



Newquay Primary Academy

NEWS BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

Circus Skills for Trent Class!

On Tuesday afternoon, Trent Class immersed themselves in the exciting life of a circus, learning and practising a range of skills performed by Swamp Circus Trust. This experience linked beautifully with their current English text, *Leon and the Place Between*. The children were absolutely fabulous throughout the session, with constant smiles on their faces and wonderful teamwork on display. To finish the day, the whole academy enjoyed watching a circus show, which was hugely enjoyed by everyone and created a fantastic buzz across the academy.



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families!

This time of year naturally invites reflection, thinking about what has gone well and what we would like to improve or get better at. In school, we are using this as an opportunity to renew our focus on learning, wellbeing and helping every child to be the best they can be, both academically and personally.



I would also like to thank you sincerely for your flexibility and understanding last week during the challenging weather conditions. We know that changes to routines can be difficult for families, and we greatly appreciate the support you showed to the school and to one another. Your cooperation helped us to keep everyone as safe as possible while ensuring learning could continue.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to the term ahead and to working closely together throughout the year.

Warm regards,
Miss Hildyard

The National Year of Reading – 10 Minutes That Will Change Everything



We're asking every family to commit to just 10 minutes of reading together, every single day, throughout 2026.

Why 10 minutes? Because it works.

Children who read for pleasure are **13 times more likely** to read above the expected level for their age. Just 10 minutes daily exposes your child to approximately **1 million words per year** - building vocabulary, confidence, and a love of learning that extends far beyond literacy.

This isn't about perfection. It's about consistency. A bedtime story. A comic at breakfast. An audiobook in the car. Whatever works for your family.

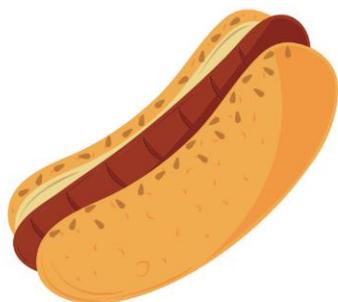
As part of the National Year of Reading 2026 "Go All In" campaign, we're committed to ensuring 100% of CELT pupils see themselves as readers by December. But we can't do this alone - we need you.

Your commitment + Our support = Reading success

You'll receive monthly reading packs with book recommendations, conversation starters, and practical ideas to make those 10 minutes count.

Will you commit to 10 minutes every day?

Menu Change



For the remainder of this term, the Week 1 Tuesday main meal will be hot dogs (with a vegan hot dog option) served with wedges, instead of lasagne or beetroot burger. The dates that this will apply to are the 20th January, 10th February, 10th March & 31st March.

Unfortunately, ParentPay does not allow us to amend this individual menu item, so when booking, the option will still appear as *lasagne and beetroot burger*. Please be assured that children selecting this option will be served hot dogs or vegan hot dogs with wedges.

Jacket Potatoes and tomato pasta will still be an option.

Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots Awards



From next week, we will be introducing new certificates in our Celebration Assembly for the 'Most Played' on Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots. We know how important it is for children to be fluent in their number facts, and regular practice plays a key role in building confidence and speed in maths.

We would love to encourage all children to engage with these platforms regularly at home, and we look forward to celebrating their commitment and effort each week.

PTA Events



On Tuesday 10th February, our classes will be testing their skills in pancake flipping (unfortunately Pancake Day falls in half term!). To help raise funds for the PTA, we will be asking families and friends to sponsor the children to see which class can flip the most pancakes, with a prize for the winning class. Sponsorship can be paid via ParentPay.

We will also be hosting a PTA Valentine's disco on Thursday 12th February. More details will be shared shortly, but please save the date in your diaries!



Bike/ Scooter Shelter



Due to storm damage, our bike and scooter shelter is currently out of use until repairs have been completed. Please use the shelter by our main Reception if you need to store a bike or scooter in the meantime.

Important dates to remember

Date	Event	Class
Mon 26 th January	Zoo Trip	Tamar Class
Tue 3 rd February	Dino Dig – Porth Beach	Tamar Class
Tue 3 rd February	Partnership Meetings – booking info to follow	All classes
Wed 4 th February	Partnership Meetings – booking info to follow	All classes
Tue 10 th February	PTA Sponsored Pancake Flip – details TBC	All classes
Thu 12 th February	PTA Valentine Disco	All classes
Friday 13th February: Last day of half term		
Monday 16th February January: Start of Spring Term		

Coming up over the next few weeks...

