



SummerTerm 2025 Newsletter 1  
Friday 16th May 2025

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



We've had a truly wonderful half term at school, full of celebration, excitement, and pride in our pupils.



### VE Day Celebration

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our **VE Day celebration** such a special occasion! The children looked fantastic dressed in **red, white, and blue**, and the spirit of the day was brought to life through music, laughter, and a traditional **tea party**. It was lovely to see the pupils enjoying themselves while learning about such an important moment in history.



### Relaunch of the House Point System

We are thrilled to announce the **relaunch of our House Point System**. All pupils will now belong to one of our newly named houses:

**Earth, Water, Clay, or Sand.**

To mark this exciting relaunch, each house will be going on a special **house trip** in the coming weeks:

- **Earth House** – Pinetum Gardens
- **Water House** – Porthpean Beach
- **Clay House** – Wheal Martyn Museum
- **Sand House** – Charlestown Harbour

These trips will be a wonderful opportunity for pupils to build teamwork, celebrate their house identity, and enjoy some time outdoors in our local area. Further information will be provided about these exciting trips.



### A Special Shoutout to Year 6

We also want to take a moment to say how incredibly **proud** we are of our **Year 6 pupils**. They have shown amazing resilience, maturity, and effort during a very busy and challenging week. Their hard work and positive attitudes have not gone unnoticed – well done, Year 6!

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to more exciting events and learning adventures ahead, please keep a close eye on the diary dates section attached.



# BRITISH VALUES

## Individual Liberty

- Freedom of speech for all
- The right to make our own choices

## The Rule of Law

- Understanding rules and why they are important
- Following rules to develop order

## Mutual Respect

- Treating others as you want to be treated
- Respect for each other
- Working together



## Tolerance

- Learning about different faiths and cultures
- Listen to other viewpoints
- Learning about diversity

## Democracy

- Making decisions together
- The right to an opinion/voice



# 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](http://www.mount-charlessch.org)



# ATTENDANCE



## Attendance Update

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance during the school year so far! Being in school and having the best attendance possible, ensures that our students receive the many benefits of school. In addition to their learning, being in school every day promotes their wellbeing and wider development.

We would like to continue our ongoing success into the Summer term!

## Communication

We require notification of your child's absence, **preferably before 9am**. Any unreported absences will be recorded as unauthorised. Should any challenges or concerns relating to attendance arise, please do contact us. We have many resources available to our students and families, as well as an extremely caring team. We will do all we can to help remove any barriers that students and their families may face, ensuring they are able to confidently attend regularly.

## Minor Illness

Now we are in the Summer Term, we should see the decline of seasonal illnesses. Please remember, you do not need to keep your child at home if they experience minor symptoms. If students are unwell in the morning but start to feel better, they can return to school the same day, and we would encourage them to do so.

## Teams Call and Home Visits to Continue

Our attendance home visits and Teams calls will continue.

Reasons for a home visit or teams call include (but are not limited to);

- student is absent, and we have not received a reason for absence
- student is absent, and their attendance is a concern
- student may require additional support to attend school
- student has had a prolonged period of absence (generally 3-5 days).

The calls and visits are being conducted to further support students and parents with improving school attendance. Calls and visits are conducted by members of our safeguarding / pastoral support team. The aim being to encourage students to return to school and support them to do so at the earliest opportunity. Arrangements can be made should any support be required to improve their school attendance. Visits will continue this term and for the foreseeable future. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact us. Thank you once again for your continued support.

# ENRICHMENT SPORTS

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April- Year 5 Racket Festival at Poltair.

A group of Year 5 children took part in the Racket festival with other local schools at Poltair. They focused on primarily Tennis skills and finished with some rallies and game activities. All the children who went behaved brilliantly .



Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April- Year 2 Rapid Fire Cricket Festival at St Austell Cricket Club.



A team of 6 Year 2 children took part in the Rapid-Fire Cricket festival against other schools from across Cornwall. They played Sir Robert Geoffrey's from Landrake and Brunel school from Saltash. Mount Charles showed excellent teamwork when fielding and scored many runs when batting. Mr Yelland was very impressed with the efforts of everyone and the children had a great time. Some of them it was their first ever chance to play Cricket. Well done team MCS.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May- Year 5 and 6 Football Cup Fixture AWAY to Wadebridge in the Rosewarne Shield Semi Final.

