



Port Isaac Academy



End of Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, we take a moment to reflect on the highlights and achievements before we head off to our Christmas holidays.

Port Isaac Illuminations – A Thousand Stars

In preparation for the planned Lantern Parade, the children created stunning willow star lanterns, thanks to the incredible guidance of Caroline and team. Every child contributed their creativity to these glowing masterpieces, and it was fantastic to see them shining so brightly, despite the weather scuppering our plans on two occasions. We persevered, and the lanterns looked beautiful displayed in St. Peter's Church for our Whole School Christmas Performance. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Cos and C/sh for our new school song, **A Thousand Stars**. It was a joy to finally sing it as a whole school.

Thank you to everyone who joined our Christmas Performance evening—the children were a joy to watch as they told the story of **Jesus' Christmas Party** from the point of view of the grumpy innkeeper with their superb acting skills and song.

We're delighted to have supported other community events this term, including **Carols by Candlelight** and the **Community Cafe**. We have one more event to look forward to at **St. Endellion Church** on **Sunday 22nd December**.

Friends of School

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated Friends of School team, who have worked tirelessly this term to plan and run a variety of successful events. Their hard work has brought us a brilliant quiz night, a wonderful Christmas Fayre, and the much-loved Christmas Present Room. They also provided mince pies and mulled wine at our Christmas Performance, adding to the festive atmosphere. We truly appreciate the commitment and effort of all our volunteers. Their fundraising directly supports enriching opportunities for our children, including funding trips like our whole-school visit to the Hall for Cornwall to see a professional pantomime. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience the new theatre and the magic of a live show.

Sporting Success

This term has been filled with success in sporting events, with students participating in football, cross-country, and benchball. It's been fantastic to see teamwork and sportsmanship on display. We're incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represent our school, they were looking very smart in their new kit.

Focus on Learning

At Port Isaac Academy, we remain committed to nurturing a love of learning in every child. This year, we continue to prioritise reading while placing a strong whole-school focus on developing essential maths skills. We believe that fluency in reading and mathematics forms a vital foundation for all areas of learning, enabling our children to achieve their full potential.

To support this, we encourage all children to continue using **Numbots** and **Times Table Rockstars** over the Christmas holidays. These online platforms are a fun and engaging way for children to keep their number fact knowledge sharp. We also value the role of parents in supporting learning at home. Sharing books together during the festive season is a wonderful way to inspire a love of reading and strengthen literacy skills.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential to ensuring each child thrives. By working together, we can provide consistent opportunities for your child to rehearse and refine their skills both at home and in school. Your support is crucial in helping them to stay on track, build confidence, and achieve the very best outcomes.

Season's Greetings

From all the staff at Port Isaac Academy, we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy spending time with your loved ones, and we look forward to welcoming you back, ready for the Spring Term, on Monday 6th January in the New Year. Best Wishes,

Emma Williams
Headteacher



Congratulations to our certificate winners this week

	Stars of the Week	English Stars	Maths Stars	Perfect Presentation
Seals, Pups & Nippers	Leonard	Ivan	Isla	Danny
Puffins	Daisy	Sonny	Olivia	Dahlia
Dolphins	Corben	Dylan S	Rowan	Sammy

Come in to Connect

Whole School Attendance last week **94.4%**

For all CELT schools the attendance threshold is set at 96% in line with national attendance data.

Seals	Puffins	Dolphins
93%	95%	94.7%



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Term Dates



Date	Event
Monday 6th January 2025	First Day of Spring Term 1
Monday 13th January	KS2 Cross Country– details to follow, likely to be 2:30pm at Wadebridge Secondary School again.
Week Beginning 20th January	After School Clubs Start– sign up details to follow
Monday 17th - 21st February	February Half Term
Monday 24th February	First day of Spring Term 2
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th March	Wadebridge Festival of Music and Speech Public Speaking & Speech Classes
Wednesday 5th to Sat. 8th March	Wadebridge Festival of Music and Speech Brass, Choirs, Vocal, Instrumental Classes
Wk Beg 24th March	Last Week of After School Clubs
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 7th - Friday 18th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday– School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of Summer Term 1
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday Monday– School Closed
Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 26th - Friday 30th May	May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	First Day of Summer Term 2
Friday 6th June	School Closed– Community Cohesion Day for Royal Cornwall Show
Friday 20th & Monday 23rd June	School Closed– INSET Staff Training Days
Friday 25th July	Last Day of Summer Term
Sat 26th July - Weds 3rd Sept	Summer Holidays
Thursday 4th September	First Day of Autumn Term 2025– 26 for the children
Monday 20th - Friday 31st October	2 Week October Half Term



CELT Term Dates 2024/25

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	School Day – Schools open to students
	Staff INSET Training – Closed to Students
	Holiday/Weekend – Closed to Students

Term Dates 2025-26

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 School day - schools are open to pupils

 Staff INSET training - closed to pupils

 School holiday - closed to pupils