JOSHUA CLASS

Next week Joshua Class will be continuing to learn about space. They will be learning about the moons cycle, the Mars Rover, constellations and galaxies. They will also be learning about mass in Maths and hoping to help our friendly alien visitor Chad fix his ship.

TAMAR CLASS

Tamar class will be getting creative in DT by designing their own bunting and learning how to stitch the pieces together. In English, they will be beginning their new book *Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish*. The class will also be finding out about Mary Anning, the famous palaeontologist, and her important discoveries. To support their science topic on animals, Tamar class will be heading to the zoo on Monday 26th for an exciting and hands-on learning experience.

SEVERN CLASS

This week, Severn Class will be writing a narrative about Miss Hildyard's gingerbread man who ran away from the classroom. The children will also be becoming detectives, using a range of sources to find out everything they can about the Great Fire of London in 1666. We will use a variety of materials to support our learning, including non-fiction books, fiction texts and music. Over the coming weeks, the children will become bakers themselves and write instructions on how to make rock cakes.

TRENT CLASS

In Science, Trent class will be learning about plants, focusing on the different parts of a plant and understanding their functions. In PE, they will continue working on throwing and catching skills, developing good hand-eye coordination and sound technique, while learning how to apply these skills with increasing confidence and pressure during gameplay.

SHANNON CLASS

Shannon Class have started 2026 brilliantly, producing fabulous story writing inspired by *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. In Maths, they have worked hard to develop their skills in multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 — what great mathematicians they are! In PSHE, the children have been sharing their goals and dreams after learning about Michael Jordan, showing thoughtful reflection and ambition. They have also demonstrated excellent understanding in their Opening Worlds curriculum, with fantastic knowledge of the Romans. Over the next two weeks, Shannon Class will be completing their work on electricity, as well as taking part in Design & Technology, where they will be designing and making their own torches.

Attendance

Attendance for Newquay Primary Academy

	Joshua Class: 99% Severn Class: 97.9% Trent: 96.2%		Tamar Class: 98.3% Severn Class: 97.1%
	Tamar Class: 94.4%		Trent Class: 94.6% Joshua Class: 94.3% Shannon Class: 94.3%
	Shannon: 90%		

Week of 5th January

Week of 12th January

The academy works closely with the Education Welfare Officer to support families who have low attendance figures. When a child's attendance drops below 90% it is identified as 'persistence absence' and the EWO will contact the family to offer support. Please ensure that your child is in school on time. Arrivals after 8.50am are marked as late in the register. Please contact the academy office if any support is required – we are here to help.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court. Please see our website for more information on our attendance policy:

[Newquay Primary Academy - Attendance](#)

Office Opening Hours

The academy office opening hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm Monday to Friday. If you need to speak to Mrs Payne or Mrs Townley in the office, please contact between these hours.

Our teachers are available at the start and end of the academy day at your child's classroom door, please do not hesitate to talk to them if you have a query.

ACADEMY LUNCH BOOKINGS




This is a gentle reminder that lunches need to be booked on ParentPay by Sunday for the following week.

We must submit the numbers to Caterlink on Monday, so timely bookings are essential. Thank you for your cooperation.




Community News

 **The Oasis Centre**
Cornwall

Charity Number 1215716 **new**

Family Creative Workshops

Do you have a child who loves to make, build, and create? Want to nurture your child's creative, entrepreneurial energy, but can't face the mess or the cleanup that comes with it?

Make! Build! Create! Join us at The Oasis Centre Cornwall for free craft and design workshops for children aged 5-11 and their families. Screen free, imaginative, hands-on workshops modelling with cardboard and using a range of Makedo tools.

St Columb Community Hub, Former Wesley Chapel, Higher East Street, St Columb Major, Cornwall, TR9 6RJ

Important to book in advance

 Follow our social media for more information and dates

What's Included

- Free 2-hour creative workshop
- All materials provided
- Hot drinks, juice, and biscuits included
- Family-friendly environment
- Spaces are limited – booking required (follow family hub to see release information first come, first served)



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