Last week our Year 5 & 6 children took part in the Rosewarne Shield semi-final. Wadebridge, like us had done very well getting this far so we knew it would be a tough game. Mount Charles started confidently and scored the 1st goal. Soon after it was 1-1 with a counterattack goal from Wadebridge. Wadebridge then went 2-1 up soon after. Mt Charles battled hard and created lots of good chances, then scored to level the match at 2-2. Wadebridge then went back in front with a 3<sup>rd</sup> goal just before half time to make it 3-2. After half time Wadebridge scored 2 more to go 5-2 up. Mt Charles started to battle even harder and got back in the game when and scored again to make it 5-3 from close range. We made some good saves to keep us in the game and even scored again! A nail-biting finish was on the cards, but unfortunately our last attempt was saved by their goalkeeper.

What a monumental effort from the team, who can be very proud of the performance today and their efforts this season. Making it to 2 semi-finals is a great achievement. Player of the match for scoring a hat trick was Theo D! Mr Yelland and Mr Grigg were very impressed with the performance today and were so proud of the effort put in. Thank you to the parents for their support.





# EYFS NURSERY & RECEPTION

As part of their ILP 'Are We Nearly There Yet?', Nursery and Reception have been learning about different types of vehicles. The children were lucky enough to have a visit from Mr Bray with a tractor! Mr Bray showed the children the different parts of the tractor and explained what they did. Then, the children watched the tractor drive around, they loved watching the tyres move, the lights flash and the horn beep! To finish the visit, the children had the opportunity to ask Mr Bray questions about the tractor and they learnt lots about how the tractor is used on the farm.



## YEAR 1

For their new topic, 'Enchanted Woodlands', Year 1 will be focusing on different plants and trees. This term, they have begun by planting a variety of different vegetables in the Year 1 planters. The children will take on the responsibility of looking after and monitoring their plants. They will wait with anticipation to see how their vegetables grow.



## YEAR 2

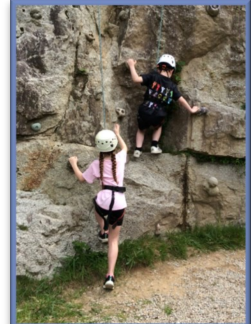
In writing Year 2 have been focusing on the text 'Oliver's Garden'. The children have planted a selection of seeds including spinach, rhubarb, carrots and potatoes, which they will harvest and taste once ready. They have also been exploring the different vegetables and even cooked their very own chips! The children have been incredibly excited to watch their plants grow and measure how tall they have grown.





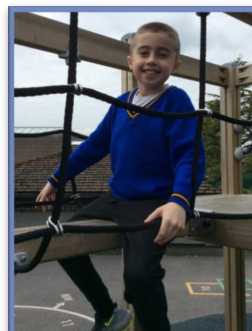
## YEAR 3

Year 3 had an amazing day at BF adventure. They used teamwork to climb a cliff and many of the children 'had a go' and conquered our fears! Everyone was supporting each other with this which was brilliant to see. The children spent some time out on the water in canoes where they worked hard to communicate with each other to manoeuvre. They were given challenges: to turn around, and the first to make it to the tree. They tried archery where they had to demonstrate excellent listening skills to make sure they stayed safe. To end the day everyone, including the adults took part in team-building exercises which required exceptional teamwork and listening skills. They all worked hard with this and all groups succeeded in the challenges! What an amazing day!



## YEAR 4 CAMP!

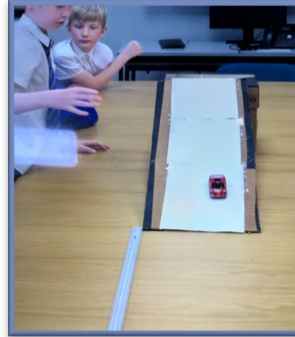
The year 4 residential was held at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre. The children were amazing and rose to all the challenges! They were well looked after by the instructors who kept them going and made everyone laugh! The first day was spent on Porthpean beach with kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming. The sun shone and despite the stones in shoes on the long walk back, they had a fabulous day! The children also got to try caving, laser tag and climbing the high ropes. Evening entertainment was provided as well. There was lots of dancing at the silent disco and hoots of laughter afterwards at the ventriloquist on the stage. Those that stayed in school had some great experiences cooking, producing artwork and enjoyed PE sessions.





