



Newquay Primary Academy

NEWS BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

We were delighted to welcome the return of our extra-curricular clubs this week. Netball got off to a fantastic start, with children practising and developing their throwing skills. Mrs Parish-Meen's lunchtime multiskills club was thoroughly enjoyed, with pupils learning and taking part in a variety of new games. On Tuesday, our craft club saw our younger learners demonstrating excellent cutting, sticking and colouring skills. Construction club proved to be a huge hit on Wednesday, even making the most of the lovely weather by heading outdoors. Mrs Hughes' art club also produced some fantastic work, with children challenging themselves to recreate famous portraits. We look forward to the rest of the term!



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back to the summer term, which promises to be an exciting and busy time in school. We have many enriching activities and learning opportunities planned across the term and this will begin as we celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough on Friday 8th May. To mark this special occasion, children will be taking part in outdoor learning activities inspired by the natural world, encouraging curiosity, exploration and a deeper appreciation of the environment.



As we return, I would like to share a few gentle reminders. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 may bring a healthy breaktime snack each day. Suitable options for this snack include fruit, vegetables, or a simple carbohydrate such as crackers or breadsticks. We remain very fortunate that our EYFS and KS1 children continue to receive free fruit and vegetables daily, which supports healthy eating habits.

In addition, please ensure that all children are attending school in the correct uniform each day. This includes appropriate footwear please; plain black shoes only, with no boots exceeding ankle height, smart trainers, trainer-type shoes, and canvas shoes are allowed. Please see our parents page on the school website if you require any further information about our uniform expectations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Miss Hildyard

CELT Learning Chronicals shortlisted for prestigious Tes Award

LEARNING TOGETHER

CORNWALL EDUCATION LEARNING TRUST



CELT has been shortlisted for this year's [Tes Schools Awards](#), which shine a spotlight on the outstanding work taking place in schools nationwide.

Our [Learning Chronicals](#) are up for the new award of 'Teacher Development Initiative of the Year',

The Learning Chronicals are a truly sector-leading framework for delivering the trust's vision of an exceptional educational experience for every pupil, every lesson.

We know that to do that, we have to deliver an exceptional educational experience for our teachers too. That's why empowering our people is central to our trust goals.

Whoever wins the award, we are delighted that the work we are doing to meet this goal is being recognised nationally.

We'll keep you posted!

Read the full story [here](#)

Visit from the RSPCA

This week Joshua Class had a special visitor today from the RSPCA, who spoke to the children about how to care for animals at home. They learned how to safely and gently hold animals and showed fantastic understanding when identifying which animals do not make suitable pets.



Mental Health Awareness Week

The week commencing Monday 11th May will be Mental Health Awareness Week at NPA with a focus on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. To conclude the week, on Friday 15th May, each child will be provided with a white T-shirt, which they will decorate with positive affirmations and drawings as part of the day's activities.

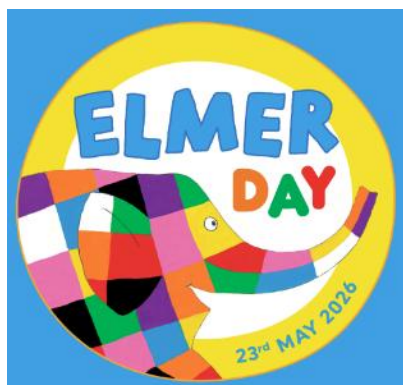
We will also be offering a 'Friends Around Friday' parent drop-in session at 9:00am, where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the support our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) is currently providing for some of our learners.

To support the theme of the day, we kindly ask for a small donation to Mind if you are able to, a charity that does vital work in supporting those experiencing mental health difficulties.



[Click here if you would like to donate to Mind Charity](#)

Elmer Day – Friday 22nd May



Saturday 23rd May is National Elmer Day. To celebrate, we would like to invite all children at NPA to come to school in colourful clothes on Friday 22nd May. Throughout the day, we will be celebrating diversity, inclusion and individuality, inspired by the story of Elmer.

Carparking

You may have noticed that over the Easter holidays our car park has been refreshed with new markings. We hope these improvements make it clearer for parents and staff where to park and drop off safely. The green areas below are to be used for drop off only, the white area can be used for drop off and pick ups and will be used for visitor parking during the day.

