



Spring Term 2025 Newsletter 4
Friday 4th April 2025

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



We hope this message finds you well. We are thrilled to share with you some of the amazing achievements and activities that have taken place at our school over the past few weeks, as well as exciting events coming up after the holiday.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – A Huge Success!

A massive thank you to all the children, staff, and parents who supported our Comic Relief Red Nose Day fundraising efforts! Thanks to your generosity, we raised £248 to support this worthy cause. The children had a blast dressing up and taking part in the fun activities, and we couldn't have done it without you. Well done, everyone!

Book Fair

The Book Fair raised an amazing £1046.51 which means that the school has received £523.26 worth of rewards to spend on new books for our library and classrooms. Thank you to our families for their contributions.

PTA KS1 Easter Egg Hunt

Our Key Stage 1 children had a wonderful time during the PTA-organized Easter Egg Hunt. It was a magical event, filled with excitement and joy as the children raced to find their hidden eggs. Thank you to our amazing PTA volunteers who made this event possible.

KS2 Orienteering Easter Egg Hunt

Our Key Stage 2 children participated in an orienteering-themed Easter Egg Hunt. It was an incredible mix of teamwork, problem-solving, and fun as they navigated through challenges to find the eggs. The event was a great way to combine adventure with Easter celebrations, and the children had a fantastic time!

Sponsored Jump – A Big Thank You!

Our Sponsored Jump event was an absolute hit! The children put their best foot forward, jumping their way to raising funds for our school. We appreciate the support from all our families who donated, and we can't wait to share the final tally with you soon.



Year 5 Camp – A Great Success!

Year 5 recently returned from an unforgettable camp experience! The children participated in a range of outdoor activities that helped build their teamwork, resilience, and confidence. They came back with fantastic stories to share, and we are so proud of everything they accomplished during this experience.

Year 4 Camp After the Holiday

Looking ahead, Year 4 will be heading off on their own exciting adventure at camp after the holiday. We are sure they'll have just as much fun as Year 5 did, and we can't wait to hear about their experiences when they return.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school and all the events that make it such a wonderful place to learn and grow. We wish you a restful holiday, and we look forward to more fun and memorable moments when we return!

Change of date:

We wish to inform you of a change of date to our 2025-26 school calendar. Please be aware that the INSET day planned for 24 July 2026 has been moved to 03 July 2026. This decision has been made to accommodate the entire exam season and to ensure that all school calendars across CELT align. This also enables our staff to access high-quality training together. Your child will not be required to attend school on 03 July 2026 and this means the last day of term will now be Friday 24 July 2026.

Mrs Simpson



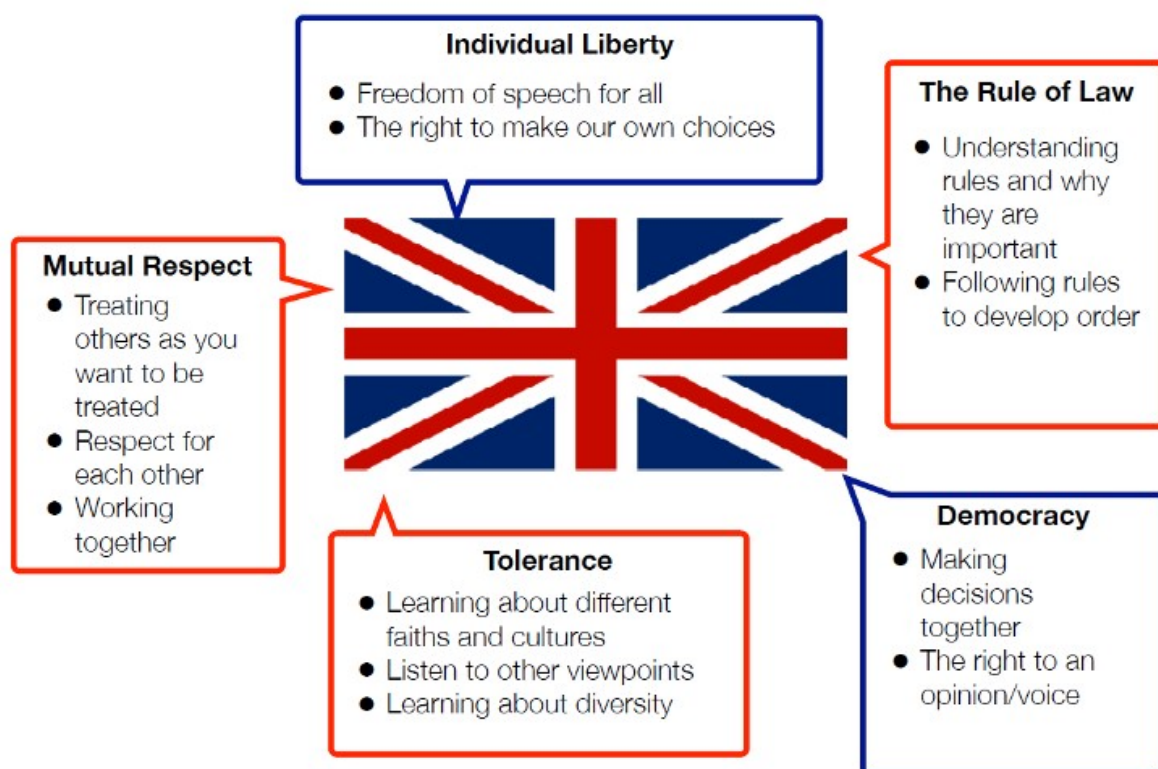
We would like to say a few big thank you's!

