THE CAMELFORD LIGHT

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The Beauty of Belonging



This week, we have been thinking about one of our school values: community.

Community means being kind and including everyone because we are stronger together.

Our visit from the At the Park choir this week brought that value to life in the most wonderful way. It was, of course, a joyful celebration of music, singing and signing, but what struck me most was the way our children responded to the people in front of them.

They watched, listened and joined in with such kindness, openness and enthusiasm. There was no judgement and no sense of difference being something to question. Instead, there was simply curiosity, warmth and a willingness to connect. It was one of those moments when the innocence of children reminds us of something incredibly important: people are just people, and everyone has something to offer.
Perhaps that is community at its very best. Not expecting everyone to be the same, but making sure everyone feels they belong. Recognising that our differences do not divide us; they enrich us.

Our children showed us this week that kindness and inclusion do not need to be complicated. Sometimes they are beautifully simple: welcome people, value them, and make room for everyone.

And when we do that, we really are stronger together.

Dates for Your Diary

- 01.10.26: National Poetry Day
- 16.10.26: Harvest Festival (AM)
- 20/21.10.26: Parents' Evenings
- 23.10.26: INSET day
- 26 - 30.10.26: Half term break
- 2.11.26: First day of Autumn 2

Weekly Focus on...
WATERGATE

In art this term, we have been learning about prehistoric art.

We started off by sketching a prehistoric animal in our sketchbooks. We then upscaled them onto larger paper, taking care to keep each part in proportion. We used charcoal and experimented with various techniques to produce texture and tone.

In our following lesson, we collected natural materials and explored how their pigments could make varying colours. We experimented using a flour and water base, adding different materials to make our own paint which we will use in a future art piece!





Privacy Notice

To help families understand how personal information is handled, our Trust Privacy Notice explains what data we hold, why we need it, and how we keep it secure. It also provides details of your data protection rights and who to contact for further information.
Read more here: Privacy Notice



Can You Help Us Hear Children Read?

We're looking for parents, grandparents and family members who might have a little time to spare to come into school and help hear our children read.
It's a lovely way to support the children's confidence and reading skills, and even a small amount of time can make a big difference.
No previous experience is needed — just a willingness to listen and encourage!
For safeguarding purposes, all volunteers will need to complete a DBS check before volunteering in school.
If you think you could help, please speak to the school office or let your child's teacher know. We'd love to hear from you!

Camelford Community Primary School

Safeguarding — keeping every child safe

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child's welfare or safety — however small it may seem — please speak to a member of our safeguarding team straight away. **You do not need to be certain, just concerned.**

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Stringer

Deputy Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

InMrsStringer'sabsence,pleasespeaktooneof the team below.

Our Wider Safeguarding Team



Mrs Cannon

Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Nayeb

Pastoral Support
Safeguarding Level 3 trained

Every member of staff is part of our safeguarding team. Children and families can talk to any adult at Camelford Community Primary School — a teacher, teaching assistant, lunchtime supervisor, or office staff. If you're not sure who to ask, or your first choice isn't around, just speak to whoever is nearest. They will listen, take it seriously, and know exactly what to do next.

Contact the School

Address: Station Road, Camelford, Cornwall, PL32 9UE

Telephone:01840 212376

Email: dsl@camelford.cornwall.sch.uk

Worried about a child outside school?

Cornwall MARU:0300 123 1116

Email: multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk

Out of hours:01208 251300

If a child is in immediate danger, always call 999.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Autumn Term After School Clubs



We have an exciting offer of after school clubs this term. If you wish for your child to attend, please sign up on School Money from 4pm on Monday 28th September. Clubs will run from wb 5th October until wb 1st December.

TUESDAY: SING & SIGN (Y3-6) with Mrs Trudgeon and Mrs Elliot-Stuckley

Have fun with music! Learn songs, rhythms and simple signs as we sing, move and communicate together.





THURSDAY: LANGUAGES CLUB (Y3-6) with Miss Godwin

Travel the world without leaving school! Celebrate different cultures, discover traditions and learn some fun words and phrases from around the globe.

THURSDAY: COOKING (Y1-2) with Mrs Cannon

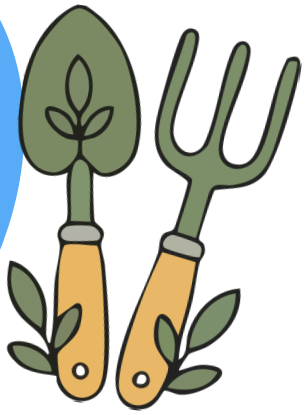
Get hands-on in the kitchen! Learn new skills, try tasty recipes and, of course, enjoy eating what you make!





WEDNESDAY: GARDENING (Y1-6) with Mr Harvey

Get stuck in and help our school garden grow! Plant, nurture, explore nature and see what we can grow together.



Staff Spotlight



The people at Camelford are a huge part of what makes us so special. That's why we want to help you get to know our staff in our new weekly column: Staff Spotlight

This week the spotlight shines on....Sasha.

Name and role	Sasha - kitchen assistant
How long have you been at Camelford?	2 years
What do you love most about your job?	Seeing the kids...and hometime!
What's a favourite book from your own childhood?	Go to Bed, Little Bear.
What's the pudding you'd never share?	Brownies
What did you want to be when you were at primary school?	Child care assistant
If you could have dinner with anyone, past or present, who would it be?	My gramps.
What was your favourite subject at school — and your least favourite?	Favourite was PE, least favourite was anything where I had to sit down!
What do you like doing when you're not at school?	Making memories with the children.

