

# Curnow School

## Newsletter



### Headteacher News

January has definitely been a month of storms and wild weather and thank you for your support and co-operation through some of the challenges that we had with power losses, delayed openings and early finishes. We are hoping that the worst of the winter weather is behind us but I won't tempt fate and at least we are well practiced with our school closure and emergency procedures!

Looking forward and with better weather coming we are looking at enhancing and maximising our outside areas across all sites. We know how positive outdoor learning and how being in the outdoors is so important for many of our pupils.

We are looking at new trampolines for all sites, wheelchair accessible garden areas and paths, supported by the Sensory Trust and an outdoor classroom space at upper to complete the redevelopment of these areas.

When these areas are finished we will share some photos and hopefully with some sunshine and blue skies!

### Calendar Dates

Half Term

16th –20th February



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# Staff News



A big welcome to Lauren Roe, the new teacher in Tolcarne Class. Lauren has been teaching for 5.5 years across a range of settings. Lauren said, “During my induction days, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and staff. I am really looking forward to 2026, all that it brings, and engaging in lots of creative learning.”



# Karder Hub



We're thrilled to mark one year since Karder opened its doors as our satellite school. This term, we welcomed Miss Poppy Stephenson, who's already bringing energy and creativity to the classroom.

From building block challenges to expressive art sessions, our learners have been busy exploring, creating, and connecting.

Thank you to all staff, families, and learners who make Karder such a vibrant part of our school community.



# Lower School



## Crofty News

This term in Crofty Class, and all around Lower School, the children have started learning all about Transport. We are singing songs about transport, creating transport themed vehicle collage and learning about the sights and sounds of transport through a range of stories and play activities. The wonderful Crofty TA's are transforming our den into a transport hub.



# Lower School



## A Year Of reading

All Crofty students absolutely adore reading and listening to stories in every form. You may not recognise some of the activities we do as reading, but, learning to look, track, answer questions, recognise pictures, make choices, form sounds, respond to photos or symbols and exploring sensory resources linked to texts, is all part of bringing reading to life.



This month, Sam kindly bought each class a very special selection of brand new books for our January reading Challenge which was “New Books for a New Year.” We have all enjoyed reading our first selection and are now ready to swap bags with another class and continue our reading journey.

# Upper School



## Basketball Sensory PE

In Lamorna class this term we have started our sensory PE sessions experiencing a game of basketball. All students love the start of the game where we use pom-poms to cheer on the teams. We then move onto an exploration of the basketball – reaching and stretching to touch and hold the ball– often feeling it roll away and bounce on the floor. We hold and shake hand clappers to cheer on the teams and then try our best to shoot and score a basket!



# Upper School



Sam also bought new books for all the classes at Upper school. Lamorna class have enjoyed sharing our bag of books for the January reading Challenge which was “New Books for a New Year.”



# Help and Advice



## New discount launched to help families and young people with SEND

A new discount card scheme has been launched to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

Called Access4ALL, it has been developed by the council-run Family Information Service (FIS) to offer exclusive discounts at Cornish venues. New businesses to the scheme include: Merlin Cinemas (Bodmin, Helston, Penzance, St Ives, Falmouth Redruth) ,DMC Lego, Camborne Games, and Hall for Cornwall.

Anyone can apply for an Access4ALL card if your child or young person:

- is aged 0–25
- lives in Cornwall, and
- has a special educational need or disability

You can register your child or young person's details onto the [disabled children's record](#).

Since its launch in summer, over 400 people have signed up to the card, and we've had lots of positive feedback.

For help or further information contact the Family Information Service on **0800 587 8191** or email [fis@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:fis@cornwall.gov.uk)

The full list of businesses [who are part of the scheme can be found here](#). This will be updated as more organisations sign up.

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# Help and Advice



**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

**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

**Phones away... talk and play!**

Help your child thrive from 0-5 with simple moments together.

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**ChatHealth**  
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

**ChatHealth**  
Parent Line 0-5

**TEXT 07312 263 423**

**ChatHealth**  
Parent Line 5-19

**TEXT 07312 263 499**

**ChatHealth**  
Young People 11-19

**TEXT 07312 263 096**

Alternatively, for 0-19 health advice you can also contact:

**t 01872 324261** (option 2)

**e [hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk)**

Get confidential health and wellbeing advice and support



[www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth)

# Community Events



## New 'Understanding Your Child with SEND' Groups starting in January

Cornwall council are pleased to announce new **Understanding Your Child with SEND** groups launching from January 2025. Book via the Cornwall Council Website.

These 10-week programmes offer **2-hour sessions** each week and will be delivered in a **hybrid format** - hosted from Family Hubs across Cornwall, with the option to join virtually via Microsoft Teams for those who may be too far to attend in person.

### Group Options Available:

#### Understanding Your Child with ADHD

- Launceston Family Hub
- Tuesdays, 12:30–14:30
- 3 March – 19 May (no sessions on 7 & 14 April)

#### Understanding Your Child with Autism

- Penzance Family Hub
- Wednesdays, 12:30–14:30
- 25 February – 13 May (no sessions on 8 & 15 April)

#### Understanding Your Child with Disabilities (including learning disabilities)

- New County Hall, Truro
- Thursdays, 9:30–11:30
- 26 February – 14 May (no sessions on 9 & 16 April)

These groups provide a supportive space for parents and carers to explore their child's needs, connect with others,

### Nurturing Connections Workshop for Parents and Carers

Tuesday 3rd February 10:30-1pm

St Austell Conference Centre PL25 3RF

This workshop will walk you through the basics of brain development, in order to meet developmental bumps in the road and challenging behaviours with compassion and understanding. You will gain insights into what drives children's behaviours, how to maintain emotional balance and promote healthier and more resilient family relationships.

Play Therapist Ellie Cudmore will equip you with the language and tools to foster emotional regulation whilst considering the vital importance of nurturing your own needs in order to nurture those of your children.



ELEMENTS  
CREATIVE THERAPY



[www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk](http://www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk)

## Nearly Neurodivergent-Adults

A workshop for Parents and Carers, who are exploring if they might be neurodivergent.

Come meet other parents and carers who are on the same journey, learn more about neurodivergent traits & behaviours, and have your questions answered with Joanna Grace.

When:  
Wednesday 4th February 2026  
10:30am-2:30pm

Where:  
St Austell Conference Centre,  
PL25 3RF.

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