To Rubies for donating 8 boxes of dressing up costumes! These arrived just before World Book day, allowing all our children to have the opportunity to dress up!

To our PTA for organising an amazing Easter Egg hunt and for arranging for the Easter bunny to visit our children!

We very much appreciate all the support we receive, allowing our children to have the best experiences at Mount Charles.

BRITISH VALUES



As we continue to nurture our pupils' growth, both academically and socially, we would like to take a moment to highlight the importance of British values in our primary school community. At Mount Charles School, we are committed to helping our children develop into respectful, responsible citizens who will contribute positively to society.

What Are British Values?

British values form an essential part of the curriculum and are woven into the daily life of our school. These values include:

1. **Democracy:** Encouraging our children to have a voice and understand the importance of listening to others, making decisions together, and participating in school life.
2. **The Rule of Law:** Helping children understand the importance of laws, both in school and in the wider community, and how these laws help protect us and ensure fairness for all.
3. **Individual Liberty:** Supporting our children to develop independence and freedom of choice, while respecting the rights and freedoms of others.
4. **Mutual Respect and Tolerance:** Teaching children the value of respecting others, regardless of differences, and embracing diversity in our school and the wider community.

The Importance of Community: Encouraging our pupils to be active members of their community, where they can make positive contributions and develop empathy for others.

BRITISH VALUES

Why Is This Important?

In a world that is increasingly diverse, it is vital that we prepare our young people to be not only academically successful but also well-rounded individuals who understand and respect the values that shape our society. By embedding British values in everything we do, we help ensure that our pupils grow into citizens who contribute to society in meaningful ways.

As a school, we believe in providing a supportive environment where children can explore these values through everyday activities and discussions. Whether it's in the classroom, during assemblies, or through school projects, we aim to guide our pupils toward becoming responsible, empathetic individuals who are prepared to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

How Can You Support This at Home?

We encourage you to continue the conversation about British values at home. You can:

- Encourage your child to express their opinions and listen respectfully to others.
- Reinforce the importance of following rules at home and in the community.
- Celebrate diversity and help your child understand and respect different cultures and backgrounds.

Engage in activities that help your child understand their role in the community, whether it's through volunteering, helping neighbours, or contributing to charity.

By working together, we can help our children become not only great learners but also great citizens who are respectful, kind, and proactive in making a positive difference in the world.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Concerns – Contact the School

At Mount Charles, the safety and well-being of our children are our top priority. If you have any safeguarding concerns, we encourage you to reach out to us immediately. Your input is crucial in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for all our pupils.

For any safeguarding issues or questions, please contact the school office and request to speak with Heidi Spurgeon or Helen Hann.

We are committed to ensuring all concerns are handled appropriately and promptly. Your voice is important in safeguarding the welfare of every child.

Thank you for your continued support.



Safeguarding Team



Mrs H Spurgeon
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs S Simpson
Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs H Hann
Pastoral Care Manager & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr R Cardigan
Safeguarding Governor



Ms K Chandler
Chair of Governors & Whistleblowing Governor



Miss S Hildyard
Deputy Headteacher & Lead Practitioner for Safeguarding in Early Years

At Mount Charles, we are committed to safeguarding children. The health, safety and emotional well-being of every child are our paramount concern. Our aim is that the children will thrive during their time with us in a safe and happy environment.

If you have a concern, please contact a member of the Safeguarding team on either [01726 73911](tel:0172673911) or their e-mails listed above.

