

Curnow School Newsletter

May 2026 Edition

Headteacher Update



As We Approach Half Term...

As we near the half-term break, it's a perfect moment to reflect on what has already been a busy and rewarding period for our pupils, and to look ahead to an equally exciting lead-up to the summer holidays.

Over the past few weeks, students have taken part in a range of enriching experiences beyond the classroom. A particular highlight has been the Jubilee Challenge, part of the renowned Ten Tors event. This has provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop resilience, teamwork, and determination. We are incredibly proud of all those who took part and represented the school so positively.

At Upper School, Activity Week has been another standout success. Pupils have engaged in a wide variety of practical and creative experiences, designed to broaden their horizons, build confidence, and strengthen relationships with peers and staff. These opportunities are an important part of our commitment to offering a rich and balanced curriculum.

Curriculum, Pathways and Pledges

We have offered information sessions for parents about our:

Curriculum: Our curriculum is carefully designed to meet the diverse needs of all learners, ensuring that pupils develop not only academic understanding but also practical and life skills. We aim to make learning relevant, engaging, and meaningful for every individual.

Pathways: We recognise that every student's journey is unique. Our pathways offer personalised routes that support pupils in preparing for their next steps—whether that be further education, training, or future employment. We will be providing clearer guidance on how these pathways are structured and how they support progression.

Pledges: Our school pledges focus on the key areas of communication, independence/interdependence and sense of self, supporting the pupils and their families with aspirational aims.

If you would like more information on any of these areas please let me know.

Have a great half term. The sun should be shining!

Dates for diaries

MONDAY 8TH JUNE

Inset Day

FRIDAY 12th JUNE

Coffee Morning
with SALT

Curnow School, Drump Road, Redruth, Cornwall.
TR15 1LU





Eden

Eden's topic this term has been 'Make a Change', and we have had lots of fun exploring how different materials and substances can change.

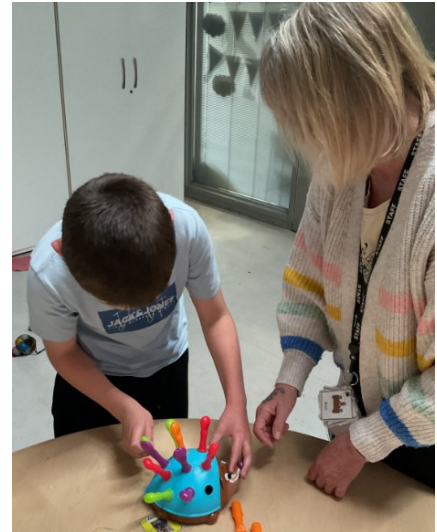
We thoroughly enjoyed investigating how ice melts and how water freezes when exposed to cold temperatures. During our Bucket Time sessions, the children were fascinated by the reaction between vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, especially the exciting fizzing sound it created.

In English, we have been learning about recipes and practising our writing skills by creating our own shopping lists. In Music, we explored the concepts of **high** and **low** pitch through a range of listening and singing activities.

The children in Eden Class have worked incredibly hard this term. Alongside their curriculum learning, they have made excellent progress in developing their play, social and independence skills. We are very proud of all they have achieved.



Lower School



Lower School



Independence, communication and developing play and social skills are part of our everyday in Eden!



Upper School



Mylor

Mylors Topic for the Spring Term was an author study of 'Roald Dahl'.

We enjoyed the stories of 'Georges Marvellous Medicine' & Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, participating in activities that allowed us to practise new skills and refine consolidated skills.

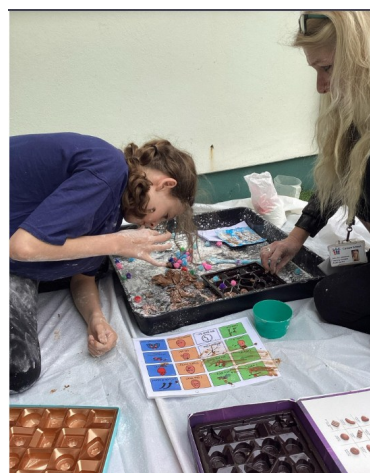
We particularly enjoyed watching the stories onscreen and through class role-play sessions. Making our own 'marvellous medicine potions' and 'Wonka chocolate bars' were highlights of the term, alongside the creation of our wonderful class displays!



Upper School



Here are a few pictures of us participating in Charlie & the Chocolate factory activities choosing our ingredients for our wonderful Wonka Bars, writing our ingredients lists, making & tasting our choices & a sensory chocolate making activity with edible chocolate playdough!



