



Newquay Primary Academy

NEWS BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks filled with exciting trips and memorable experiences across the school!

Joshua Class enjoyed a wonderful day at Newquay Zoo. The monkeys, penguins and, of course, the park were definite highlights, and the children had a brilliant time exploring and learning about the animals.

Shannon Class had a truly magical experience during their visit to Porth Beach, where they were surprised by a visit from a mermaid! She shared her own version of *The Mermaid of Zennor*, captivating the children and bringing their learning to life in a very special way.



Tamar Class travelled to the Eden Project to take part in the *Green Machines* workshop. This engaging, science-focused session took the children on a sensory journey, helping them to discover just how clever plants really are. They learned about the different parts of plants and their uses through props, movement and images, before heading out on a hands-on discovery walk to gather plant facts and examples.

We are incredibly proud of all of the children and how they represented the academy on these trips!

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I can hardly believe that we now only have one remaining half term of this academic year ahead of us. As I think back to the beginning of the year, it is wonderful to reflect on how much the children have grown in confidence, character and achievement.



As a new Headteacher, one of my greatest aspirations is to bring a real sense of joy to every child's primary school experience. Joy in education is about more than simply happiness; it is about creating moments of wonder, belonging, achievement and connection that children will carry with them for years to come. Primary school should be a place where children feel inspired and excited to learn each day. By creating these positive experiences, we help build life-long memories that children will look back on with warmth and pride long after they leave our school. As our school continues to grow, this commitment to creating joyful experiences for children will remain a central part of my intent and vision for our community.

Many of you will already be aware that the CELT Teaching and Learning Chronicles have recently been shortlisted for a TES Award in the Teacher Development Initiative of the Year category which is a tremendous achievement for everyone involved. The Chronicles are a co-created teaching and learning framework developed collaboratively by leaders across all schools within the Trust. Their purpose is to ensure consistency in the effective delivery of teaching and learning in every classroom, enabling all children to experience high-quality education and opportunities to succeed. We are incredibly proud to be part of this shared vision and recognition.

As the half term break approaches, I hope that you are all able to enjoy some well-deserved rest and quality time together. Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable half term when it arrives.

Warm regards,

Miss Hildyard

NSN – Cricket & Hockey

Last week, we were lucky enough to take part in two Newquay Sports Network (NSN) events with some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils.

First, we took a team to a hockey event, where all of our pupils were trying the sport for the very first time! They began by working through a range of fun skill stations before going on to play matches against other schools. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow so quickly.

The following day, we attended a cricket festival. Pupils took part in a series of games against other schools and represented us brilliantly throughout. They showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and all performed extremely well.

We are very proud of everyone who took part!



100 Years of Attenborough!

To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, all of our classes enjoyed taking their learning outdoors for part of the day.

Joshua Class explored the natural world through bug hunting, while Tamar Class visited the orchard. Severn and Shannon Classes took their science lessons outside, making the most of the fresh air and surroundings. Meanwhile, Trent Class headed to the beach for PE, including an energetic run to and from Porth Beach.

A wonderful day of outdoor learning inspired by a true champion of the natural world!



Bikes and Scooters for Wraparound



Just a quick reminder that if your child is in an afterschool club or wraparound, please leave scooters and bikes in the shelter outside the main reception. Due to staffing, it is tricky to go and collect bikes and scooters from the other shelter at the end of the day.



Mental Health Week

This week, our classes have been focusing on positive mental health. We finished the week by creating t-shirts decorated with positive affirmations. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity, and we hope it has had a lasting, positive impact

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](#)



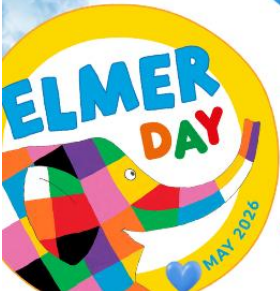
Elmer Day – Friday 22nd May

Lets celebrate..

Elmer Day

NPA will celebrate Elmer Day
on
Friday 22nd May

The children are invited to wear bright colours to school to celebrate diversity, individuality and accepting oneself and others. We will also be sharing David McKee's special stories throughout the day.♥



Subject Focus: English

JOSHUA CLASS

In EYFS, we use a creative approach to teaching English that helps children develop their language, imagination and early writing skills in a fun and engaging way. Through drawing, storytelling and role play, children are encouraged to share their ideas, build vocabulary and begin to structure simple sentences. This approach supports confidence as children see themselves as authors and storytellers from an early stage.

After half term, our focus text will be *The Fish Who Could Wish*. This magical and imaginative story will inspire the children to create their own wishes, develop storytelling skills and explore new vocabulary through a range of exciting activities both indoors and outdoors.

TAMAR CLASS

In English, we are learning how to write a set of instructions. So far, we have identified the key features of instructions, including time connectives and bossy verbs. We have practised using these when writing instructions for "How to Plant a Sunflower Seed".

Next week, linked to our class text "The Deep Dark Wood", we will be making "Monster Crumble" and writing a set of instructions explaining how to make it. Perhaps you could follow the instructions together and make Monster Crumble again at home!

SEVERN CLASS

In English, we will be focusing on sentence structure and punctuation through the text 'The Journey Home'. We will write a letter as a key character from the text focusing on using capital letters and full stops. Challenge your child to practice writing sentences about climate change and looking after the world using a capital letters and full stops. Feel free to add this to Tapestry for us to celebrate together.

TRENT CLASS

As we return from May half term, the class will be delving into a new text 'Cinderella of the Nile'. After interrogating the scenario presented and writing a short news report using the present perfect tense, the children then share the first part of Cinderella of the Nile. They will further develop skills of inference before exploring the author's use of literary language and the effect that this has on the reader. Challenge your child to practice writing in the present, perfect tense. Feel free to add this to Tapestry for us to show to the whole class.

SHANNON CLASS

In English, Shannon class have been looking at the text "Kensuke's Kingdom" by Micheal Morpurgo. They have been looking at vocabulary choice and structures of different poem formations including Haikus and Tankas. For our last week, we will be looking more in depth at the character of Kensuke, before creating a final Haiku on his character. Challenge your child to explain the syllable structure of a Haiku to you, and if your child does any beautiful writing at home, feel free to add these to tapestry so we can celebrate it together.

Important Diary Dates

Date	Event	Class
Thu 21 st May	Shine Time – parents invited in at 2.30pm	All Classes
Fri 22 nd May	Elmer Day – Dress colourful	All Classes
Wed 3 rd June	Class Photos – Please make sure correct uniform is worn	All Classes
Fri 19 th June	NPA Sports Day – more info to follow	All classes
Mon 22 nd – Thu 24 th	Swimming Lessons	Years 1 - 4
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
Tue 14 th July	Joshua Tolcarne Trip	Joshua Class
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

	Tamar Class: 97.3% Severn Class: 96.1% Trent Class: 97.9% Shannon: 97.4%		Severn Class: 98.6% Trent Class: 99.2% Shannon Class: 100%
			Joshua Class: 95.7% Tamar Class: 94.3%
	Joshua Class: 91.3%		

Week of 4th May

Week of 11th May

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



Sponsored by:  

The brightest fun run for everyone!

Saturday 20 June 2026 at
RAF St Mawgan, Newquay

Sign up today chsw.org.uk/rainbow

rainbow RUN

Registered Charity No. 1003394

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](#)

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>





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.

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