If you have a concern out of school hours please contact the [Multi-Agency Referral Unit](#) - [0300 1231 116](tel:03001231116).

More information is available on the Child Protection & Safeguarding page (in the Statutory Information section of our website) at www.mount-charlessch.org



ATTENDANCE



At Mount Charles School, the phrase "Every minute counts" takes on a special significance. It highlights the importance of children being present and engaged during every part of their school day. Here's why attendance is so crucial in primary school:

1. **Early Learning Foundations:** Primary school is where foundational skills like reading, writing, and basic math are established. Missing just a small part of class can make it harder for children to catch up and understand critical concepts, which could affect their progress over time.
2. **Building Good Habits:** By emphasizing that every minute counts, children learn the value of responsibility, discipline, and time management from an early age. Consistent attendance fosters a sense of routine, which helps them develop good habits that will serve them in their later academic years and life.
3. **Social Development:** Primary school isn't just about academics—it's also about socializing and learning how to work with others. Regular attendance ensures that children interact with their classmates, build friendships, and develop important social skills like communication, teamwork, and empathy.
4. **Engagement with Teachers and Activities:** Every day in primary school, children are exposed to new activities and lessons designed to engage them in different ways. When they are consistently present, they get the full benefit of these experiences, whether it's hands-on learning, group projects, or outdoor activities that promote physical development.
5. **Academic Progress:** Regular attendance ensures that children are not missing out on important lessons, assessments, or even fun, interactive learning moments. A student's academic growth is directly linked to how much time they spend learning in the classroom.

Modelling Responsibility: By showing that attendance matters, teachers and parents can model responsible behaviour for their children. It teaches them that their education is something worth showing up for, and helps instill a sense of value in their learning journey.

At Mount Charles School, every minute indeed counts because it sets the stage for the rest of a child's educational path. By emphasising the importance of showing up, we're not just teaching children the importance of attendance; we're also helping them build a strong foundation for future success.

ENRICHMENT SPORTS

Cross Country

We have had a very successful Cross-Country Season! The children took part in 4 qualifying races at Poltair where 11 children qualified for the Mid Cornwall Area Finals on Wednesday 19th March. From this race, the top 25 in each race made it through to the County Finals in Newquay on Tuesday 25th March. This year we had 4 Year 6 boys qualify. Riley in Year 6 won the Area final and finished 13th in the County final, which is an amazing achievement. Well done to all the children who have taken part this year.



Football

Last week a group of Year 3&4 children played a friendly match against St Mewan. The Year 3 Team all of which were playing in their first ever school match and the Year 4 B team which was made up of children who had not played much for the school before. Both teams played well, learnt lots and gained some valuable experience of playing matches. Well done to all the children who took part.



Year 3 Easter Orienteering

On Monday all of our Year 3 children took part in an Easter Orienteering event at Poltair School. The children were split into 3 groups and led by a Poltair sports leader around the course to find clues and activities. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon represented the school well.



NOTICES



On Thursday 8th May, we will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE day by inviting your child/ren to wear red, white and blue clothing to school for the day. If your child, does not wish to wear red, white or blue, then please send them to school in their school uniform. During the day, we will be reflecting on this special occasion and enjoying an afternoon tea together.

We would ask that you send you child/ren to school on the day with a small cake or packet of individually wrapped cakes to share with their classmates. Unfortunately, due to allergies and health and safety guideline, donations must be bought rather than home-made. If your child has a dietary requirement, please send an alternative food item for your child to eat.



EYFS NURSERY

Nursery have been enjoying their outdoor learning! The children have been learning about and identifying signs of spring. They have also been working collaboratively together to achieve shared goals in The Shore and Butterfly Woods.



EYFS RECEPTION

EYFS have been exploring 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have planted their own beanstalks! The children followed a set of instructions. First, they filled a pot with soil, then they pushed the seed down and sprayed it with water. They then placed it in the sunlight and are excited to watch it grow! The children cannot wait to see how tall their beanstalks grow!!



YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 looked at night and day in Science and recreated how the Earth rotates using a pencil for the axis, an orange for the Earth, and a torch for the sun. The children were able to visualise how it can be night time in one country, and daytime in another. Year 1 have really enjoyed finding out about the world through lots of fun experiments this term.