A gentle reminder that blue badge spaces should only be used by those displaying a valid blue badge, and we kindly ask that Tretherras staff are not blocked in at the end of the day.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our site safe and accessible for everyone.



Coming up in the next few weeks...

JOSHUA CLASS

Over this half term Joshua Class are studying animals. They are learning about the life cycles of frogs and butterflies. We are discussing habitats and different categories of animals. The children will be learning about garden mini beasts and animals found in the African Savannah. We are also looking at how children live in different continents and tasting exotic fruits from around the world.

TAMAR CLASS

For our Enchanted woodland topic, Tamar Class are looking forward to a visit to the Eden Project to take part in a 'Green Machine' workshop where we will be observing and identifying different flowers and trees, learning what plants need to grow and find plant facts and examples around Eden during a hands-on discovery walk. In English, we will be retelling the story of Little Red before starting our new text "The deep dark wood".

SEVERN CLASS

Severn class are learning all about weather. The class will be using *Water Protectors* as a starting point to explore ideas about looking after our planet. They will investigate different weather types and observe how these change over time, keeping a daily record of weather patterns in Newquay. Alongside this, they will begin to learn about climate change and its impact on the world around us. We are excited for the thoughtful conversations and hands-on activities that will help deepen their understanding of their environment. We are looking forward to our 'Windy Walk' next week!

TRENT CLASS

In the next couple of weeks, Trent class are going to be expanding their knowledge of volcanoes, looking at what it means for them to be dormant or active, a shield or composite shape and much more. The children will be gearing up to their final piece of Ancient Greek art whereby they will be designing their own Ancient Greek plate using their research of the history of printing. And not to forget, Trent class are getting Sports Day prepared with their new PE topic of Run, Jump, Throw which is giving them the practice of pace, relay handovers and directional throwing.

SHANNON CLASS

Over the next couple of weeks Shannon has lots of exciting learning planned. On Thursday we will be baking and creating our own biscuits that we have been designing for our target audiences and the following Monday we will be visiting Porth beach in the afternoon, to help support our learning within our English topic. We also have lots of sports tournaments and coaches visiting, for a number of our children including hockey and cricket, so keep an eye out for lots of lovely pictures of our adventures over the next couple of weeks.

Important Diary Dates

Date	Event	Class
Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday – Academy Closed	All classes
w/c 4 th May	TTRS Battle (NPA compete against CELT Schools)	All classes
Tue 5 th May	Chance to shine cricket day – all in PE kit	Yrs 1-4
Thu 7 th May	Newquay Zoo Visit	Joshua Class
Fri 8 th May	Outdoor Learning to celebrate 100 years of Attenborough	All classes
Mon 11 th May	Beach Trip – info to follow	Shannon Class
Mon 11 th May	Parents meeting regarding MTC Assessments – 3.15pm	Shannon Class
Thu 14 th May	Eden Project Visit	Tamar
Mon 11 th - Fri 15 th May	Mental Health Awareness week	All Classes
Thu 21 st May	Shine Time – parents invited in at 2.30pm	All Classes
Fri 22 nd May	Elmer Day – Dress colourful	All Classes
Fri 19 th June	NPA Sports Day – more info to follow	All classes
Fri 26 th June	Back up Sports Day	All classes
Thu 9 th July	Shine Time – parents invited in at 2.30pm	
Fri 10 th July	Crazy hair/hat/ accessory day for a tombola prize	All classes
Fri 17 th July	NPA Summer Fayre	All classes
Fri 24 th July	NPA Colour Run – more info to follow	All Classes
Monday 25th May: Start of half term		
Friday 24th July: Last day of academic year		

PTA Events

NPA Summer Fair

We are delighted to let you know that the PTA will be running a Summer Fair on **Friday 17th July after school**.



There will be lots of fun activities for everyone to enjoy, including games, stalls, face painting, refreshments and a tombola! We hope you are able to join us for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon for our school community.

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.






