



ST DAY & CARHARRACK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

December 2025

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Vision and Values

We are the **CHANGE-MAKERS** of OUR WORLD!

ENJOYING, ENGAGING, EXCELLING

Happy, healthy children, **enjoying** learning for life - surrounded by kind, respectful relationships and **engaging** in rich learning experiences. **Together** we will enable and encourage **ALL** our children to discover their unique gifts of character, talents and abilities. Our children will enthusiastically contribute to society, **excelling** in all they choose to do. They will communicate confidently, listen openly, think critically and question respectfully – our children will be the responsible **Change-Makers of Our World.**

LIVING OUR VALUES

ENJOYMENT

Laughing - Loving - Learning

ENGAGEMENT

Communicating - Collaborating - Contributing

EXCELLENCE

Be your best - Be even better - Be brilliant





A message from Ms Storey

Gosh - it has been some last week! Huge thanks to our brilliant staff team for making this a truly memorable and magical time for all our children. We have celebrated in style - we were inspired by an superb Brass Band performing to us here in school on Monday; a great time was had altogether at The Hall for Cornwall and of course a special visitor landed in our hall today! I'm sure your children will tell you all about it...





A message from Ms Storey

I have to say, the disco/movie night last night was really enjoyable for everyone! Our children were a delight - so kind, caring, supportive, polite and helpful - which meant everyone had a great time and highlights exactly why our children have been rightly recognised as Gold Rights Respecting! I loved seeing them all queuing up to get back into school - we will do this again!

Do enjoy our newsletter- there is much to celebrate. We have enjoyed all the visitors we have had to our school - with everyone saying they would love their own children to come here! Well done everyone - we have had a brilliant first term.

Wishing you all a peaceful, merry and safe Christmas break with friends and family. We will be ready to welcome everyone back on Monday, January 5th 2026!



News from around the school - Carol Concert

What a magical evening!

Our children shone at our Christmas carol concert - we are all so proud of them!

A huge well done to everyone involved and thank you to our school community for coming along and enjoying the event with us.







News from around the school - A visit from the High Sheriff of Cornwall

We were very excited to welcome a special visitor to our school earlier this month - the High Sheriff of Cornwall! He was blown away by our changemaking children and their positive attitude to learning.

He joined us as part of our day of celebration where we celebrated all things GOLD to commemorate becoming a Gold Rights Respecting School.

With golden clothes, golden music, golden snacks, golden lunches, golden coins and an extra special golden assembly, we showed him that St Day & Carharrack know how to celebrate!

He helped us to plant an oak tree that will grow and thrive in our school grounds - the aspiration we hold for all those who come here.

A special mention to Trev in Emerald Class who successfully guessed the age of a tree as part of a competition in the summer which started a chain of events that led to the visit!



News from around the school - A festive musical treat from Cornwall Youth Brass Ensemble



In the last week of term, the whole school was treated to an inspirational visit from Cornwall Youth Brass Ensemble. The ensemble played well known sing-a-long festive tunes along with film scores and Cornish music. The musicians shared their history of playing their instruments, gave demonstrations and shared with the children where their playing had taken them from playing in community events, playing The Last Post on Remembrance Day to playing at the King's Birthday party! What an inspirational visit!



News from around the school - Active Outdoors



This month in Active Outdoors, as well as the usual den building and minibeast identification fun, the children have been developing their safe tool use skills. They have learnt to safely use a bow saw and a drill to create some fantastic winter decorations.



News from around the school- Opal Class



We have had a lovely time in Opal Class this Christmas!



News from around the school- Opal Class



Snack time in Opal Class!

Promoting healthy eating and how to look after our bodies.

PIC-COLLAGE

News from around the school- Emerald Class



News from around the school- Emerald Class



News from around the school - Sapphire Class



We spent a week with PC Phil and Toby learning all about being safe, what a great experience! Now we are more aware of dangers in our local area and online, we know about lots of inspiring careers within the police force and different ways we can help our community.



News from around the school - Sapphire Class



**Festive
celebrations
with Sapphire
Class!**



News from around the school - Turquoise Class



News from around the school - Turquoise Class



Active PE and Sport around the school

Our Active Playtimes continue to be a huge success - here is what our children have to say...