YEAR 2

As part of their topic 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets', Year 2 visited Pendennis Castle where they took part in a 'Now and Then' workshop. They learnt all about what Pendennis Castle was used for in the past, how its strategic position on our coastline was vital in defending our country from invasion by the enemy and about what life was like during this time. The children completed a scavenger hunt activity, searching the castle for defensive features and explored treasure chests full of artifacts from the past. They all had great fun and learnt lots of new facts!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a busy few weeks! The whole class were invited to St. Austell Church where they took part in small activities, learning all about the Easter story. They tried some bread, made bracelets, used clay to make animals for a garden and even washed each other's hands to show respect. In school, the children have been learning about Wind and the Willows and how they can incorporate speech into a story. They then acted this out, the energy and expression used was exceptional!



YEAR 4

In D+T, Year 4 have been investigating the design of water bottles before designing and modelling their own using Computer-Aided-Design. They thought about which shape, material and pattern would be best for a bottle to take mountain climbing and then designed their own to fit this brief. They then used 2designandmake on Purple Mash to edit points for their net and tried to replicate their design on the sides of the bottle. When they were printed, the children cut out their nets and constructed their bottles. They had to be very resilient as it was tricky but they were proud of their results.



YEAR 5

Year 5 were given the opportunity to take part in a Stay Safe Workshop run by the Stay Safe Initiative. The first workshop was about bullying and friendships, the second workshop involved learning about online safety and digital citizenship. The children found them both very informative. This week Year 5 were invited to watch Penrice School's production of Rock of Ages which they all thoroughly enjoyed!



YEAR 6

In geography, Year 6 have been exploring plastic pollution: conducting a survey looking at the amount of litter they found in the blue yard, the middle yard and lower yard. They analysed the results by completing maps and graphs and then created a plan as to how they can tackle plastic pollution in the playgrounds. The children enjoyed working like geographers by carrying out fieldwork and were shocked at just how many food and sweet wrappers were found in the playground!



ARB

The children in the ARB have had fun making cupcakes and decorating them. The children enjoyed weighing the ingredients and taking turns mixing the ingredients. The children have also enjoyed doing some exercise in the hall and have been learning how to following instructions. They have been learning about the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, and some of the children drew pictures to help them.



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ParentPay Lunches

The menus for next term are now on ParentPay, and you are able to book right through to the end of Summer Term. We would encourage you to make your choices with your child over the Easter Holidays to ensure your child is picking something they will enjoy.



We would also like to remind you to send your child with a healthy snack each day.

Suncream & Water

With the weather getting warmer, please don't forget to apply suncream to your child before coming to school. And please don't forget a drinks bottle.

Uniform expectations

We have seen an increase in the number of children not wearing correct uniform or PE kit. Please find below a reminder of what your child should be wearing in school. If you need help with providing the correct uniform, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office.

UNIFORM

Grey trousers/Skirt/Pinafore

White polo shirt KS1 White shirt & tie KS2



Summer Term—Blue/white checked dresses KS2 white polo shirt or shirt & tie

Mount Charles jumper/cardigan only available from Cornwall Screen print

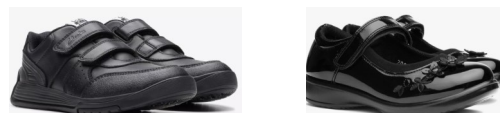
Black Shoes ONLY no trainers

PE KIT

Black shorts/**black** jogging bottoms/**black** leggings

White Mount Charles logo t shirt

Mount Charles jumper or cardigan **NO** hoodies



Please remember to write your child's name in all items of clothing, especially coats and jumpers. We are frequently finding coats with no names so are unable to return them to their rightful owner.

Contacting the school

Our enquiries email is monitored intermittently during the school hours, 08.00-15.30 Monday to Friday. We aim to get back to you within 48 hours. If the matter is urgent, please call the school office directly. If you have a problem you would like to discuss regarding your child, in the first instance, please contact your class teacher via Class Dojo or at collection/drop off times.

CELEBRATION

Celebrating



Yr1— Zac, Esme, Carlo, Mia, Ophelia, Samuel

Yr2— Dale, Kanan, Flip, Tommy

Yr3— Kane, Maizie, Nate

Yr4— Sophie, Leo, Collins, Theo S, Amelia

Yr5— Theo F, Elliot, Lewis, Sherwin, Leo, Khole

Yr6— Kai, Annabelle, Theo, Jasmine, Freddie,
Remi

Sports Superstar— Klea 5BW

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

21st RHM 98.8%

28th 1NM & 6JT 99.6%

4th 1NM 99.1%

Perfect Attendance!



