



# The Cornwall Independent School

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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## Happy New Year

Welcome back to the Spring Term and Happy New Year to the whole school community from all of us at The Cornwall Independent School. We hope everyone had a restful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting new year.

## History Event

We have been given the opportunity to take part in a new competition from the University of Exeter and Trebah Gardens. The Tony Hibbert Prize has been established in memory of Second World War veteran, Tony Hibbert, and prizes include £100 worth of book tokens and an invitation to a prize-giving ceremony at Trebah Gardens. The theme for 2026 is 'Cornwall at War', and entries can be written, art, podcasts or short films. As part of this competition, we have 10 spaces for students to attend some interactive Modern History workshops with some of the experts from the University of Exeter's Cornwall Campus in Penryn on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. During this day, students will learn more about the competition, participate in two university-level modern history seminars and receive a tour of the campus. This was launched in assembly this week and students have until Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January to let Mrs Whitehouse know if they are interested in participating.

## Inclement Weather

Thank you to everyone for adapting so quickly to the change of plans over the last two days. We will always prioritise safety and are grateful for the support of our whole school community. In emergency situations, we will send an email giving information about school closures or incidents and will add information to the home page on the school website. We know this has been a challenge for many due to the lack of power during storm Goretta but we will always aim to get into school as a point of contact if it is safe to do so.

## Vaccinations

The Cornwall Health Team have asked us to share some information with the school community as Flu continues to be an issue. They are running some Saturday drop-in clinics on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January and in early February for those who missed the school visits. For more information, please phone the immunisation team on 01872 221105. The nasal flu clinics take place in Truro, Redruth or St Austell.

## Carn Brea

We prioritised safety today and stayed in school rather than venture out to Carn Brea with so much debris on the road. We hope to return to normal next week. This half term Reception to Year 6 will be swimming and Year 7 & 8 will be using the sports hall for badminton during our Friday PE lesson.

# Special Awards

## Star of the week

### Reception & Year 1 - Liyu

For a great maths score.

### Year 2 & 3 - Paisley-Angel

For always trying her best.

### Year 4 & 5 - Ivy

For amazing subtraction and beautiful writing.

### Year 6 – Gia

For a great newspaper report on the Wheal Owles disaster of 1893.

## Secondary Celebrations

### Maths – Sully (Year 8)

For excellent focus.

### Science – Will (Year 7)

For good revision resources.

### Art – Samuel (Year 11)

For thinking outside the box and creating a fantastic skull collage.

### Computer Science– Joe (Year 9)

For showing initiative, approaching challenges with enthusiasm, and being helpful in class.

### DT - Jessica (Year 8)

For an excellent attitude to her work in our new graphics topic.

### French – Kelsey (Year 11)

For amazing class and homework.

## Plymouth Brick Festival

We have been asked to share information about Plymouth Brick Fest. This is an exciting celebration of all things LEGO, but it isn't just about fun. Brick Festival events also invite visitors to explore a range of STEM subject skills through the medium of LEGO bricks.

LEGO is the perfect tool for developing new skills, exploring new ideas and having new adventures.

Please see the attached poster for more information.

## Primary Cross Country

The next round of the Primary Schools Cross Country event is being held at St. Ives Rugby Club on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Chapman will send out more details when she receives them.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend although for many it is likely to involve DIY and repairs.

Best Wishes

Miss Adams

## Penwith College

Please find attached a poster from Penwith College who are holding an open evening and taster sessions for Year 10 & 11 students on 20<sup>th</sup> January. The talks and taster sessions are bookable on a first come first served basis.

## Lunch Change

There is a change to the menu on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The choices next week are hotdog and wedges, veggie hotdog and wedges, jacket potato and hot tomato pasta.

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