I love our new playtimes because I have always got someone to play with.

There is more to do, behaviour is better because we are not just chasing around.

If you don't feel too active, you can just chill out in the calm zone.

We like the energy, it makes us happy!

More sharing and taking turns.

I like the skipping, it is just fun and I skip with the older children.

I like that if you don't have the energy, you can use the building zone.



Happy children, happy life!

Actively Belonging



Active Events - Parent Engagement

Thank you parents - your attendance at all our events has been brilliant and it really makes a difference when your children see you here, with us all working together.

A big thank you to our very small handful of parents who have attended all school events - helping out on the day and behind the scenes - always helping to raise funds which goes back to our children. A massive thank you - it is greatly appreciated and supports staff to run more events. Our disco movie night was a great success thanks to this wonderful group of parents!

Please let us know if you have any great ideas or can help out anytime - thank you!



A massive well done to all running club members. We braved all sorts of weather and only had to move inside once - very robust children and adults! It was amazing to see so many parents join us over the last few weeks. The children certainly liked competing against their parents!

'I liked having dad there and trying to beat him -it was fun!'

'Dad encouraged me to keep going - it was great!'



Active Events - Parent Engagement

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Christmas Jar Lantern Making workshop. It was wonderful to see children and adults working together, sharing ideas and getting creative. A big thank you to Mrs Brandreth for leading the workshop and modelling how to create the beautiful lanterns. The hall was filled with festive cheer and the finished jars looked fantastic





Maths Fluency at school

'Every Child, Every Day - a Reader, a Writer and a Mathematician'

In partnership with the National Centre of Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

In September, a new maths fluency scheme was launched across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Maths fluency is more than just memorisation. It is based in efficiency, accuracy and flexibility. Playing games together at home will support this!

Efficiency and accuracy:

This means being able to recall key facts quickly and accurately, such as times tables and number bonds to 20. This frees up mental energy for more complex problems.

Flexibility and choice:

It is the ability to choose the best method for a problem from a "toolkit" of strategies, and to move between different contexts and representations of mathematics (e.g., from a word problem to a diagram).

Understanding and connections:

It involves a deep understanding of "why" facts work, not just the "how". For example, understanding how $5+3=8$ relates to $8-5=3$ is key.

We will be sending home fluency ideas for you to try out at home - making maths real for your child in everything you do daily will boost confidence and support your child to enjoy, engage and excel in maths.





Maths Fluency at home

- **Practice key facts:**

Spend a short amount of time each day practicing basic facts, like times tables or number bonds to 10, as this quickly leads to improved fluency.

- **Use different methods:**

Encourage your child to explain their method and listen to how they are thinking about the problem.

- **Make connections:**

Help your child see how different math ideas are connected. (6 x 6 is double 3 x 3 or 7 + 3 is the same as 3 + 7)

- **Use games and real-life situations:**

Play games to practise facts - playing cards is great for this! Involve your child in real-life math situations, like using fractions for a recipe, eating together - sharing food. We will be sending ideas out weekly to support you at home.

Try this at home



If you have ten counters numbered 1 to 10, how many can you put into pairs that add to 10?

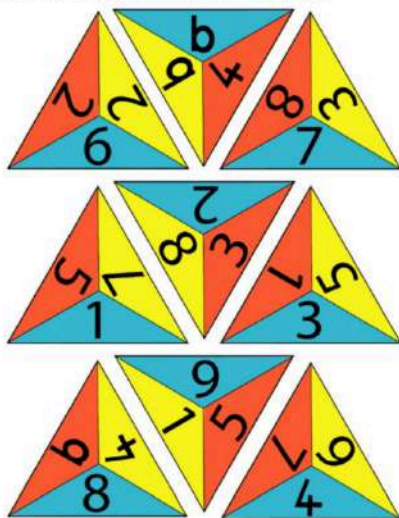
Can you use them all?
Say how you got your answer.

Maths - Activities and Games



One Big Triangle

Here are nine triangles. Each one has three numbers on it.



Your challenge is to arrange these triangles to make one big triangle, so the numbers that touch add up to 10.

