THE CAMELFORD LIGHT

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The Power of Music



This week, we launched Music Monday — a new tradition where music plays at the gate every Monday to welcome children into the week ahead. This week's theme was country, and it was wonderful to hear how something as simple as a song could shift the whole mood of the morning. "In a world full of Jolenes, be a Dolly," one parent told me, grinning, as parents jigged along the pavement with their rather embarrassed children in tow. There was laughter, there was rhythm, and for a few minutes, real togetherness at the gate.

Later in the week, I spotted a parent wearing a t-shirt for a band that instantly pulled me back to my teenage bedroom, door shut, music turned up as loud as I dared. He's considerably younger than me, so the t-shirt likely means something quite different to him — but "I used to have that t-shirt!" came out of my mouth before I could stop it. He looked rather startled by my enthusiasm, but for a brief moment, two people a generation apart were connected by nothing more than a band logo on cotton.

Also this week, our whole school gathered to practise our Harvest Festival song. It's no t-shirt band, but singing it together, voices filling the hall, reminded me that the songs that bring us together rarely need to be cool. They just need to be sung — as they will be again on October 16th, when our children sing it for you at the festival.

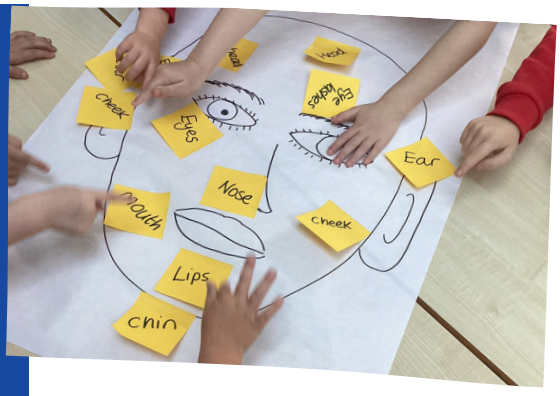
So here's hoping that when the children sing on October 16th, and you're sitting in that hall listening to them, the words of one particular band on one particular t-shirt ring true: "I hope you had the time of your life."

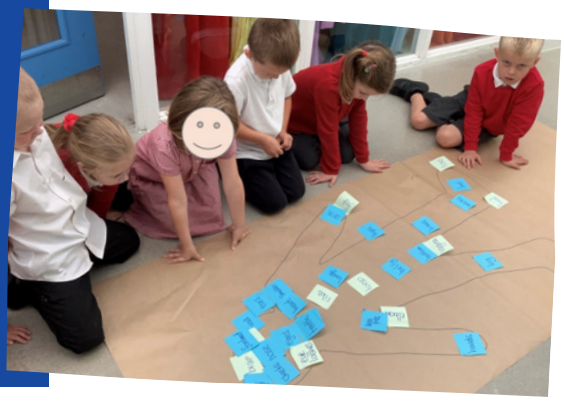
Dates for Your Diary

- 24.09.26: At the Park (choir visit)
- 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...TREVONE

This week in Science, we explored the question, “Is everyone’s body the same?” Ms Perry challenged us to prove our ideas using scientific language and careful observation.
We learnt a new word, torso, and discovered that humans are mammals. We scientifically labelled a life-sized human body and a human face, identifying different body parts.
We also explored our five senses and discussed how they help us learn about the world around us. By comparing eye colours across the class, we found that blue eyes are the most common eye colour in our classroom!
It was an exciting week of scientific investigation and discovery.