Tea or coffee? NONE	Beach or moor? BEACH	Sweet or savoury? SWEET	Early bird or night owl? EARLY BIRD	Marmite: yes or no? NO

CAMELFORD
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Friends of Camelford (FOCS)

Stronger Together for Our Children

Our School ♥ Our Community ♥ Brighter Futures

WE NEED YOU!

The Friends of Camelford (FOCS) is our school's parent and carer support group. We help out at school events, raise valuable funds for the school and bring our community together. **And we'd love you to join us!**



Friendly Group

Meet other parents and be part of a welcoming team.



Raise Funds

Help us raise money to provide extra resources, equipment and special projects for our children.



Support Events

Help out at fun school events like fairs, discos, festive activities and more!



Make a Difference

Your time, ideas and enthusiasm help enrich school life for all our children.

GET INVOLVED!

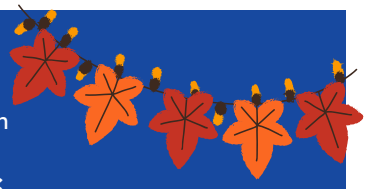
Many hands make a huge difference! ♥

A little time goes a long way!

Great Children ★ Great School ★ Great Community ★ Brighter Futures

Together we can do amazing things! ♥

Harvest Festival



We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival on Friday 16th October at 9am. Parents and families are welcome to join us for a morning of poetry and giving thanks. We will also be collecting for The Camelford Larder again this year. Donations can be brought to school from Monday 28th September. Please see below for a list of suggested items requested by the Larder. Many thanks for your support.



Harvest Donations

- any tinned or jars of food eg:
  - soup
  - tinned peas, carrots, beans
  - spaghetti hoops,
  - rice pudding
  - tinned fruit
  - pasta sauce
  - curry sauce
  - hotdogs
  - beans and sausages
  - flavoured rice/pasta packets
  - jam
  - gravy granules
  - pasta
  - rice
  - noodles.

Please bring Harvest Donations to classrooms from 28th September





Harvest Festival Poetry Competition

We will be holding our annual poetry competition again this year for children in Y1 - 6. Entry forms and more details will be sent home next week.

Music Mondays

Here's the clue for Monday. What music do you think you'll hear?



Monday's soundtrack is bigger than a brass band, swingier than a dance floor, and sounds like a whole orchestra decided to have a party!

CAMELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SAFE INCLUSIVE TOGETHER

At CAMELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL we are ALLERGEN AWARE

We are committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all our pupils.

Allergies can be serious.

Even a tiny amount of an allergen can cause a severe reaction.



WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY



CHECK

Always check labels of packed foods for allergens.



THINK

Choose alternatives that are safe for everyone.



LET US KNOW

Inform the school of any allergies or changes.



BE KIND

Show respect and understanding. We're in this together.

Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe place for every child to learn and thrive.

Care • Respect • Responsibility

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

This poster has been created in line with Benedict's Law.
It does not list specific allergens to reduce the risk of identifying pupils with allergies.

Praise Assembly Winners

Integrity	Resilience	Aspiration	Community
			
			
			

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Help and Advice
from the School Nurse

There is now a **new way** to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses, with three advice lines as follows:



Young people aged 11–19

07312 263 096



Parents/carers of children aged 0–5

07312 263 423



Parents/carers of children and young people aged 5–19

07312 263 499

Message us for **confidential help and advice** about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationships
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available **Monday to Friday** (excluding bank holidays) from **9am to 5pm.**

When you send a message, you'll receive an **automated reply** to confirm we've received it.

A trained healthcare professional will reply to your message during office hours **within 48 hours.**

You can send a message, **anonymously** if you wish.

We're here to help!

Supporting children and young people to be healthy, happy and safe.

At the Park choir visit





We were incredibly lucky to welcome At the Park, a fantastic inclusive sing and sign choir, into school this week, and what a brilliant experience it was!

At the Park brings people together through music, singing and signing, creating an inclusive experience in which everyone can take part.

It is fair to say that our children and staff absolutely LOVED the visit! The whole experience was joyful, uplifting and wonderfully inclusive, with children enthusiastically joining in with the songs and signs. The feedback afterwards was incredible, with both staff and pupils raving about how much they had enjoyed it.

A huge thank you to At the Park for bringing such energy, enthusiasm and joy to Camelford. It was one of those special school experiences that leaves everyone smiling, and we very much hope to welcome the choir back again!

BLACK BELT READER

READ TODAY. A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

PRACTICE GROWS PROGRESS PROGRESS BUILDS READERS!



In martial arts, someone becomes a black belt through years of practice, discipline and commitment, not simply natural talent.

They move through White Belt, Yellow Belt and beyond, all the way to Black Belt, by showing up again and again and getting better over time.

HOW IT WORKS

Black Belt Reader (formerly Sparx Primary Reader) borrows that structure. Each belt is represented by a physical bookmark, so the journey is something a child can hold, carry in their book, and fill with stickers.

Build your reading strength one belt at a time!





Every time you move up a belt, you'll receive a **GOLDEN TICKET!**

This puts you in the draw to take home the 'Reading Bag" for the week.



A JOURNEY TO BE PROUD OF

The programme is designed to build steadily across Key Stage 2, so a child in Year 6 can look back at real evidence of the reader they've become.

Let's keep reading, keep progressing and see how far you can go!



What Counts as Good Attendance?

Every day in school counts!

What counts as good attendance?

97%

OUR AIM!

We aim for a minimum of **97% attendance;** this allows for 6 days absence for illness across the school year.



95%

An attendance rate of **95%** is considered **acceptable;** this allows for children to miss 9.5 days for illness across the school year.



90%

Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of **90% or below.**



Unfortunately, we have no choice but to seek **penalty notices** for **10 or more unauthorised absences.**



Good attendance = **brighter futures**