Once you've finished making the big triangle, think about these questions:
How did you get started?
What did you do next?

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Sealed Solution

Here is a set of ten cards, each showing one of the digits from 0 to 9:



The ten cards are divided up between five envelopes so that there are two cards in each envelope.

The sum of the two numbers inside it is written on each envelope:



What numbers could be inside the "8" envelope?

Thank you to Alan Parr who inspired this task.

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Please click the icon for a great KS2 problem-solving activity. Great for parents too.



[Light the Lights | ...](#)

eSafety Updates

Meet Arms - a Digital Citizen who knows how important it is to balance your time online with time away from screens.

Check out the video for more information and some top tips from Arms!



eSafety Updates

Tec Girls would like to invite you to their '[First Phones Family Workshop](#)' - held on 31st January 2026.

Download the PDF attached to this page for more information.

This event is open to all parents and will guide you through the experience of your child owning a phone for the first time. Follow the QR code or tap on the link below to sign up.

<https://www.tecgirls.co.uk/event-details/family-first-phone-workshop>



First Phones Fami...

TEC GIRLS

FIRST PHONES

Family Workshop

SAT 31ST JAN 10:00 AM
AT TRURO HIGH SCHOOL

Hands-on session to help families navigate using phones safely & confidently.

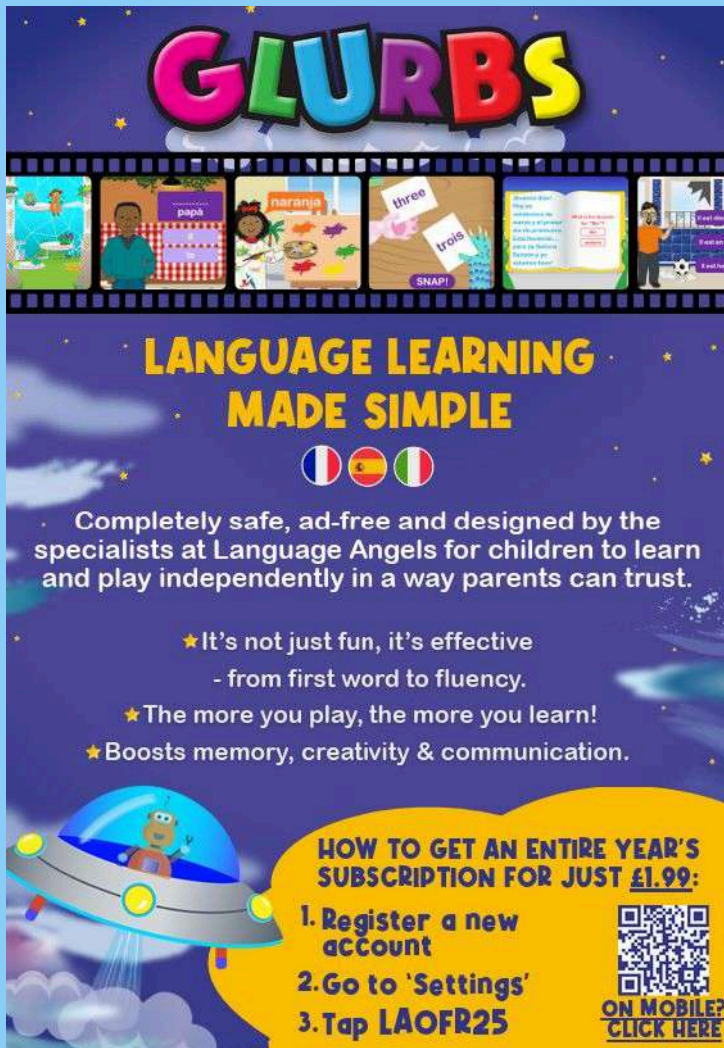
Curated conversations and workshops to cover:

- What are Parental controls and how do they work?
- Are “free” games and apps safe?
- Critical conversations about social media and AI
- What to do when things go wrong?
- Create a digital devices family agreement

SIGN UP BY
CLICKING HERE
OR SCAN THE
QR CODE

Funded by UK Government | CORNWALL COUNCIL | Council of the ISLES OF SCILLY | GOOD GROWTH | digital futures Cornwall | TEC GIRLS