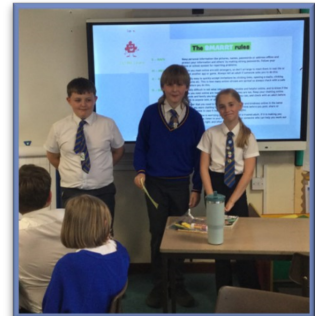
## YEAR 5

Year 5 designed a scientific investigation to see whether friction affects the distance a moving object will travel. The variable in the experiment was the surface of the slope. We put the car on a wooden, sandpaper, plastic, foil and carpet surface and measured how far the car travelled. We found out that the bubble wrap produced the most friction and slowed the car the quickest, whereas the wood made the car travel furthest.



## YEAR 6

Our PSHE Jigsaw Piece this half term is 'Relationships'. We have been learning how we can take care of our mental health, what we can do if we feel worried or concerned and understanding how we treat others with respect. This week we have been exploring how we can stay safe online and resist online pressures. We know to report and block if needed and we can always talk to a trusted adult.



## ARB

In Maths, the children in the ARB have been using tens and ones to help us and in Science they have experimented with what floats and what sinks.

The children enjoyed celebrating VE Day by making flags and having afternoon tea in the sunshine.





# REMINDERS

## Parking

We would like to remind you to be mindful when dropping your children to breakfast club in the mornings. We have noticed that parents are parking in spaces which means staff are unable to park.

Please note this may result in you getting blocked in. We thank you with your help in this matter.

## Suncream & Water

With the weather getting warmer, please don't forget to apply suncream to your child before coming to school and bring a sun hat. Please ensure your child also brings a drinks bottle.

# NOTICES

## SEND Secondary Transition

### TEA & TALK



**Wednesday 9th July 2-3pm**

SEND Staff from Penrice and Poltair will join us at Mount Charles, providing an opportunity for parents to ask questions, or chat about their child/worries.

## 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.



### Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

- 1st place: Ayaz Johns
- 2nd place: Jakey Aldridge
- 3rd place: Scarlett Abbott

### Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Brynley Gilbert
- 2nd place: Jack Cundy
- 3rd place: Harley Foster

### Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Esmee Moyle
- 2nd place: Luyanda Gumede
- 3rd place: Olli Osuch



# TOP THREE!

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

- 1st place: Fred Kendall
- 2nd place: Skylar Gordon
- 3rd place: Isabella Wildman

### Biggest increase in correct answers in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Fred Kendall
- 2nd place: Isabella Wildman
- 3rd place: Alexandru Scutaru

### Highest improvement in accuracy in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Darko Mataija
- 2nd place: Isabella Wildman
- 3rd place: Eli Nancarrow

# Diary Dates

## May

21st Year 5 Life Skills Workshop  
 22nd Year 6 Trip to St Ives  
 22nd Year 1 Trip to Cardinham Woods  
 23rd Poltair visiting year 6  
 23rd RHM Wheelie Day  
 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 Swimming 6TW—4 days only  
 19th Non-uniform day Bring items for rainbow tombola (Summer Fayre)  
 20th INSET day school closed to children  
 23rd INSET day school closed to children

W/c 23rd Swimming 6JT—4 days only  
 27th Sports Day (Reserve date 11th July)

## July

4th Non-uniform day Bring sweets for Summer Fayre  
 9th SEND Secondary Transition Tea & Talk 2pm  
 10th Year 1 Trip to Newquay Zoo  
 17th Year 6 Production for parents 2pm & 6pm  
 18th PTA Summer Fayre  
 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

**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





**Cornwall**  
Wildlife Trust



**Cornwall Partnership**  
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly  
invite you to attend...

# Wild Wellbeing

During the May half term MHST, in collaboration with  
Cornwall Wildlife Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE**  
Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across  
Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in  
Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and  
mental wellbeing.

Please book **EACH** child on to a session

**Morning and afternoon sessions available:**

**Tuesday 27 May**

**at**

**Widemouth Bay, Bude**

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete  
the online form or scan the QR  
code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fkYAtgbV5p>



Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve  
basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can  
allocate your space to someone else



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:  
**Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**





# St Austell

## Festival of Children's Literature



**£1**  
tickets!

Join us for a day of smiles, creativity, and unforgettable moments as we celebrate the magic of books!

**Superheroes and  
drawing**



**Creative Writing**



**Magical adventures**



Venues around St  
Austell Town Centre



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June,  
starting at 10am



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