Ten Tors



Huge congratulations to all the students who took part. Maddy, Ted and Chris proudly earned their gold medals on their 3rd/4th attempts, Ethan secured a silver on his 2nd, and Edward achieved a bronze on his very first challenge. A fantastic set of accomplishments all round.

A big thank you to Adam and Rick, our brilliant camp chefs, who kept everyone fed and fuelled throughout the challenge.



Activities Week—Upper



We kicked off Activities Week with a wonderful girly trip to Hair & Beauty at Cornwall College. The girls had a fantastic time, and we are very grateful to the Year 2 beauty students for hosting us.

The week also included Circus Skills and Rock Steady, a visit from B&Q, May Day Festival fun, a Ready Steady Bake competition, and finished with a disco for all students.



Help and Advice



THE HUB
BY SKILLS OVER SCHOOL PROJECT CIC

SEND SIBLINGS SOCIAL GROUP

MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BE YOURSELF, HAVE FUN!

A SPACE JUST FOR SIBLINGS TO RELAX, CONNECT & HAVE FUN!

TUESDAYS 6PM - 7.30PM

A fun, supportive group for brothers and sisters of children with additional needs.

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- CHILL TIME & CHAT
- A SAFE & UNDERSTANDING SPACE

AT THE HUB
7 PENRYN STREET
REDRUTH TR15 2SP

DONATIONS ONLY
SUGGESTED £5

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Games, crafts & creative activities
- Team challenges & fun tasks
- A chance to be heard
- Make friends who really get it
- Time just for YOU!

YOU ARE NOT ALONE. YOU BELONG HERE.

A PLACE TO BE YOURSELF, HAVE FUN & FEEL SUPPORTED

NO NEED TO BOOK - JUST TURN UP!
PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY OR DROP OFF.

EVERYONE WELCOME. ALWAYS RESPECTED.

FIND US ON
Skills Over School Project CIC @skillsverschoolproject

THE HUB

Healthy Cornwall

FREE STARTING SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Come along to our free, fun and relaxed workshops to help your little one get ready for starting school. Enjoy hands-on activities together and get support from local services covering:

- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Toilet training
- ✓ Hand washing & teeth
- ✓ Healthy eating
- ...and more!

No need to book - just pop along on the day!

DATES & LOCATIONS

Redruth Family Hub
Drump Road, TR15 1NA
4 June | 10.30-11.30

Camborne Family Hub
Cliff View Road, TR14 8QH
5 June | 10.30-11.30

Pool Family Hub
Higher Broad Lane, Illogan, TR15 3JL
11 June | 10.30-11.30

Perfect for you and your child - everyone welcome!

healthy.cornwall@cornwall.gov.uk

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www.healthycornwall.org.uk

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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:

- 01872 324261 (option 2)
- hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk

