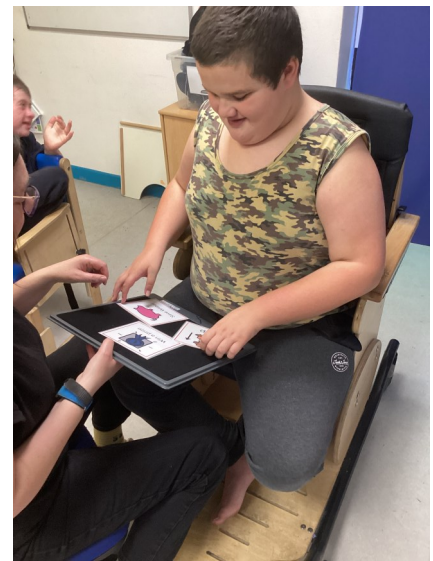
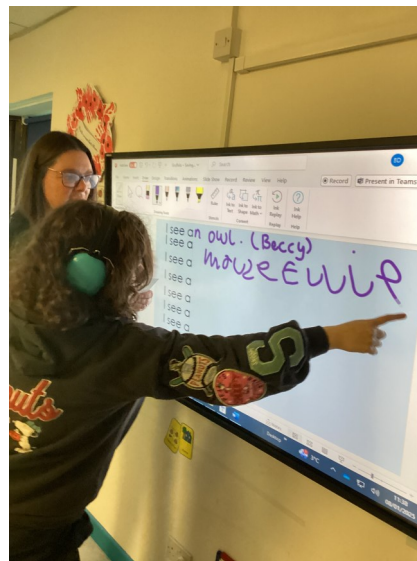
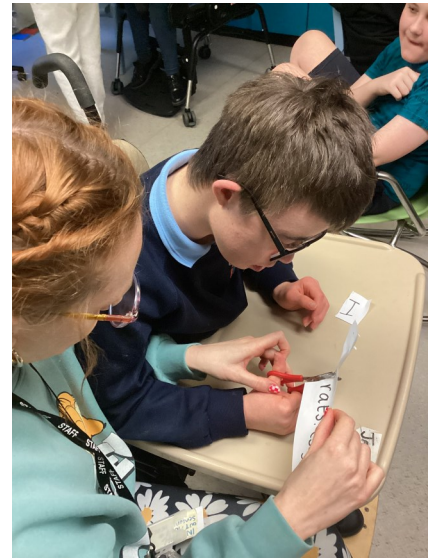


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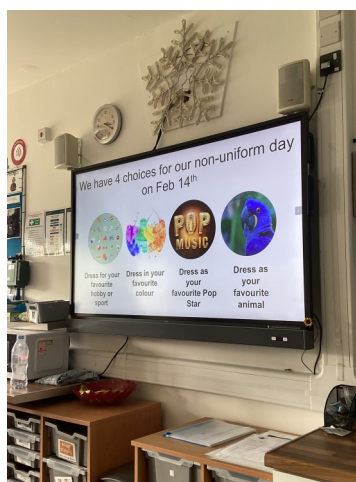
In English, our students have been exploring the story of *The Gruffalo* in a fun and engaging way. Using predictable chart writing, we are building key writing skills by creating simple, structured sentences together. This approach helps students develop confidence in their writing while reinforcing language patterns. Over two weeks, we work collaboratively to create sentences, which are then compiled into a beautifully illustrated class book. This not only celebrates their hard work but also gives them a sense of pride in their achievements!



# School Council News



At this month's school council meeting, we were excited to welcome Sarah to join the board and gain more experience, as she has been selected for the Cornwall Youth Council. The main item on the agenda was to vote on a theme for non-uniform day on the last day of term for Children's Mental Health Week. The children were given four options to choose from: sport, music, colour, and animals. They had to take the options back to their classes to vote on with their classmates.



# Panathlon Challenge



Our upper school students had the amazing opportunity to participate in the Penathlon Challenge at Penryn College. We are thrilled to announce that they were awarded the runners-up position.



# Events



## Joanna & Tigger Autism Relationships

March 6th 2025  
10.30-12.30 with  
lunch.

St Austell Printers &  
Conference centre  
St Austell PL25 4FD

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



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.

**AFE**  
Autism Friendly Events  
*'Strength lies in  
different abilities'*

# EASTER

## Fun Sessions

**Sunday 13th April**

**At - THE SPACE** Priory Road, Bodmin  
PL31 2AE

Session 1- 11.30am-12.30pm  
Session 2- 1.30pm-2.30pm  
Session 3- 3pm-4pm  
Session 4- 4.30pm-5.30pm

**£5 each up to two children,  
£2.50 each there after**

*To book please message  
Autism Friendly Events  
on Facebook.*

**Meet the Easter Bunny**  
Refreshments Stalls Games Crafts

**TICKET ONLY**  
**NON REFUNDABLE**

# 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**