British Values

Celebrating our British Values Champions :

Year 1: Ellen, Ivy, Winter, Edith, Carlo, Izabelle

Year 2: Amla, Ayla, Emily, Jack

Year 3: Arthur, Maizie, Demi-Harper

Year 4: Logan, Arrietty, Wanessa, Jack, Harley

Year 5: Ishak, Nolah-Rose, Jacob, Amyrah, Riyadh, Sherwin

Year 6: Esmae, Lily, Scarlett, Alexis, Ted, Chester



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:



1st place: Lowena Chapman

2nd place: Riley Sharp-Munnelly

3rd place: Leo Burton

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:



1st place: Tommie Williams

2nd place: Brynley Gilbert

3rd place: Jack Cundy



Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:



1st place: Mollie Beaumont

2nd place: Neelah Adrien

3rd place: Jack Cundy



TOP THREE!

Biggest increase in number of minutes played in the last 14 days:



1st place: Louella Curtis-McCoan

2nd place: Darko Mataija

3rd place: Edith Everington



Biggest increase in correct answers in the last 14 days:

1st place: Louells Curtis-McCoan

2nd place: Zac Reed

3rd place: Darko Maaija



Highest improvement in accuracy in the last 14 days:

1st place: Darko Mataija

2nd place: Madeline Grant

3rd place: Louella Curtis-McCpan



Diary Dates

April

7th-21st School Closed Easter Holidays
24th-25th Year 4 Porthpean Residential
30th Year 3 Pizza & Film Evening

May

1st Year 3 BF Adventure Day
5th Bank Holiday— School Closed
8th Celebrating VE day
12th-15th SATS week ALL Year 6 to attend

16th Year 6 Cinema trip
21st Year 5 Life Skills Workshop
22nd Year 6 Trip to St Ives
23rd Poltair visiting year 6
w/c 26th School Closed for half term

June

5th Hatchbox Photography group photos
6th Healthy Cornwall Visiting Nursery -Year 3

June

9th-13th Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
W/c 16th June 6TW—4 days only
20th INSET day school closed to children
23rd INSET day school closed to children
W/c 23rd June 6JT—4 days only
27th Sports Day (Reserve date 11th July)

July

17th Year 6 Production for parents 2pm & 6pm
21st Year 6 Mexican Festival for parents 2pm
22nd Year 6 End of Primary Treat Day
24th Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents 2pm
25th Last day of school year 3pm finish

TERM DATES

Spring term 2 2025: Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June 2025 - Friday 25th July 2025

INSET DAYS: Friday 20th June 2025 Monday 23rd June 2025

2025-2026

Autumn term 1 2025: Thursday 4th September 2025 - Thursday 16th October 2025

Autumn term 2 2025: Monday 3rd November 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025

Spring term 1 2026: Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026

Spring term 2 2026: Monday 23rd February 2026 - Thursday 2nd April 2026

Summer term 1 2026: Monday 20th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026

Summer term 2 2026: Monday 1st June 2026 - Friday 24th July 2026



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Time2Move Holiday Programme – Easter 2025

It is with great pleasure that we can inform you that the Time2Move Holiday Programme for Easter 2025 is live.

The programme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a funded meal for every child. All children are welcome to attend, and it is completely **funded** for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

As a parent or guardian of a child eligible for benefits related free school meals you will need your child's unique code in order to access the activities for free. You can access your child's code quickly and easily at:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move

Once you have this code you can search and book on activities here:

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

The activities are all delivered by approved providers with the main focus on fun and enjoyment. So please search for activities near you, book your child's place and we look forward to seeing your child over the Easter holidays.

For any questions regarding the Time2Move Holiday Programme please email Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk or phone 01872 324287.

Yours faithfully

The Time2Move Holiday Programme Team

TIME MOVE

Holiday Programme



EASTER 2025

- Activities including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays from April 7th - 18th

Scan here
to book!



www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/
Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk
01872 324287

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



St Austell Library and SALSA invite you to our:

Family Bingo Night!

St Austell Library
Friday 4th April, 18:00

**Six fun games & a flyer for only
£5 per adult, £2.50 per child!**

Tea & coffee provided. Feel free to BYOB & nibbles

****Raffle on the night with all proceeds to
St Austell Library Support Association****

****Please book and pay for your tickets in advance****

Book in person at the Library Help Desk, call 0300 1234 111, or
email staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk. We can take cash or card
payments at the Help Desk, or card payments over the phone
FB: [staustelllibrary](#)/IG: [staustell.library](#)



EASTER PARTY.

