



6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a creative week it's been at Chacewater!

There has been so much brilliant learning happening across the school, and it's been lovely to see the children throwing themselves into their topics with such enthusiasm.

Red Oaks have been busy becoming scientists and engineers, creating their very own volcanoes ready for an eruption at the end of term. They've been exploring what happens when different materials combine... so watch out for some *big* explosions soon!

Buds have stepped back in time this week, becoming fantastic historians as they studied old photographs of seaside holidays from the past. They discussed what people used to do at the seaside and compared this with what we enjoy today. Next week, they'll be heading out on a field trip to the beach to deepen their learning — we really are so lucky to have such beautiful coastline right on our doorstep.

Bur Oaks have been channelling their inner artists by developing their still-life painting skills. They've been mixing colours, creating different tints and shades, and working in the style of Paul Cézanne. Their focus and creativity have been wonderful to see.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome students from Truro College, who spent time in Buds supporting some fantastic drama work. The children loved it, and it was great to build links with our local community.

Unfortunately, the weather struck again and the cross-country event was cancelled — another disappointment — but we will, of course, take part when it is rescheduled after half term.

We will, however, be ending the week on a high with our **BRILLIANT Afternoon**! Our Pupil Parliament discussed ideas and chose a wonderful range of games and craft activities for everyone to enjoy. The children are very excited, and it's a lovely way to celebrate all their hard work.

Have a great weekend, everyone. We're looking forward to welcoming the children back next week for the final week before half term.

Mr Hick

Incoming - Bake Sale!

Please see the below form Sienna from Bur Oaks. She has been working hard organising a fund raising event for Blood Bikes. Look out for her next Friday after school. Well done Sienna!



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.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is also **Children's Mental Health Week**, and this year's theme is all about helping children understand how they can look after their wellbeing and stay connected with the people who support them. Throughout the week, classes will be taking part in simple activities that encourage confidence, kindness, and talking openly about feelings. It's a lovely opportunity to remind children that their mental health is just as important as their physical health, and that small everyday moments — a chat, a smile, a mindful pause — can make a big difference. Some ideas to try at home could be:

- **Daily Check-In** – Spend 5 minutes each evening asking, *"What went well today?"* and *"What felt tricky?"*
- **Gratitude Jar** – Write down small positives from the day and pop them in a jar; read them back at the end of the week.
- **Screen-Free Time Together** – Play a board game, bake, draw, or just chat — anything that creates calm, connected moments.

- **Mindful Moments** – Try a simple breathing activity: breathe in for 4, hold for 2, breathe out for 6. Great before bed!
- **Kindness Challenge** – Encourage children to do one small act of kindness each day — a compliment, a tidy-up, a helping hand.
- **Get Outside** – A short walk or bit of fresh air works wonders for mood and energy.
- **Create a “Feel-Good Toolkit”** – Let your child fill a box with things that help them feel calm or happy (a book, photos, fidget, drawings).
- **Talk About Feelings** – Use everyday activities (like cooking or walking) as relaxed moments to chat about how everyone is feeling.
- **Relaxing Bedtime Routine** – Dim lights, quiet story, calm music — ending the day gently helps children switch off.

Safer Internet Day

Next week is **Safer Internet Day 2026**, which takes place on **10th February**, with this year's theme: *'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'*. We'll be marking the day in school with activities and discussions to help children think carefully about how they use technology and interact online. There is also some helpful information below so you can continue these important conversations at home and support your child in making safe, responsible choices when using the internet and AI tools.

Online Safety Newsletter

Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day (SID) is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 10th February 2026, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'

UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

What is AI and is it safe?

Internet Matters has a wealth of information on their website about AI, including is it safe for children to use, privacy and data considerations, examples of popular tools and the risks that you should be aware of. You can access this information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/>

AI Chatbots

Parent Zone have published an article highlighting what you need to know about chatbots, and the growing role of artificial companions. The article discusses what an AI friend is, the minimum age rating for using a chatbot, the appeal and the risks of AI friends as well as what you can do if your child is using them. You can access it here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/ai-chatbots>

AI Tips from the NSPCC

This article from the NSPCC introduces AI tools and discusses what AI generated content is. It also includes tips on how to support your child to use AI safely. Read the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

Parenting in the AI age

UNICEF have published an article discussing how to approach AI with your child. It discusses how AI can help promote learning as well as some of the dangers. You can find the article here:

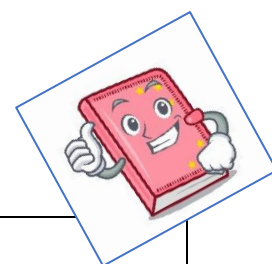
<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/digital-parenting/how-approach-ai-children>

Resources for Parents and Carers from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have several resources on their website in support of SID, including a video about what children are being exposed to online with generative AI tools. You can find the resources here:

<https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/safer-internet-day>

Click [HERE](#) to see the document online.



<u>Dates For Your Diary</u>	
5.1.26	Start of Spring Term
19.1.26	After School Clubs Begin
26.1.26	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
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	October 2025	November 2025	December 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

CORNWALL COUNCIL for Families	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	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026
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Autumn Term	
1 st September – 19 th Dec 2025	
(Half Term 20 th – 31 st Oct)	
Spring Term	
5 th January – 2 nd April 2026	
(Half Term 16 th – 20 th Feb 2026)	
Summer Term	
20 th April – 24 th July 2026	
(Half Term 25 th – 29 th 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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Summer Term	
12 th Apr – 23 rd Jul 2027	
(Half Term 31 st May – 4 th Jun 2027)	
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• Mon 4 th Jan 2027	



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Texas & Corey
SEEDLINGS	Ashley & Alfie H
BUDS	Teddy & Reggie
YOUNG OAKS	Olive & Charlie
BUR OAKS	James & Florence
RED OAKS	Thea, Ethan & Theodore
MIGHTY OAKS	Emma & Daisy S





Toy Swap

3-5PM SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026
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