The Week at Pool Academy

Friday – 6.2.26

Messages:

What an action-packed week it has been at Pool Academy! We are incredibly proud to share the brilliant efforts and achievements across all year groups, from our SEN pupils who showed great determination and had a fun-filled day at BF Adventure, to our dedicated Year 11 'Carousel Superstars' celebrating 100% success in their revision quizzes. With the National Space Centre inspiring ambitious future pathways and fantastic wins for our hockey teams, the commitment and positive spirit of our students continues to make a strong impact. Read on for more details on these and all the other exciting news, upcoming events, and star student highlights from the past seven days!

- Vaccinations for students in Year 8 and also Years 9, 10, and 11 will take place on 11th February. Parents and carers of students in these year groups should look out for an email with full details on how to book an appointment.
- 4YOUTH is holding a "Chips and Chill" youth session in Portreath Be Your Change. Please see their poster with details, dates and times.
- Please find information here from Gwealan Tops Adventure Playground regarding their exciting February Half-term programme.
- Don't miss the Porthtowan Players' presentation of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, running from 18th to 21st February. Details for all performance times and ticket information can be found here.

Students:



SEN pupils at BF Adventure had a fun-packed day, taking part in a range of board games and team activities that required patience, meticulousness, accuracy and thoroughness, including football and radio hide and seek. The highlight of the day was rock climbing. We are really proud of them all for getting involved in every activity. The weather changed from sunny spells to torrential rain. However, it was still a great day filled with games, singing, laughter and hot chocolate. I'm sure it will be just as fun-packed again next week.







Calling all eager writers – join the Dialogue Scheme!

Pool Academy, in association with Per Capita Media, is looking for enthusiastic students to take part in our Dialogue Scheme, part of the Dream Big: Future Pathways Programme! From June to September 2026, participants will explore their super-curricular interests and write two high-quality articles in fields including:

- Economics
- History and Politics
- Law
- Film, Art and Design
- Medicine and Biological Sciences
- Technology and Artificial Intelligence
- Physical Sciences

Students will pitch their article ideas to designated editors for guidance, then write their pieces through a full editorial process, receiving feedback from section editors, Editors-in-Chief, and Cambridge University students with expertise in their chosen area.

Participants will also take part in webinars introducing journalism and good journalistic practice, with the best authors invited to join our team as staff writers. All students will receive individual feedback and a certificate of participation.

If you're curious, ambitious, and ready to dream big, this is your chance to develop research, writing, and critical thinking skills while exploring your passions. Apply now and be part of the Dialogue Scheme!



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:

Carousel Superstars! 100%
Joel A, Eva B, Amelia G, Ruby, Jamie, Alex G, Jake H, Tanatswa, Mia N, Amelia R, Charlotte, Adelina, Amaiah, Ethan W, Freya, Evie B, Zac, Hannah C, Sam C, Mia E, Lucy F, Neeve, Molyn, Isobel G, Freya H, Josh M, Luke N, Natasha, Jacob P, Lowenna, Hannah R, Amelia W, Lilly A, Lola, Tinotenda, Owen, Leon, Norutendo, Amelia L, Latheba, Chelsea.

Pictured below are some of our Carousel Spin the Wheel Winners!







On Tuesday 3rd Feb, we were delighted to welcome the National Space Centre into school to deliver two highly engaging workshops with Year 8 and Year 9. Both sessions were a great success, giving students the opportunity to explore space science while learning about real-world applications of physics.



The workshops linked curriculum learning to future pathways and careers in physics and STEM, and by giving students access to encounters with experts. Experiences like this help students understand where their learning can take them and inspire ambitious next steps, raise aspirations and spark curiosity about what's possible beyond the classroom.

A huge thank you to the National Space Centre @spacecentre for supporting our students and helping us bring careers learning to life.









On Thursday 5th February, the Year 7 hockey team attended the U12 County Tournament held at Truro School. This was the first time the team had played a match, and Amilie did an amazing job as captain. There were some fantastic moments and great attacking play, creating lots of goal-scoring opportunities.

Throughout the day, the team improved massively, and we hope they will continue to build on their success by regularly attending hockey club on Wednesdays from 3–4pm.





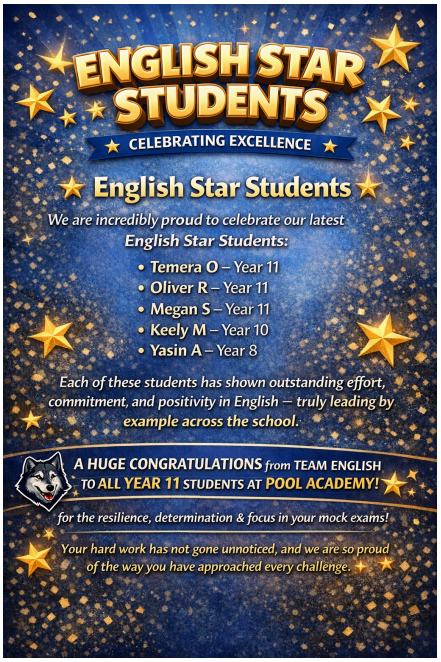
Our hockey teams put in some fantastic performances on Wednesday afternoon in fixtures against Falmouth School.