**For ages 5 years and upwards on,
Saturday 5th April, 2pm - 4pm**

@

**Bethel Methodist Chapel, Brockstone Road, St
Austell PL25 3DW**

**Come and enjoy crafts, activities, games, party
food, and an interactive Easter Story.**

**Please book in through Laura Mitchell on:
07974072102 or lauranewman89@hotmail.com
and let us know any dietary requirements or
additional needs.**





St Austell
Town Council

EASTER

FUN DAY

Scavenger Hunt
Easter Egg Prizes
Bouncy Castle
And More
Completely Free!

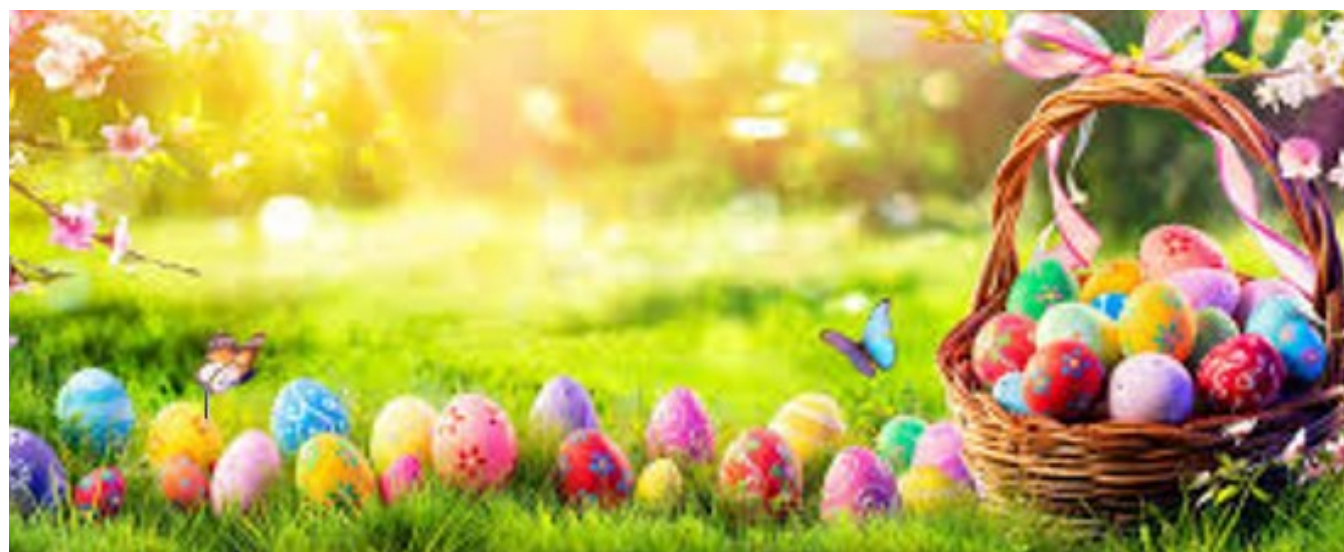
EGGS HUNT

**SATURDAY 19TH
APRIL**

10AM - 3PM

POLTAIR PARK





• Free Easter Family Craft Session

Come and join us for some free family easter themed craft sessions in our family hub.

Join us for tea, coffee and cake and the opportunity to speak to our friendly parenting team, who can offer support, advice and information. It will also be a chance to meet and chat with other parents whilst your children are entertained.

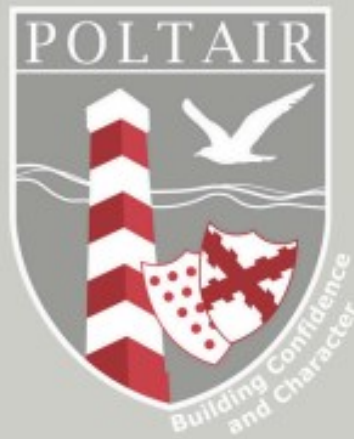
When?

Tuesday 8th April 2025 10-12noon

Where?

St Austell Family Hub
Woodland Road
St Austell
PL25 4RA

To reserve a place please email: carrickfamilyhub@cornwall.gov.uk



EASTER 2025 **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

MONDAY 14TH -THURSDAY 17TH APRIL
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Take part in fun and exciting sporting activities!
Meet new friends, get active and have fun.

There is no charge for those students in receipt of Free School Meals,
however, for all other students there is a charge of £10.00 per day.

A light breakfast & lunch is provided.

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 5|6|7|8

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or click on the link

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