



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 16th June

Multi Academy Trust
Our Mission, Vision and Values

Mission: The Roseland Trust provides outstanding education for our communities, where everyone succeeds.

Vision: To inspire a love of learning within environments that are happy, respectful and challenging, where everyone feels valued and able to reach their full potential.

Values: Kindness, Ambition, Responsibility.

Germans Very Golden Values

We are **G**entle and kind

We **E**ncourage each other

We have lovely time visiting We **R**espect others and property

We are **R**esilient learners

We are **A**lways truthful and trustworthy

We are a **N**urturing environment

We are **S**upersonic

Respectful, Responsible and Resilient



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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Another busy week at Gerrans. Congratulations to Reception to Year Three pupils who represented Gerrans school at Heligan Gardens on Monday. Photos will be on Facebook and Website soon. Yesterday Year Six pupils attended an online safety day joint with Tregony Year Six pupils. Porthcurnick class are very excited about activity within our bantam eggs which are in our incubator. They hope to have new arrivals soon. Congratulations to Louie, Heidi and Rosalie who have been nominated for TRLC awards which will be held at Truro Cathedral a week on Wednesday. Also to Will, Lili, Margot and Tia who are part of the TRLC joint choir who will be singing at the event. You will by now have received the new staffing/class structure for September. Our transition day is on 29th June. School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September for INSET days.

Please can all children have a water bottle and sun hat in school every day.
I hope you all have a sunny and restful family weekend.

Porthcurnick Class

Year Four pupils have all completed their Multiplication tests. We have welcomed Mrs Hornegger who has been supporting learning as a supply TA. Year Five pupils have finished their learning on shape with an assessment and just begun learning more about decimals. Year Six have been developing their learning about shapes and angles. In English we have started a new comprehension text 'Africa, Amazing Africa', as well as learning a new Talk for Writing text 'Jack and the Knockers'.

Tatams & Towan Class

On Monday, reception enjoyed a fantastic day out at Heligan with Towan Class. The highlights were definitely the rope bridge and seeing the piglets! The children's behaviour was exemplary and they all made us very proud. Thank you to Ozni's mum for the coffee for the staff when we arrived, it was very much appreciated! While we were out, the nursery children made jam sandwiches for their snack and used cutters to make them into different shapes, reinforcing their learning about 2D shapes in Maths. The children have painted some beautiful seascapes this week, mixing colours carefully to create different hues of blue and green for the sea. The class has also been enjoying lots of water play in this warm weather. We have seen some brilliant teamwork and problem solving using guttering and stands to make the water flow in different directions. In Maths, our reception children have been investigating patterns using shapes and practising number bonds. Mrs Elvy, Mrs Douglass and Mr Richards have all visited Tatams Class this week and have commented on the children's positive attitudes for learning and engagement.



Julie Elvy Headteacher



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School Council



Headteacher awards

Tatams - Frank Barnicoat
Towan - Lucas Yates
Porthcurnick - all Year 4s

Team points

Yellow: 99

Green: 77

Blue: 86

Red: 76



Letter reminders

- School Uniform Letter
- Planting Letter - Towan & Tatams
- Class Structure 23/24
- Year 3 Camp



Attendance

Tatams: 92%

Towan: 94.11%

Porthcurnick: 94.8%



E-safety and Internet safety

Please see the link below for our latest online safety newsletter and up-to-date guidance on how to stay safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

May Newsletter

<https://newzapp-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/customers/18375/documents/OLSNewsletterparentsMay2023-45121975.pdf>



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Inset Days for 2022/23

- Monday 24th July
- Tuesday 25th July

Geevor & Heligan Trip

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their Geevor or Heligan trip, the Gateway is still open for anyone who is still to pay.

School Dinners

Thank you to everyone who is now using the School Gateway, please ensure you regularly access your accounts to keep payments up-to-date. We will no longer be sending weekly dinner money reminders, please check your account for your dinner balances. Thank you.

Kitchen Manager - Vacancy

Our school kitchen manager is leaving if you are interested in this vacancy see link below:

<https://apply.pineapple-recruitment.co.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=604>

Free School Meals

If your child is attending reception class this September and you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, we recommend you apply for **benefit related Free School Meals**. Although your child will be entitled to a free meal each day under the **Universal Infant School Meals** scheme, the school could be entitled to extra funding known as **Pupil Premium** to help support their education. In addition, your child may also be entitled to additional funding to access the **Time2Move Holiday Programme** and a **Household Support Grant**, cost of living winter payment.

[Time2Move Holiday Programme - Cornwall Council](#)

[Household Support Fund - Cornwall Council](#)

Any pupil who is in receipt of **benefit related Free School Meals** on or after the 1 April 2018 will continue to receive **benefit related Free School Meals** whilst **Universal Credit** is rolled out (March 2025 – subject to change). This applies even if they no longer meet the eligibility criteria during that time. Once **Universal Credit** is fully rolled out, any existing pupil who no longer meets the eligibility criteria at that point will continue to receive **benefit related Free School Meals** until the end of their current phase of education, i.e., primary or secondary.

[Benefit Related Free School Meals Criteria](#)



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- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support.

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are **not** eligible for **benefit related Free School Meals**. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

See link below to apply online.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

Summer Reading Challenge

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school in the autumn.**
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group.**
- Becoming more independent in their reading **boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.**
- The library provides **free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.**
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.



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Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

OR

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!





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