

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 16.1.26

MESSAGES:

Welcome back! We are delighted to present the first edition of The Week at Pool Academy newsletter for the new year. This week, we have important reminders for parents regarding student appointments and attendance, as well as information on community events, including a flu vaccination drop-in and a support agencies event at the Redruth Family Hub. For our students, we feature details on the upcoming Pool Academy Quiz Night to support the Kenya 2026 expedition. We also celebrate the outstanding efforts of our Year 11 students in revision sessions and Carousel homework, as well as our Star Students and Sparx Reader winners across the year groups. Finally, find information on next week's sports activities and a look at career pathways, including a focus on Civil Engineering, an exciting webinar on British Army apprenticeships, and a save the date for our March Careers Fair.

- We kindly remind all parents and guardians about our policy on student appointments and attendance. Where possible, we ask that all routine medical and dental appointments are scheduled outside of school hours. For any appointments during the school day to be authorised, medical evidence, such as an appointment card, must be provided. This can be emailed to attendance@poolacademy.uk. Appointments without this evidence will be marked as unauthorised. Please also note that if your child is absent for more than three days, you will be asked to provide evidence that your child is unfit for school. The final determination of what constitutes acceptable evidence is at the school's discretion. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the highest possible levels of attendance.
- Kernow Health will be running a drop in session at the Redruth Family Hub if your child missed their flu vaccination at school in December. Please see the [poster](#) for information on how to book.
- Parents are invited to attend a drop-in event at the Redruth Family Hub on Tuesday 20th January. This is a great opportunity to meet with many support agencies. Further information can be found [here](#).

STUDENTS:



The whole community is invited to join us for a fun and friendly [Quiz Night](#) on Thursday 29th January in the Main Hall!

- Time: 5.00pm – 7.00pm (quiz starts at 5.30pm)
- Entry: £1 per person
- Teams: Up to 8 people per team

All funds raised will support students and staff taking part in the 2026 expedition to Kenya. Bring your family and friends, test your knowledge, and support an amazing cause – we hope to see you there!

On Monday morning we held a “How to Revise” session for our Year 11 students, focused on Science, to help them prepare confidently for the upcoming mock exams. A great opportunity to build effective revision skills and boost confidence ahead of this important time.



Our Year 11s have been hard at work on their Carousel revision homework in preparation for their GCSE exams.

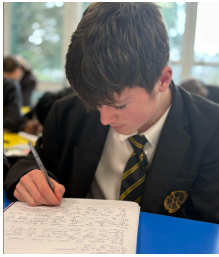
Well done to all our students who have completed the homework, with a special congratulations to this week's Carousel Champions, who will be presented with a special certificate in assembly in recognition of their great effort and

commitment to achieving brilliant results. This week's champions, who scored 100% in all their revision quizzes are:

Joel A, Eva B, Amelia G, Alex G, Jake H, Oliver R, Charlotte R, Adelina, Amaiah, Sophia W, Freya B, Evie B-F, Zac, Hannah C, Sam C, Lucy F, Mia E, Neeve, Molyn, Isobel G, Josh M, Luke N, Natasha, Jacob, Lowenna, Hannah R, Eden T, Amelia W, Jack W, Lola, Lillian, Owen, Wayne, Megan S, Norutendo, Latheba.

Y11 Carousel Homework – Spin the Wheel Winners! Pictured are the winners from 11W2 and 11X4. Also pictured below are Ceejay and Tanatswa (11W1), Amelia (11X5), and last week's winner, Harley F (11X5) – great effort and commitment to your learning. Keep up the hard work, Year 11!





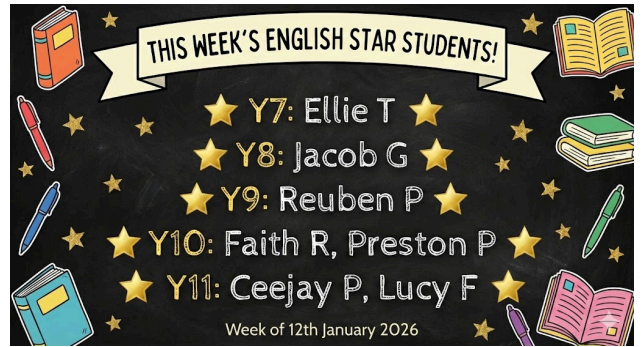
A HUGE congratulations to our English Star Students for the week of 12th January!

We are incredibly proud of these students who have demonstrated outstanding effort, creativity, and dedication in their English lessons this week. What a fantastic start to the new term in 2026!

Let's hear a massive round of applause for:

- Y7: Ellie T
- Y8: Jacob G
- Y9: Reuben P
- Y10: Faith R & Preston P
- Y11: Ceejay P & Lucy F

Keep up the brilliant work, everyone! Your teachers are very impressed.



Well done to this week's Spax Reader winners! It's great to see students engaging so positively with their reading and earning their rewards. Keep up the fantastic effort - every page really does count!



SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 7	
RUBY H	1179
THOMAS S	1062
KENZIE D	1014

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 8	
KARINA S	994
VALERIE O	888
FREYA J	821

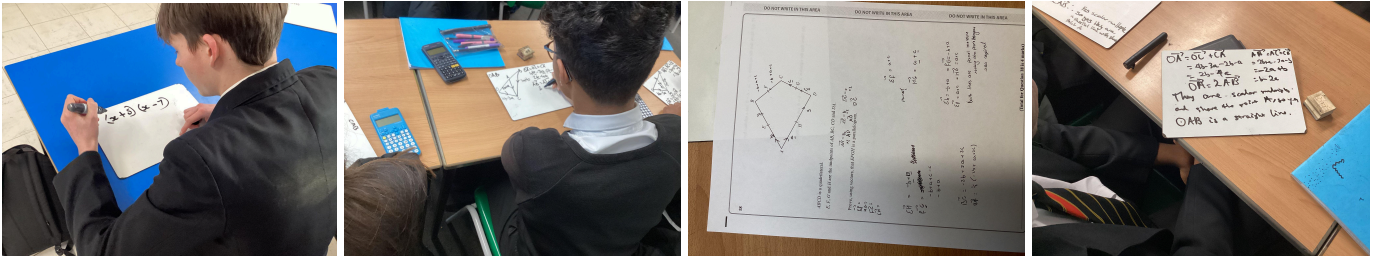
SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 9	
HOPE A	1428
FRAZER K	968
ROYCE G	839

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 10	
KANYIMA U	495
GEORGIA H	414
NATALIE S	401


CLASSROOM CLIPS: MATHS (YEAR 11)

In maths Year 11 have been preparing well for their mock exams in lessons and ensuring they are filling gaps in their knowledge from the November mock. Students have been working with quadratics, expanding, factorising and solving from graphs as well as geometric vectors and data handling.

Students have been making excellent progress and we are looking forward to celebrating their mock success in February.



Next Week's Sports Bulletin



SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME

3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 19th January 2026

Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities
(Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm)

Monday
Girls Football (MF) - All Years
Boys Football (JHO) - Year 9
Badminton (SBR) - All Years

Tuesday
Boys Football (TF) - Year 8
Boys Football (MF) - Year 10

Wednesday
Hockey (SBR) - All Years
Basketball (TF) - All Years
Fitness Club (MCR) - All Years

Thursday
Fixtures

Friday
No clubs

Weekly Fixtures

Wednesday - 21.1.26

- Year 7 Football vs Helston (Home)
Cup Game - Finish @ 4.45pm

Thursday - 22.1.26

- Hockey vs Camborne (Home)
Year 10/11 - Finish @ 5pm
- Football vs Redruth (Away)
Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Return @ 5pm
- Girls Football vs Redruth (Home)
Year 8/9 - Finish @ 4.45pm

Friday - 23.1.26

- U13 Girls Football vs Parkstone Grammar (Away) National Cup - Return @ 7pm

Parents and carers are invited to come and enjoy watching their child play in our school teams **from 4.15pm onwards**. If you need to use the toilets, parents / carers will need to use the facilities near the sports hall. Students are to use the facilities by the PE changing rooms. Enjoy the game and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Next Week's Menu

Lunch Week 3

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

Spring 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Piri Piri Chicken with Patatas Bravas, Spicy Rice, Peas	Beef Lasagne with Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Slaw	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans	Sticky Chicken with Noodles, Broccoli, Steamed Coconut Rice	Battered Fish with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Plant Based / Vegetarian Main Meal	Quorn Chilli Burrito with Patatas Bravas, Spicy Rice, Peas	Vegetable Lasagne with Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Slaw	Vegetable Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans	Vegetable Red Thai Curry with Noodles, Broccoli, Steamed Coconut Rice	Sweet Potato Falafel Gyros with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Street Food	Piri Piri Chicken Wrap	Chicken Burrito	Folded Tikka Naan	Pulled Pork Bap	Chicken Gyros
Takeaway Tubs	Penne Arrabiata or Tomato & Chorizo	Penne Arrabiata or Tomato & Mascarpone	Penne Arrabiata or Chicken & Tomato	Penne Arrabiata or Mac & Cheese	Penne Arrabiata or Roasted Vegetable
Pizza Slice	Margherita or Pepperoni	Margherita or Ham & Tomato	Margherita or Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita or American Hot	Margherita or BBQ Chicken
Jacket Potato	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings
Desserts	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES



Meat Deal

Main Meal with vegetables and dessert


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All of our main meals, sandwiches & desserts are freshly made on site every day.



EVENTS NEXT WEEK (WEEK B)

[Link to the School Calendar](#)

- **Thursday**
 - Live Webcast of Holocaust Survivor (Year 9) - 9.45am-11am

CAREERS:

Each week we focus on a career pathway to highlight. This week we are looking at a career as a Civil Engineer.

Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about careers as a Civil Engineer.

If there is a particular pathway you would like to find out more about, please email enquiries@poolacademy.uk.





Looking ahead to life after school?

If you're interested in a career that offers adventure, hands-on training, and real qualifications, this could be for you.

Join a **free online webinar** to find out more about **British Army apprenticeships** and the wide range of opportunities available on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026, 4:00–5:00pm**.

What you'll find out:

- The different roles on offer – from engineering and IT to healthcare and logistics
- How you can earn while you learn
- What training and day-to-day life in the Army is really like, straight from soldiers and apprentices

This is a great chance to explore your options and start thinking about your future pathway.

[Register now](#) and take the first step towards an exciting career.

SAVE THE DATE!

We are thrilled to announce the return of the **Pool Academy Careers Fair!**
Thursday 5th March 2026

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore their future options, chat with industry professionals, and get inspired about the paths ahead of them.



 **CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES & EMPLOYERS!** 

Do you want to showcase your industry and inspire the next generation of the workforce? We are currently looking for exhibitors from all sectors to join us for the day.

Whether you are in engineering, healthcare, creative arts, finance, or trades – we want our students to see it all!

Interested in holding a stall? Please contact us today to secure your space! Drop an email to: careers@poolacademy.uk

Let's make this our biggest fair yet!

PRAISE POSTCARD RECIPIENTS:

Students are awarded a Praise Postcard for their class work, effort and attitude. This week we have given out a total of 684 Praise Postcards! Please see below for this week's recipients.

