

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

THURSDAY – 2.4.26

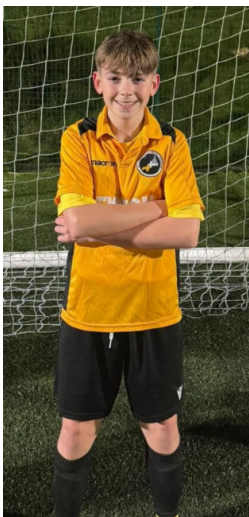
MESSAGES:

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, this week's newsletter is coming to you a day early due to the Bank Holiday tomorrow. We are incredibly proud to feature the sporting success of Cory S and Theo L, who are preparing for an international football tour, as well as Mylo S and Corin B's brilliant medal wins at the Surf Lifesaving National Championships. You can also read about the reveal of our whole school production, Disney's High School Musical Jr and the creative DT work from Year 7.

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter! Please remember that **Monday 20th April is an INSET day, and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Tuesday 21st April.**

- The DofE team is currently appealing for donations of spare clothing to build up our expedition kit. We would be grateful for any donations of fleece tops, base layers, or walking trousers that are in good, usable condition. If you have any items you wish to donate, please either drop them off to the main reception or contact Mrs Cotterell at dcotterell@poolacademy.uk. Thank you.
- We are pleased to share information about a wonderful free event being offered by Gunners Kids CIC for families in the county affected by terminal illness. Their next activity day will take place on Saturday 2nd May at the Bird of Prey Centre. This is a fantastic, free opportunity open to any affected family, regardless of location within the county. Spaces are limited, so early booking is highly recommended. Find out more and reserve your place [here](#).
- Join the 'Easter Fun' at Kehelland Trust! We are delighted to share details of a wonderful event happening locally at the Kehelland Trust, a registered charity dedicated to education and horticulture. They are hosting their annual Easter Fun event and invite our local community to join in the celebrations! The event is planned for two separate dates during the Easter holidays on 8th and 15th April. Further details can be found [here](#).

STUDENTS:



We are delighted to share some brilliant news concerning one of our own students, Cory S in Year 8. Cory, who plays for the West Cornwall football team, has recently achieved a great result with his team mates. This latest success follows his remarkable achievement last year when he was selected for the West Cornwall squad, becoming one of the final 17 boys chosen and believed to be the first Pool Academy student to receive this honour.

In addition to his West Cornwall success, Cory and fellow student Theo L were also chosen by Kernow Youth Scouts to represent Cornwall at an international level. They will be travelling to Germany/Holland in May 2026 for a 10-day international football tour—a massive achievement!

Excitement filled the air on Monday lunchtime as students gathered for the much-anticipated reveal of the March 2027 whole school production—and it certainly got everyone talking! We are delighted to announce that this year's show will be *Disney's High School Musical Jr.*



Packed with energy, humour, and unforgettable songs, this popular musical brings the story of East High to life, following Troy, Gabriella, and their friends as they discover the importance of being true to themselves. It's a fantastic opportunity for students across all year groups to get involved in a vibrant and exciting production.

Students who attended the reveal were given a letter containing important audition details and the full production schedule. If you were unable to attend, please make sure to collect a copy of the letter from Mrs Day before the Easter break.

Further announcements and updates will be posted on the School Production notice board outside the Drama Studio, so be sure to check it regularly.

Everyone wishing to be involved in the production must attend the **Movement and Singing Workshop on Monday 27th April, 3–5pm**. This workshop is essential for all participants. In addition, any student hoping to audition for a speaking role must attend the **auditions on Tuesday 5th May, 3–5pm**. Auditions will be an important part of the process, and students are encouraged to give their very best effort. As much as we would love to include everyone, there may not be enough roles for all applicants, so preparation and commitment will be key.

Whether you're hoping to perform on stage or support behind the scenes, this production promises to be a brilliant experience for everyone involved.

Get ready to sing, dance, and shine—because this year, we're all in this together!



Congratulations to Mylo S (Year 8) and Corin B (Year 9, who took part in the Surf Lifesaving National Stillwater Championships held at Cardiff International Pool last weekend.

A special congratulations goes to Mylo, who achieved his first national medal after years of hard work and determination and was crowned U14 National Champion in Line Throw. Corin also performed brilliantly, earning a Silver medal in the U16 Line Throw.

We are incredibly proud of both students!

On Monday 30th April, staff and students took part in a competitive and highly enjoyable Mixed Doubles Badminton Tournament.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to put the skills they have developed during PE lessons and after-school badminton club into practice, alongside staff in a fun and friendly competitive setting.

After a series of exciting and closely contested matches, the winners of the tournament were Dixie and Mr Fuller, who demonstrated excellent teamwork, consistency, and tactical play throughout.

Well done to all participants for their effort, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm—making the event a great success and a brilliant celebration of badminton across the school.



Our Year 11 students have been working brilliantly in English lessons, sharpening their skills for Language Paper 2 Question 5.