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

Staff Spotlight



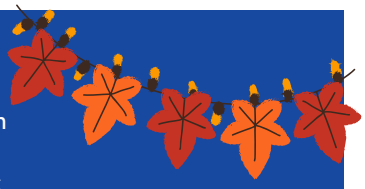
The people at Camelford are a huge part of what makes us so special. That's why we want to help you get to know our staff in our new weekly column: Staff Spotlight

This week the spotlight shines on....Ms Perry

Name and role	Becky Perry, Year 1 class teacher and Early Reading Lead
How long have you been at Camelford / in education?	4 years at Camelford. Started teaching in Cornwall, 30 years ago, in 1996.
What do you love most about your job?	I never know what is going to happen next.
What's a favourite book from your own childhood?	The Tiger Who Came to Tea. I love tigers and my mum would read it to me at least once a week, more if I nagged her.
What's the pudding you'd never share)?	Lemon meringue pie (my nan's was the best).
What's something you found hard to learn as a child — and how did you crack it?	I found it hard to learn to read in Reception and Year 1. Luckily, once they realised I couldn't see and needed glasses the world of learning letters became a lot easier.
Tell us a surprising fact or hidden talent…	That I danced (ballet, tap, modern and national) from the age of 2 years to 18 years. When I was 11, I had an audition for the Royal Ballet School in London.
What was your favourite subject at school — and your least favourite?	Favourite subject art and least favourite maths

Tea or coffee? PEPPERMINT TEA	Beach or moor? BEACH	Sweet or savoury? SWEET (chocolate all the way!)	Early bird or night owl? NIGHT OWL	Marmite: yes or no? YES

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.





Year 3/4 took the plunge this week and began swimming lessons at Camelford Leisure Centre. It is such an important skill to master seeing as we live by the coast!

Music Mondays

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

Monday's playlist arrives in matching outfits and does quite a lot of choreography — there are usually five of them, sometimes four.

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.

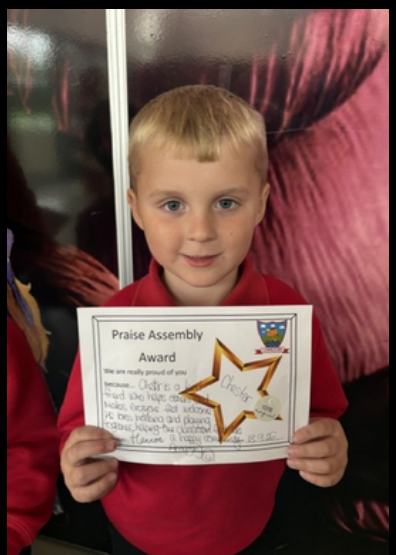
Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe place for every child to learn and thrive.

Care • Respect • Responsibility

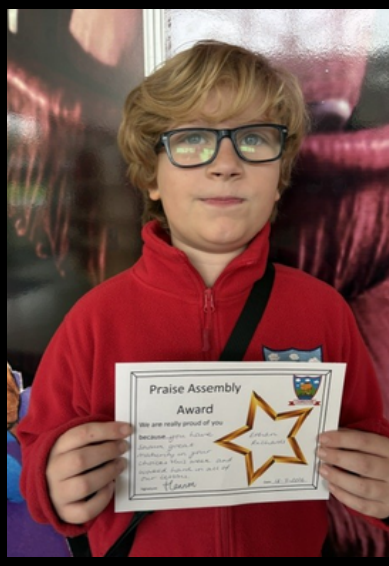
TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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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	Congratulations to Tahnee in Port Isaac for moving to Green belt! 		
			

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.

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**

Kernewek Creative Family Day at ENDELIENTA ARTS

THE HIGHWAYRATIN KERNEWEK + CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Saturday 26th September 10am-12pm

St Endellion Hall

FREE - Please book a free ticket

We'll start the day with a screening of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's much-loved The Highway Rat – in Kernewek (Cornish), with

English subtitles.





PRAG NA? WHY NOT?

Saturday 26th September2pm

St Endellion Hall

Come back at 2pm and spend the afternoon with Kowethas.

Prag na? Why not? Come alongand learn some simple phrases in Kernewek / Cornish and perhaps play a game or two to practise them.

It's suitable for all ages and abilities – you don't need to know any Cornish already, and you don't have to have joined us in the morning.

Book online at: www.endelienta.org.uk

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