



13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a week it has been at Chacewater School! It has been absolutely jam-packed with brilliant learning, memorable experiences and plenty of smiles, and we are all very ready for a well-deserved half-term break next week. We started the week on a real high on Monday when we had the privilege of welcoming Cat Burford, an inspirational adventurer who recently achieved something truly extraordinary. In January 2025, Cat

became only the 13th woman in history to ski 708 miles to the South Pole — solo and unsupported — fulfilling a childhood dream first sparked by her Geography teacher, Allyson Taylor. During the assembly, Cat shared the story of her expedition, from how she travelled to Antarctica to the specialist equipment she relied on, and the immense resilience required to complete such a demanding challenge. Her 50-day journey involved skiing uphill to nearly 3,000 metres in altitude while facing extreme weather and total isolation. Her message to all of us was powerful: pursue your ambitions with determination, embrace challenges, and never underestimate the impact that inspiration — or a teacher — can have. If you'd like to find out more, her website is [The Molar Explorer](http://www.themolarexplorer.com).

On Wednesday, Buds found a welcome gap in the weather and headed off on a brilliant geography field trip to Portreath Beach, bringing their learning to life in the best possible way. Around the school, there have been plenty of other highlights too. Bur Oaks enjoyed a fascinating science investigation exploring whether carbon dioxide weighs anything. They carefully weighed fizzy drinks, shook them up, released the gas (mostly carefully!) and weighed them again... all went smoothly except for one rather lively Sprite explosion — Mr Wilson sends his apologies! Red Oaks have been having a great afternoon in computing, creating carousels out of Pringle tubes and paper plates before using Crumble to write programs, test algorithms and bring their creations to life. And throughout the week, everyone has been thinking deeply about Children's Mental Health Week. Classes have taken part in a range of activities linked to belonging, reflection and wellbeing, including Buds and Seedlings making beautiful 'belonging cards' to celebrate the people and places that make them feel safe and connected.



Thank you to all our staff and pupils for another fantastic week of curiosity, resilience and joy. We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break — enjoy the rest, recharge, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

Mr Hick

Red Oaks Open Afternoon



Mrs James and Mrs Law (and of course the children) would like to invite you in on Monday 2nd March at 2:30pm to celebrate and engage with their recent learning.

Miss Laskowski News



I am very pleased to share some lovely news with you—Miss Laskowski is expecting a baby later this year. We are all absolutely delighted for her, and I know the children will be too when she tells them.

Miss Laskowski will continue teaching Mighty Oaks through the remainder of this term and into the first half of the summer term, including supporting the children through their SATs. In the meantime, we have already begun the process of arranging maternity cover to ensure that the class continue to have the very best experience during the second half of the summer term, including the excitement of school camp and, of course, the summer show. We will keep parents and carers updated as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing her our warmest congratulations and every happiness during this special time.

Cross Country and Swimming Gala

Both of these rearranged events will now be taking place in the first week back after half term. The cross country for children in Y4,5 and 6 will take place at Richard Lander School on Wednesday, 25th February. The swimming gala for selected children in Y5 and Y6 will take place on Friday 27th February. We will send out permission forms for both of these.

PTA - Make The Rules Day – 27th February



Bikeability - Advance Warning



A little way off yet but Mighty Oaks will be taking part in Bikeability towards the end of May on 18th, 19th and 21st May. To take part in this the children will need a helmet and access to a bike.

Swimming – Red Oaks



We are really pleased that we will be able to take our Y5 children (Red Oaks) swimming over a two-week block – week beginning **2nd March and 9th March**. The children will swim every morning at Truro Leisure Centre and will be taught by trained swimming instructors. We will travel by coach each day and hope that parents/carers will be able contribute towards the cost of transport through ParentPay.

The children will need a swimming hat, goggles and a towel for these sessions.