The poster features a purple and pink color scheme. At the top left is the Tec Girls logo. The main title 'FIRST PHONES Family Workshop' is in large, bold, white and pink letters. Below it, the date and location are listed in white text on a pink background. A central text block describes the session as a hands-on session for families. A list of topics to be covered is presented in white text on a dark purple background. A call to action 'SIGN UP BY CLICKING HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE' is in pink and white. A QR code is located below the call to action. At the bottom, there are logos for funding partners: UK Government, Cornwall Council, Council of the Isles of Scilly, Good Growth, digital futures Cornwall, and Tec Girls. A photograph of three teenagers (two girls and one boy) looking at their phones is positioned in the lower right area of the poster.



GLURBS

LANGUAGE LEARNING MADE SIMPLE

Completely safe, ad-free and designed by the specialists at Language Angels for children to learn and play independently in a way parents can trust.

- ★ It's not just fun, it's effective - from first word to fluency.
- ★ The more you play, the more you learn!
- ★ Boosts memory, creativity & communication.

HOW TO GET AN ENTIRE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION FOR JUST £1.99:

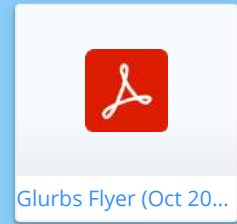
1. Register a new account
2. Go to 'Settings'
3. Tap **LAOFR25**

ON MOBILE? CLICK HERE



Our language learning platform, Language Angels, has launched a fantastic app to help you continue your child's Spanish education at home.

Follow the instructions on the attached flyer to download the app and use the code to get a 95% discount on a yearly subscription!





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS AND SUPER LEARNERS !



Celebrating with Ms Storey
All our 'Stars' celebrate their achievements with a special break with Ms Storey

We celebrate all of our children each week in class. In our special celebration assembly, we praise the children who have made an extra special effort with their learning goals and living the 'Rights of the Child'. So many of our children display **ENJOYMENT, ENGAGEMENT and EXCELLENCE** in all aspects of school life - every day of every week. This term we are celebrating everyone for becoming a **GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL! WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF YOU AND HOPE YOU ENJOYED ALL OUR GOLDEN CELEBRATIONS!**



Well done and thank you to Massen for representing the school at the Nine Lessons and Carols service at St Day Holy Trinity Church. Massen read with confidence and clarity and was a true ambassador for our Gold Rights Respecting School - living our values of Enjoyment, Engagement, Excellence!



What has Pav been up to?



News from around the school - A visit from our Local MP

It was a pleasure to welcome our local MP - Perran Moon - into school last week for a special assembly.

Pav, a gifted artist in Turquoise, won a county-wide competition to design Perran's 2025 Christmas card and we were all very excited to learn it is the image that will be on a card to the Prime Minister! Incredible.

Perran also had the honour of presenting our Rights Respecters with their well earned GOLD banner to be hung with pride outside school.

We even managed to fit in a raffle draw so we had lots of excited children in the hall - what a fabulous, joyful assembly!





Celebrating Attendance

Be an attendance HERO - aim for 96% and above!

A super well done to Sapphire Class for achieving the highest attendance this month!



Opal - Yr R/1 - 94%
Emerald - Yr 2/3 - 93%
Sapphire - Yr 4/5 - 97%
Turquoise - Yr 5/6 - 96%

Whole School 95%

Well done everyone - there has been a lot of illness flying around requiring time away - for staff and children. We hope everyone is well over Christmas.





School Office Reminders

[Return to School - Monday 5th January 2026](#)

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break.

The spring term begins on **Monday 5th January 2026**. Gates open from 8.30am.

Looking forward to seeing you all then!



Important Upcoming Dates

January 2026

- 5th Term starts for pupils
- 12th New clubs start
- 15th CENSUS DAY special menu
- 16th Online Safety - Parent workshop hosted by Common Sense Media
- 20th SEN Review Parent Meetings

February 2026

- 2nd Last week of clubs
- 9th Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th Safer Internet Day
- 11th Parent Partnership Meetings
- 12th Parent Partnership Meetings
- 13th Break up for half term
- 23rd Term starts for pupils



Brass Lessons - From Year 3 and upwards.