Using the ARGUE writing structure, they've been crafting thoughtful, persuasive responses and building confidence in expressing their ideas clearly and effectively.

Focused, determined, and making great progress – keep it up, Year 11!



Our Year 11s have also 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, Eva B, Ruby C, Jamie, Melyn, Amelia G, Alex G, Jake H, Tanatswa, Mia N, Mechaila, Amelia R, Adelina, Amaiah, Ethan W, Freya B, Evie B-F, Zac, Hannah C, Sam C, Mia E, Lucy F, Neeve, Isobel G, Freya H, Josh M, Luke N, Natasha, Jacob P, Lowenna, Hannah R, Oliver R, Dinariya, Ashley, Amelia W, Sophia W, Lola, Reuben, Piran, Archie G, Tinotenda, Owen, Poppy, Shannon, Jayden L, Leon, Heath, Kobi, Karl, Norutendo, Amelia L, Temera-Jayne, Alesha, Latheeba, Chelsea.

Pictured to the right are Year 11 Carousel winners Owen and Isaac.



English Star Students!

A huge congratulations to our fantastic pupils who have gone above and beyond in English this week:

- ☀ Edward A – Y7
- ☀ Emily K – Y9
- ☀ Alexa B – Y10
- ☀ Imogen T – Y11
- ☀ Zac B – Y11
- ☀ Jake H – Y11



Your hard work, focus, and creativity have truly shone this term! Keep reaching for the stars!

Huge congratulations to this week's Sparx Spin the Wheel winners! Every student selected has successfully completed all of their homework—an excellent achievement that reflects their hard work, commitment, and perseverance.



SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 7	
MACI W	1454
ETHAN M	1034
MAIA W	820

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 8	
KARINA S	1074
HARRY W	832
NATHAN V	801

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 9	
FEARNE S	579
CHARLIE P	519
LEAH W	516

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 10	
AVA C	576
KANYIMA U	448
DOUGLAS B	394

CLASSROOM CLIPS: DT (YEAR 7)

Year 7 students have been busy stepping into the shoes of real designers as part of an exciting mini project. Taking on the role of working for an owl awareness charity, they were challenged to design and make a fun, practical wall-mounted money box aimed at children aged 6–10.

The project began with research and idea generation, where students explored different design possibilities and investigated what would appeal to a younger audience. They then developed their own creative concepts through detailed sketches, refining their ideas into a final owl-themed design.

Once their designs were complete, students carefully selected appropriate materials before moving on to the making stage. Using a combination of wood and acrylic, they constructed their unique owl money boxes, bringing their ideas to life with impressive skill and creativity.

This project not only encouraged imaginative thinking but also helped students develop important design and technology skills, from planning and material selection to hands-on construction. Well done to all of Year 7 for their fantastic work!



Menu (week commencing Monday 20th April)

Lunch Week 1

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.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	CRISPY CHICKEN BURGER POTATO WEDGES	BEEF CHILLI with Rice & Nachos	ROAST GAMMON with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas	CHICKEN TIKKA With Rice & Garlic Bread	SAUSAGE/CHICKEN NUGGETS CHIPS
Plant Based / Vegetarian Main Meal	Veggie Burger with Seasoned Wedges,	Vegetable Chilli with Spicy Rice, Green Salad, Nachos	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Pilaf Rice, Green Beans, Bombay Potatoes	PIZZA SLICE MOZZERLLA STICKS CHIPS
Street Food	PIRI PIRI CHICKEN WRAP	CRISPY CHICKEN MAYO WRAP	BEEF BURGER SALAD/CHEESE	PULLED PORK WRAP	THE SHACK
Takeaway Tubs	TOMATO & CHORIZO	PENNE ARRABIATA	MAC & CHEESE	KARALAN COCONUT CHICKEN RICE	THE SHACK
Pizza Slice	CHEESE & TOMATO	HAM & TOMATO	CHICKEN & SWEETCORN	CHEESE & TOMATO	THE SHACK
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
THE SHACK	A SELECTION OF FRESH SANDWICHES/WRAPS BAGUETTES/SALADS	A SELECTION OF FRESH SANDWICHES/WRAPS BAGUETTES/SALADS	A SELECTION OF FRESH SANDWICHES/WRAPS BAGUETTES/SALADS	A SELECTION OF FRESH SANDWICHES/WRAPS BAGUETTES/SALADS	A SELECTION OF FRESH SANDWICHES/WRAPS BAGUETTES/SALADS

Meal Deal Main Meal with vegetables and dessert

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

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 20TH APRIL (WEEK B)

[Link to the School Calendar](#)

- **Monday**
 - INSET Day
- **Tuesday**
 - All students return to school
 - DofE Silver Training, 3pm, Mr Kirby's room
- **Wednesday**
 - Year 10 Mock Interview Morning
 - DofE Information Evening, 5.15pm
- **Thursday**
 - Year 10 Mock Interview Morning

CAREERS:

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



Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about careers as an Actor.

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

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