Attendance for NPA

	Joshua Class: 97.7% Tamar Class: 98.6% Severn Class: 100% Trent Class: 99.2% Shannon: 100%		Joshua Class: 99% Tamar Class: 98.6% Severn Class: 97.6% Trent Class: 100% Shannon Class: 96.8%
			
			

Week of 20th April

Week of 27th April

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](#)

Community News



Be part of Cornwall's most colourful 5k fun run this summer

Rainbow Run returns to RAF St Mawgan Newquay on Saturday 20 June 2026 and is open to anyone aged 5 years old and over.

You can run, walk, or jog whilst being showered in powder paint at 8 different colour stations. Included in the price is a bespoke 2026 Rainbow run medal, an event village full of stalls, games, food vendors and entertainment and 8 colour stations. As well as making memories on this fun-filled day out, you will be raising vital funds for Children's Hospice South West.

By taking part you're pledging to raise £35 as an individual or £93 as a family. Last year £107,000 was raised!

The earlier you sign up, the more you save! **Our Super-duper early-bird, saving 30% is on sale until 2 April.**

Sign up at: [Rainbow Run Cornwall 2026 | Children's Hospice South West](https://chsw.org.uk/rainbow)

Contact Number for enquiries: 01726 871800

Email for enquiries: kiley.pearce@chsw.org.uk

Keep up to date with the latest announcements on our Facebook page: [Rainbow Run Cornwall 2026 | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/rainbowruncornwall)

Imagine Outdoors Half Term Holibob Club

**** BOOKINGS OPEN FOR MAY HALF TERM HOLIBOB CLUBS ****

Are your 5–11-year-old wildlings looking for some outdoor fun this may half term??

We'll look no further than the wonderful Holibob clubs we have on offer based within the magical grounds of Newquay Orchard ♥

Our ever-popular Ofsted registered clubs cost just £35, include two snacks and run 09 30 - 15 30.

We would love for you to join us if you can!!

Click the link below to secure your place! (we've sold out every year so be quick 😊)

<https://imagine-outdoors-together-cic.classforkids.io/term/116>



Oasis Bump, Baby & Me
 Fridays - 12:30-2:30pm - Term Time Only
 St Columb Community Hub, Former Wesley Chapel, Higher East Street, St Columb, Cornwall, TR9 6RJ

Every Friday
 12:30-2:30pm
 Term Time Only

If you have a little one under 12 months, whether you're a parent, grandparent, or carer you're warmly invited to join us. Take a moment to relax, connect, and share time with others who understand.

Free to attend.
 sweet treats to share or small donations towards our charity are always welcome!

Please note: This session is just for babies under 12 months, so older siblings won't be able to attend. But you're more than welcome at one of our three under-5s playgroup sessions!

Council Car Park Outside
 The Hub is:
 £1 for 1 hour,
 £2 for 2 hours
 £5 all day
CASH ONLY

The Oasis Centre - Cornwall
 Charity Number: 125438

VISIT TO
The Bird of Prey Centre

**Saturday May 2, 2026
 from 11am to 3pm**

Winnards Perch, St Columb Major TR9 6DH

For families affected by terminal illness

Join us for a special in-person outing at The Bird of Prey Centre designed just for families coping with terminal illness. It's a relaxed, fun day to connect, learn about the birds, and enjoy some time together in nature. Bring the whole family and experience the wonder of these incredible birds up close in a supportive, friendly atmosphere.

Scan the QR code for more information

gunners kids Web: gunnerskids.org

DADS STROLLER CLUB
Cornwall's First!

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 AM STARTING AT SALTD EVERY SUNDAY

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It's the Dads stroller club every Sunday at 10am at Saltd ☕😄 (15% off for all dads who turn up 😊)

This is genuinely about a great community, dads talking through life, and as the weather gets better we can get back outside.

A few years back we started something simple... just a handful of dads, a few buggies, and the need to get out of the house.

It's now grown into something I'm genuinely proud of, Cornwall's first Dad stroller club.

No pressure, no expectations. Just a group of dad walking, chatting, surviving the chaos together. Some come for the coffee, some for the fresh air, some just to feel like themselves again for an hour.

And if it gives your partner a bit of quiet time at home, or out for a coffee themselves even better.

If you've been thinking about coming along, this is your sign. You don't need to know anyone, or anything other than just turning up.

Saltd, every Sunday, 10am.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2195345003938598>