ParentPay – Booking Meals

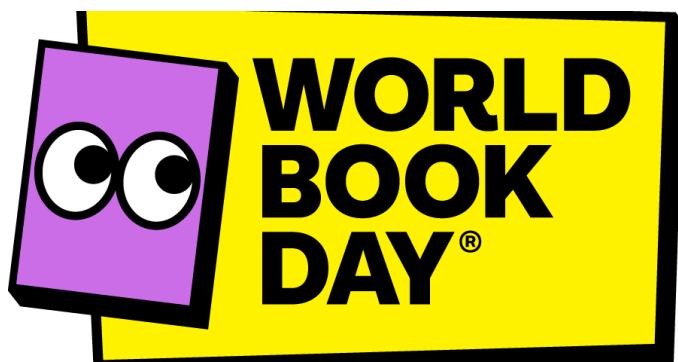
A little reminder to help our mornings run smoothly

To help us keep everything running smoothly in school each day, we kindly ask all parents and carers to please book your child's meals on ParentPay in advance rather than asking the office to book meals on the morning. This really helps us manage registers, kitchen numbers, and staffing more efficiently.

If your child is absent from school, please also remember to cancel their meal on ParentPay. This prevents any unnecessary charges or debt from building up on your account.

Thank you so much for your support with this—it really does make a big difference to our day-to-day organisation. If you ever need help with ParentPay, just let us know.

World Book Day – 5th March



We are looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day** after half term, and this year we are inviting all children (and staff!) to come to school in their **pyjamas** for a cosy day of stories, shared reading and book-themed fun. It's always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our love of reading together, and we can't wait to see everyone enjoying a relaxed, book-filled day.

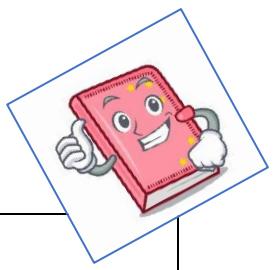
Year of Reading

Did you know that this year is the National Year of Reading? To mark this, we will be holding a number of different events both in our school and across our academy trust throughout the year. Included in this is a monthly reading challenge which we have given the children:

2026

TPAT Book Challenges

January Read a book that makes you laugh!	February Tell someone about a book you love	March Read a book recommended to you
April Read a joke book and share a joke with a friend (or teacher!)	May Read a poetry book or one with rhymes	June It's a summer of sport! Read a sporty book.
July Read a book that is set in another country	August What book have you read outside?	September What author are you recommending to your friends?
October Read a spooky book for Halloween!	November Read a non-fiction book and tell a friend a cool fact	December Read a Christmas themed book or a wintry tale
My favourite books of the year have been...		



Dates For Your Diary

16.2.26 – 20.2.26	Half Term
23.2.26	Start of 2 nd half term
2.3.26 and 9.3.26	Year 5 swimming block
2.4.26	End of term – 1pm finish

PE Days

PE days for this term are as follows:

- Acorns – Monday
- Seedlings – Monday and Friday
- Buds – Monday and Friday
- Young Oaks – Thursday and Friday
- Bur Oaks – Tuesday and Friday
- Red Oaks – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Mighty Oaks – Wednesday and Thursday

Term Dates

Chacewater School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025

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Chacewater School INSET Days (highlighted in Yellow) school closed:

- Mon 1st Sept 2025
- Mon 20th – Fri 24th Oct 2025
- Mon 26th January 2026
- Fri 24th July 2026



Together
for Families

School holidays

Bank holidays	
Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	04 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

Autumn Term

1st September – 19th Dec 2025

(Half Term 20th – 31st Oct)

Spring Term

5th January – 2nd April 2026

(Half Term 16th - 20th Feb 2026)

Summer Term

20th April – 24th July 2026

(Half Term 25th – 29th May 2026)

Term Dates 2026/27

Our term dates for the next academic year can be seen below. Please note that following consultation, all schools in our academy trust will be continuing with a two week half term in October 2026.

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December 2026



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Abie & Robyn
SEEDLINGS	Charlotte & Delilah
BUDS	Samuel & Oliver
YOUNG OAKS	Lily & Odin
BUR OAKS	Storm & Albert
RED OAKS	Dilly & Mackenzie
MIGHTY OAKS	Evelyn & Stanley



Signposting

Toy Swap

3-5PM SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

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