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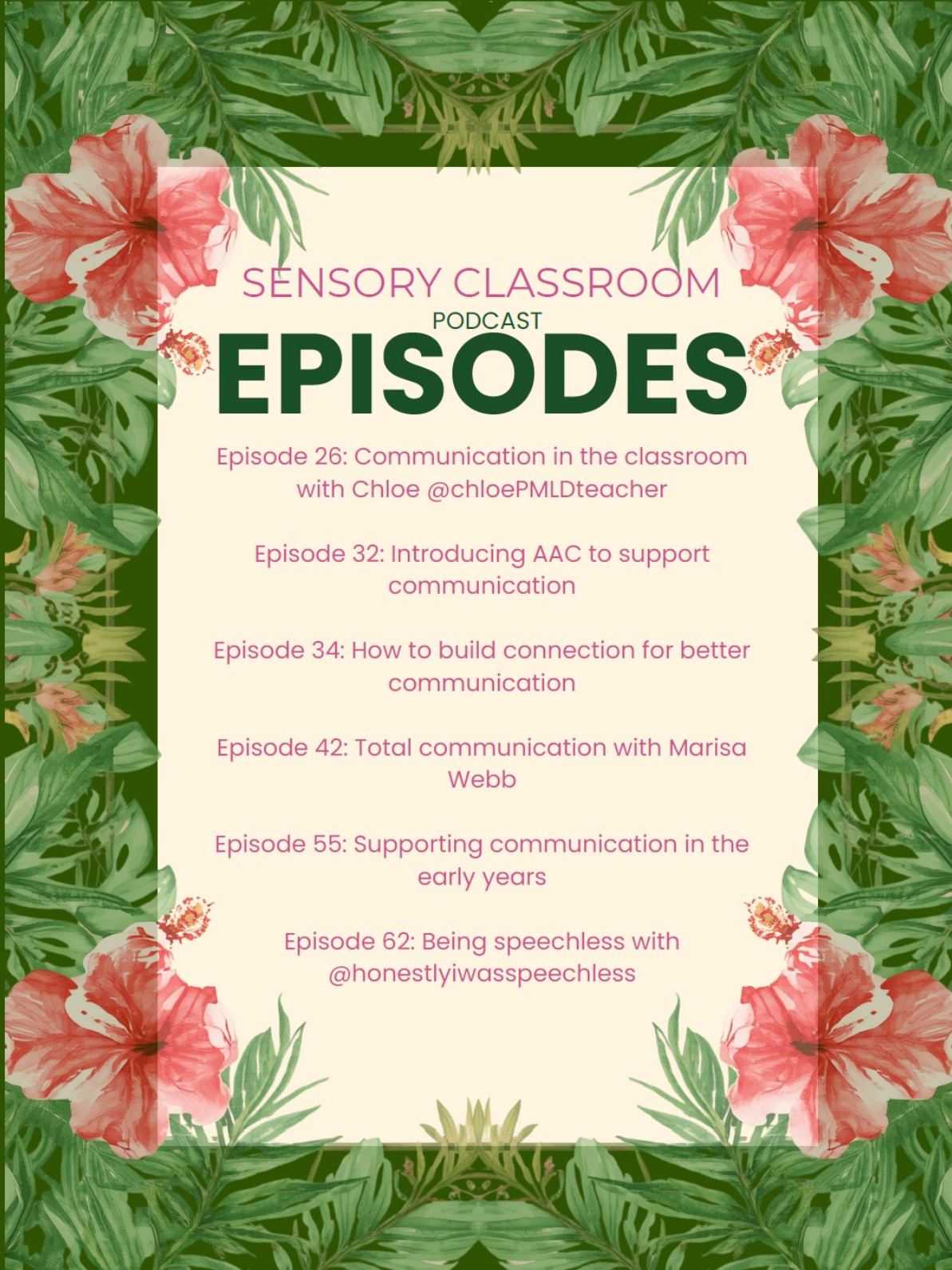
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SENSORY CLASSROOM
PODCAST
EPISODES

Episode 26: Communication in the classroom
with Chloe @chloePMLDteacher

Episode 32: Introducing AAC to support
communication

Episode 34: How to build connection for better
communication

Episode 42: Total communication with Marisa
Webb

Episode 55: Supporting communication in the
early years

Episode 62: Being speechless with
@honestlyiwasspeechless

Community Events



DONATE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We are collecting donations for our staff at the Redruth United Youth 5-a-Side Tournament to raise funds for Lily Foundation & Redruth United Football Club.

WE NEED DONATIONS OF:

UNWANTED FOOTBALL KITS & BOOTS

- Shirts, shorts, socks, trackuits, training wear
- Boots (included or extra suitable)
- Shin pads, professional grade knee & knee

SECOND-HAND TOYS & GAMES (over 1000 items)

- Board games & card games
- Construction sets, LEGO, puzzles, model kits
- Action figures, gaming accessories
- Sports toys & more

PROCEEDS SPLIT 50/50 BETWEEN:

- Lily Foundation
- Redruth United Football Club

SUPPORTING JUDE
Supporting Hannah Adams running the London Marathon 2027

TOURNAMENT DATE
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEAN AND IN RE-USABLE CONDITION

CONTACT MEL WILKES VIA WHATSAPP OR 07826 851168

LEAVE DONATIONS AT REDRUTH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB, Club Park, Redruth, TR15 2HG

Thank you for your support!

RAMPS

FROZEN
THE WEST END MUSICAL

13TH TO 17TH MAY 2026
REGAL THEATRE, REDRUTH

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 4TH JULY
10AM TO 1PM

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER FAYRE!

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC, GREAT STALLS, TASTY FOOD, AND LOADS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES.

CURNOW UPPER SCHOOL
DRUMP ROAD
REDRUTH
TR15 1LU

Curnow School Association Charity No. 1016055

BOUNCE PARK GAMES AND CHALLENGES

Tuesday 26th May

GIANT INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE
NINJA WARRIOR WALL | GLADIATOR DUEL
TOTAL WIPEOUT LAST MAN STANDING |
BOUNCY CASTLES | DIDI CAR TRACK |
GIANT GAMES | SWEETS & TREATS

Sessions:
9:00-10:30 - General Session
10:45-12:15 - SEND and Sibling
12:30-14:00 - General Session
14:15-15:45 - General Session
16:00-17:30 - General Session

UNDER 14'S: £10
ADULTS: £1