The Year 9 team delivered an excellent display, showing strong teamwork and determination to secure a convincing 3–0 win. Player of the Match was awarded to Zara for her outstanding performance and contribution throughout the game.

The Year 10 team faced a challenging match and, despite a determined effort, were defeated 3–0. The team showed great resilience and sportsmanship, with Iris named Player of the Match for her commitment and hard work. Well done to all students involved for representing the school so positively.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our latest English Star Students:

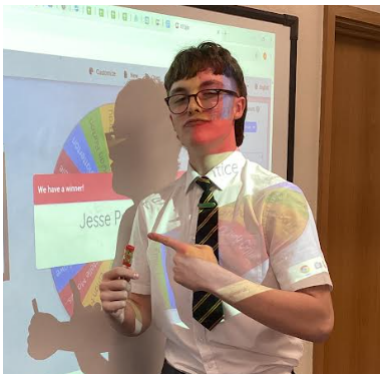
- Temera-Jane O - Y11
- Oliver R – Y11
- Megan S – Y11
- Keely M – Y10
- Yasin A – Y8



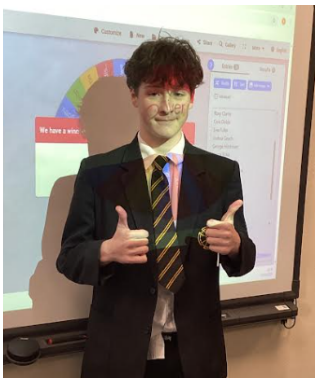
Each of these students has shown outstanding effort, commitment, and positivity in English — truly leading by example across the school.

A huge congratulations from Team English also goes to all Year 11 students at Pool Academy for the resilience, determination, and focus they have shown throughout their mock exams. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed, and we are so proud of the way you have approached your mock exams.

A big congratulations to this week's Sparx Reader winners! It's brilliant to see students building strong reading habits and earning rewards along the way. Keep up the momentum and enjoy the next chapter!







SPARX READER CHAMPIONS

YEAR 7	
ETHAN M	913
JOSHUA D	711
ROSIE E	640

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS

YEAR 8	
KARINA S	1938
AKEESAA J	917
DEWANYA B	785

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS

YEAR 9	
ROYCE G	691
FRAZER K	679
LEAH W	533

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS

YEAR 10	
AVA C	513
FATIMA N	457
EMILY M	456



KS3 Valentine's Day Disco – A Night of Fun and Fundraising! We're excited to invite KS3 students to our Valentine's Disco on Thursday 12th February, from 4.00–5.00pm in the Main Hall. It's sure to be a fun-filled evening with music, dancing, and snacks available to purchase.

Students are encouraged to dress in red, pink, or their favourite party attire to get into the spirit of the occasion.

Tickets cost £2 and must be purchased from Miss Smith in EN2 by Tuesday 10th February. All funds raised will go directly towards supporting the teacher place for the upcoming expedition to Kenya.

Classroom Clips: PE (Year 9)

This term, Year 9 students have been busy developing their skills across a range of sports in their PE lessons, including football, hockey, badminton and volleyball. Throughout these activities, students have focused on improving their technical ability, teamwork and understanding of game tactics, and it has been great to see their confidence grow week by week.

Many students have also taken part in a variety of after-school clubs and have represented the school in fixtures and events. Their commitment, effort and positive attitude have been excellent, and they have been fantastic ambassadors for the school.

After half term, football will continue, but our indoor programme will change as students move on to gymnastics, parkour and dance. These activities will give them the opportunity to develop different skills such as balance, coordination, creativity and strength.

We are really pleased with the progress Year 9 students have made so far and are looking forward to teaching them something very different next half term.





Next Week's Sports Bulletin

POOL ACADEMY

SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME
3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 9th February 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

Wednesday
Fixtures
Hockey (SBR) – All Years

Thursday
No clubs

Friday
No clubs

Weekly Fixtures

Wednesday – 11.2.26

- Boys Football vs Falmouth (Away)
  Year 7 & 10 – Return @ 5.30pm
- Girls Football vs Falmouth (Away)
  Year 8/9 – Return @ 5.30pm

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



Events Next Week (Week A)

[Link to the School Calendar]

- Monday-Friday - Year 10 GCSE Trip to Berlin
- Wednesday - HPV Vaccinations
- Thursday
    - Gwithian House Charity Day
    - Cornwall Manufacturing Careers and Apprenticeship Fair, Cornwall College (Year 9), 10.30am-12pm
    - KS3 Valentine's Disco, 4-5.0pm

Careers:

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



Please follow this link to learn more about careers as a Naval Architect.

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



🎓⚖️ What's it like to be a... Solicitor? ⚖️🎓

Coodes Solicitors Truro visited Pool Academy to host our very first "What's it like to be a...?" session. They shared clear routes into becoming a solicitor and reinforced that 'experience in a workplace is the most important thing'.

Pupils asked thoughtful questions and really enjoyed linking the law to real-life cases, debating the verdicts they would give and explaining why. A brilliant, engaging session — thank you, Coodes!

📅 Next up: Friday 6th February | 3pm

🎓 What's it like to go to University?
With Next Steps South West and Plymouth University



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 452 Praise Postcards! Please see below for this week's recipients.