This week your child's school hosted a Christmas performance from the Cornwall Youth Brass Ensemble, where we played a few Christmas tunes such as Carol of the Bells and Santa Tell Me, alongside popular tunes like the Avengers Theme and Knights of Cydonia.

I believe that all of the children enjoyed the performance, and we certainly did too!

If your child has been inspired to start brass lessons please see the attached flyer. You can head to www.cmst.co.uk/learnmore for all the information you need, or www.cmst.co.uk/signup to get starting signing up straight away!

If you put the code "CYBE" in the comment field when signing up you will be entered into a random draw. The person whose name is drawn will receive one term of free lessons!

I hope your child has been inspired and I hope you have a peaceful – and brassy – Christmas!



GREAT NEWS!

Your child has shown an interest in learning a Brass instrument, lessons will be provided by CMST.

In order that we can get your child's music journey under way please go to our website to find out more and to sign up for your musical sessions.

Hear Music.
Learn Music.
Play Music.

Sign Up at:
CMST.co.uk/signup

For more information head to:
CMST.co.uk/learnmore

Search Me

A QR code with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Search Me" above it, located in the top right corner of the flyer.The CMST logo, featuring a stylized blue figure and the text "CMST ILOW RAG OLL" below it, located in the bottom right corner of the flyer.



Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding Concerns

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Susannah Storey
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Beth Popperwell
Safeguarding Governor	Sally Miners
01209 820456	

[Raise a concern about a child](#)

If you have immediate concerns or are worried about a child or young person's safety please know that anyone, anytime, can telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116.



Local Activities

Our fantastic School Choir will be performing at 4.30pm. Please note that parents need to accompany and stay with their child for this performance as they will then join you for the rest of your evening.



You are invited to join us
on **Saturday 20th December**
From **4:30pm** Till **7pm**
for
A St Day Christmas for One and All

Free Santa's Grotto
Colouring Competition
Live Music
Church Raffle
Tea, Coffee and Treats
And More
Something for all Ages



4:30PM
TILL
7PM

A ST DAY CHRISTMAS

FOR ONE AND ALL

20
DECEMBER

SANTA'S GROTTTO
LIVE MUSIC
CHURCH RAFFLE
TEA, COFFEE AND TREATS

St Day Holy Trinity Church
Church Street, St Day, TR16 5JY

2025

All profits shall go towards the school




CHRISTMAS 2025

Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:

- Bissoe Trail
- Seaton Country Park
- Pentewan Trail

Meet time is 1000
Bike check optional
For all ages & abilities

Rides are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays between 22nd Dec and 2nd Jan

Scan here to book!



www.activecornwall.org/TzMHolidayProgramme
Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk




HOLIDAY DANCE DAYS!



Includes...

- A large range of dance classes
- Workshops and wellbeing sessions
- Lunch and Breakfast
- 09:00-16:00
- Based in bespoke dance studios

Book now!

SCAN ME



Dates...

- Monday 29th December: K-PoP Day
- Tuesday 30th December: Swifty Day
- Friday 2nd January: Snow Queen Day

mc2dcornwall@gmail.com
07515129358



STEPHEN SCHOOL OF BALLET





GWEALAN TOPS
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

2026 opening

Adventure Playground
Wednesday – Friday
 3:15pm–5.30pm
Saturday 12:pm–4pm

Feb Half Term
 Tues 17th – Fri 20th Feb

Youth Club (13+)
Friday 5:30pm–7pm

FREE ENTRY
GWEALAN TOPS
 School Lane
 Redruth
 TR15 2ER

AGES 7+

CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED

01209 697 717
www.gwealantops.org

 **COMMUNITY FUND**



Festive Bounce Park

Tuesday 23rd December

Tuesday 30th December

08:30-10:00 Toddler Bounce
 10:15-11.45 SEN & Sibling
 12:00-13:30 General Bounce
 13:45- 15:15 General Bounce
 15:30-17:00 General Bounce
 17:15-18:45 General Bounce

SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE

Truro School TR11 1TH
www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com

