



18th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly wonderful way to end the term! Chacewater School has been brimming with festive cheer this week, and our children have filled every corner of the school with joy, laughter, and celebration. It has been a magical finale to a term full of learning, creativity, and togetherness.

Our Seedlings and Buds delighted audiences with their nativity, *It's a Party*. Their confidence on stage, the way they remembered their lines, and the enthusiasm with which they sang and acted was simply heart-warming. Every smile and every gesture showed how much they had enjoyed preparing for the performance, and it was a joy to see them shine so brightly.

Not to be outdone, our Acorns took to the stage for their very first nativity. Their excitement was infectious, and the pride they felt in performing was clear to everyone watching. For many of them, this was their first time standing in front of an audience, and they did so brilliantly. Their performance reminded us all of the wonder and joy that this season brings, and it was a truly special moment for our school community.

Key Stage 2 then raised the roof at the church with their outstanding Christmas Carol concerts. The beautiful singing, the heartfelt readings, and the festive atmosphere created by the children brought the true meaning of Christmas to life. The way they worked together, supported one another, and performed with such passion was phenomenal. It was a performance that will stay in the memories of everyone who attended. A very special thanks also goes to Mrs Hoadley, whose musical support has been invaluable in preparing and guiding our children through all of the Christmas performances. Her talent and encouragement have helped bring out the very best in our children, and we are deeply grateful.

Looking back over the term, I couldn't be prouder of our children. Week after week, they have shown resilience, creativity, and enthusiasm in everything they do. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, or on the stage, they have given their very best and reminded us all of the joy of learning and the importance of community.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without our incredible staff team. Behind every performance, every lesson, and every success is a group of dedicated professionals who give their time, energy, and passion to make Chacewater School such a special place. Their tireless efforts ensure that our children have the very best opportunities, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to them all.

As we head into the holidays, I would like to wish every member of our school community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday, January 5th** for another exciting term, full of new opportunities, challenges, and celebrations.

Mr Hick

Happy Christmas From All Of Us At Chacewater School!



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.

Chacewater School Calendar 2026/27

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CORNWALL COUNCIL
one and all - one bag!

Together for Families

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	11 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

Autumn Term
1st Sept – 18th Dec 2026
(Half Term 19th – 30th Oct)

Spring Term
4th Jan – 25th Mar 2027
(Half Term 26th – 9th Apr 2027)

Summer Term
12th Apr – 23rd Jul 2027
(Half Term 31st May – 4th Jun 2027)

INSET Days (highlighted in Yellow) school closed:

- Mon 1st Sept 2026
- Mon 4th Jan 2027

Online Safety Newsletter

This month's Online Safety Newsletter highlights key information to help families keep children safe online. The full document can be found [HERE](#).

Instagram – Teen Safety Updates

Instagram has introduced new measures for users aged 13–17, including limiting content to what would typically appear in a PG-13 film. Risky stunts, strong language and potentially harmful content will be hidden or not recommended. A new '**Limited Content**' setting also allows parents to restrict comments and interactions further.

Online Gaming – What Parents Should Know

The newsletter outlines common risks such as chatting with strangers, inappropriate language, cyberbullying and in-app purchases. Families are encouraged to:

- Set up parental controls on both the game and the device
- Check age ratings before children play
- Talk regularly with children about safe behaviour online

Snapchat – Safety and Parental Controls

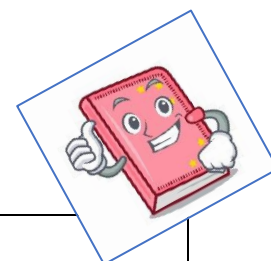
Snapchat remains popular with young people, but risks include inappropriate content, location sharing, cyberbullying and disappearing messages. Parents can use **Family Centre** to view who their child interacts with, restrict content and report concerns. Privacy settings should be reviewed to control who can contact or locate your child.

Family Smart Start – First Phone Support

A free toolkit is available to help families navigate giving a child their first phone. It includes setup guidance, safety conversations and a family agreement template.

Cyber Security – Protecting Your Family Online

The National Cyber Security Centre provides advice on staying safe from scams and cyber-attacks. Key tips include using strong passwords and enabling two-step verification. Guidance is also available on what to do if you are targeted by a scam.



Dates For Your Diary

19.12.25	End of Term – 1pm Finish
5.1.25	Start of Spring Term
26.1.25	Inset Day - School Closed to Children

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



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Everyone for a Brilliant Nativity
SEEDLINGS	Zane, Ayla & Everyone for a Brilliant Nativity
BUDS	Ben & Harlee & Everyone for a Brilliant Nativity
YOUNG OAKS	Summer, Kyrylo & James
BUR OAKS	Roman & Evie
RED OAKS	Elliemay & Arthur
MIGHTY OAKS	Kip & Iyla



Signposting



Truro OUR GREAT LITTLE Festive CITY

Join us in Truro this festive season with Christmas events from November.

Truro Christmas Market

Friday 21st Nov – Wednesday 24th Dec

Cornwall's Biggest Traditional Christmas Market.

Boscawen Street Christmas Markets

Saturdays & Wednesdays

22nd Nov – 20th Dec

+ Monday 22nd Dec

Featuring local gifts, produce & street food, along with traffic free shopping.

Late Night Shopping

Wednesdays 26th Nov – 17th Dec

+ Monday 22nd Dec

Every Wednesday many of our national and independent shops will be open until 9pm, with Monday 22nd December as an extra late night.

The Father Christmas Parade

Wednesday 26th Nov

Featuring Father Christmas, musicians, performers & dance groups from 6.30pm.

Father Christmas at the Cornwall Museum and Art Gallery

Wednesday 10th Dec – Wednesday 24th Dec

A Father Christmas grotto and storytelling experience not to be missed, see website for further information.

New Years Eve Fireworks

Wednesday 31st Dec

Family display at 7.30pm

Midnight display at Midnight

Watch from Lemon Quay.



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