Local Activities



HELSTON RAILWAY

Christmas Trains

Santa Train Dates (December 2025)
6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

Santa Train Times
10:00, 11:30, 15:00

Train of Light Time
17:30

Ticket Prices
Adult £10
Child £11.50
Under 5 years £5

Child and under 5 prices include present from Santa!

visit www.helstonrailway.co.uk



JOIN THE ST DAY AFC FAMILY

YOUTH TEAM MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS WANTED



ST DAY YOUTH AFC IS A WELL ESTABLISHED CLUB WITH AN EVER GROWING YOUTH SECTION FOR BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEER MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS FOR A NEW UNDER 10 GIRLS TEAM. CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 4 AND 5

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE E MAIL MELCLARKE703@GMAIL.COM

Local Activities



The poster features a central logo for the United Downs Environment Group, which includes a butterfly and the text 'UNITED DOWNS ENVIRONMENT GROUP'. The title 'COMMUNITY MARKET' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, the location 'MILLS HALL, CARHARRACK TR16 5QW' and the time '1-3PM' are listed. A series of dates are provided: 'SEPT 13TH, OCT 11TH, NOV 8TH, DEC 13TH, JAN 10TH, FEB 14TH'. The poster is decorated with colorful bunting and illustrations of market stalls and people. Various stalls are labeled with their offerings:

- Betina's Textile repairs & Renewals
- Local plants, jams and chutneys
- Peat-Free compost September 13th / October 11th
- Carley's seed & nut butters
- Naked Sprout toilet rolls
- Locally grown fruit and veg produce
- Incredible Bulk zero waste refill
- Peber's Artisan Sourdough bread
- Homemade cakes including vegan cakes
- Cusgame Organic Farm Produce

Contact email: uniteddeg@gmail.com
Facebook: United Downs Environment Group



The poster features a logo for Gwealan Tops Adventure Playground, which includes a house icon and the text 'GWEALAN TOPS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND'. The title 'WINTER OPENING' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below the title, the location 'ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND' and the dates and times are listed: 'TUESDAY 4TH NOV TO FRIDAY 19TH DEC 3.15 TO 5.30PM' and 'SATURDAYS 12-4PM'. The text 'YOUTH CLUB FRIDAYS 5.30 - 7PM' is also included. The location 'SCHOOL LANE, REDRUTH, TR15 2ER' and the website 'WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG' are provided. The poster is decorated with snowflakes and a winter landscape illustration. A small logo for 'COMMUNITY FUND' is visible in the bottom right corner.



Local Activities

WEEKEND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES.

AGES 6-18

MUSICAL THEATRE.
COMEDY AND DRAMA.
FILM & TV.

PQA PENRYN & FALMOUTH
Penryn College, TR10 8PZ

TRY A FULL SESSION FOR FREE!



**PAULINE
QUIRKE
ACADEMY**
OF PERFORMING ARTS

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING.

BE READY FOR ACTION

From musical theatre, to comedy, drama and filmmaking – PQA's project-based approach encourages learning by doing. In our classes, young people get hands on, creating their own content and learning industry skills, while having a blast!

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING

At PQA, we build self-belief by encouraging young people to step out of their comfort zones, develop new skills, and be their amazing selves, in a supportive environment. Through experiencing all that the performing arts has to offer, young people can grow in grounded, confident adults.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Classes for ages 6-18 are 3 hours long, with industry-expert teachers leading sessions in musical theatre, film and TV, comedy, and drama. Students aged 4-6 take part in our 90 minutes Poppets class. Best of all, we offer everyone a free session!

PQA PENRYN & FALMOUTH
Penryn College, TR10 8PZ

BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION



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Wraparound Care

Child-Care Club

£3.50 per session

Breakfast Included

From 8am every day

Book on ParentPay

More information on the school website or from the school office

Games and Crafts

Afterschool Wraparound Care

From the end of the school day until 4.30pm / 5pm or 6pm

Healthy Snack and Drink Included

Prices start from £5





MERRY
Christmas
AND HAPPY
New Year!



**Thank you
for taking the time to read or listen to our news.**

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

**Susannah Storey
and
The St Day and Carharrack Team**

