

# THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

## FRIDAY – 15.5.26

### MESSAGES:

This week has been full of fantastic achievements and exciting announcements across Pool Academy.

We are extremely proud of our Year 11 students who are currently taking their GCSEs, showing great dedication to their Carousel revision homework and completing their first English exam this week. We were also thrilled to announce the cast and ensemble for our school's production of *High School Musical Jr.*, celebrating the talent and enthusiasm shown during auditions. We celebrated our dedicated Carousel Champions and Sparx winners for their academic commitment, alongside successful DofE training and Silver practice expeditions. Congratulations also go to Alex and Sam for winning gold medals at the WOMAA Open kickboxing tournament.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

- We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity with the 147 (Camborne & District) Squadron Air Cadets! The 147 Squadron is keen for more Pool Academy students to experience the opportunities cadet life offers. Further information can be found [here](#) or visit their Facebook page: [147 \(Camborne & District\) Squadron Air Cadets Facebook](#).

### STUDENTS:



We are delighted to share the [cast list](#) and [ensemble](#) for our school's production of *High School Musical Jr.*

A huge congratulations to all the students who auditioned. We were incredibly impressed by the talent, enthusiasm, and confidence shown throughout the process.

To everyone who has been cast — well done! We cannot wait to begin rehearsals and bring this exciting production to life together.

Thank you again to all students for their hard work and commitment. It is going to be a fantastic show!

May is National Get Caught Reading Month so why not treat yourself to something new to read!



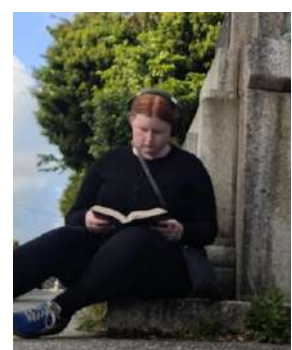


The 'Get Caught Reading' House Challenge is well underway, and we've already had lots of fantastic entries this week!

Cwithian are currently storming into the lead, but there's still time for the other houses to catch up!

Our students have been spotted reading in some very unusual places — from shopping trolleys and supermarket checkouts to even the tops of cars!

Can you find an even more adventurous reading spot? Email your photos (with your house as the subject) to Miss Smith before the end of May to earn 10 points for your house!



## Godrevy's House Day Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Donate to charity**  
From Monday 18th May - Thursday 21st May, your tutor will be collecting the items you're willing to donate to Marie Curie. 10 house points per item donated!

**Tutor Time**  
Bring in 1 yellow item from home to earn 10 points for your house

**Staff + Year 11 Dodgeball**  
Lunchtime on the tennis courts. 20p to watch.

**Extra competitions:**  
Write a poem with the theme of hope  
Give it to Miss Smith by break on Thursday 21st May 10 house points per entry!  
Take a photo of yourself reading to Miss Smith 10 house points per photo!

Godrevy's House Day takes place on Thursday 21st May, with students enjoying a range of House competitions, activities and fundraising events throughout the day.

Donations for Marie Curie are still being collected until Thursday 21st May. Students can earn 10 House points for each item donated. Thank you for your continued support.

Don't forget to enter the poem competition and earn 10 house points per entry! The deadline to enter is 21st May.

Our final Quiz Night of the year will take place on Thursday 18th June. Following another closely fought and enjoyable evening at our last event, we hope to see plenty of teams taking part for one final quiz of the year!



We would like to remind parents and carers about the fantastic opportunities available through The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. [Parent and carer guides](#) for the Bronze and Silver Awards include key information about activities, expectations, and expedition requirements to help students make the most of their DofE journey.

There is a significant opportunity for young people to have their voices heard on the future of school food standards. The government has launched the first large-scale public consultation on school food in more than a decade, and we are working with the School Food Champions Team to ensure our students' views are central to this important process. By contributing your views, you can help make a strong case for meaningful change. The School Food Champions have created a user-friendly version of the official consultation survey, and we encourage all students to take part. This consultation closes on Friday 29th May, so please complete the survey as soon as possible.

## LET'S CHANGE SCHOOL FOOD



SCAN THE QR CODE NOW, SHARE OPINIONS ON SCHOOL FOOD

You can access the survey [here](#) or scan the QR code. Your participation is vital!



Starting college this September? Cornwall College is running *Start Strong* events to help students settle in and feel confident before term begins.

You'll get the chance to meet staff, explore the campus, and learn more about college life in a relaxed and friendly environment.

**Wednesday 24 June 2026**

- [Duchy College Rosewarne – 10:30am–12:00pm](#)
- [Falmouth Marine School – 1:00pm–3:00pm](#)
- [Cornwall College Camborne – 1:30pm–3:00pm](#)

Students can book a place using the links above.

Our Year 11s have been hard at work on their Carousel revision homework in preparation for their GCSE exams. The first English exam was on Tuesday and the next one is coming up. 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. Remember, Carousel is revision! This week's champions, who scored 100% in all their revision quizzes are:

**Carousel Superstars! 100%**

Hannah C, Imogen C-G, Jamie, Alex G, Jake H, Yvonne, Tanatswa, Mia N, Mechaila, Amelia R, Splendour, Adelina, Amaiah, Ethan W, Freya B, Zac, Sam C, Lucy F, Neeve, Isobel G, Josh M, Luke N, Lowenna, Hannah R, Amelia W, Sophia W, Jack W, Alex B, Owen, Poppy, Leon, Megan, Latheeba, Amelia L.

Congratulations to this week's Carousel Spin the Wheel winners Owen, Calvin, Heath and Tanatswa.

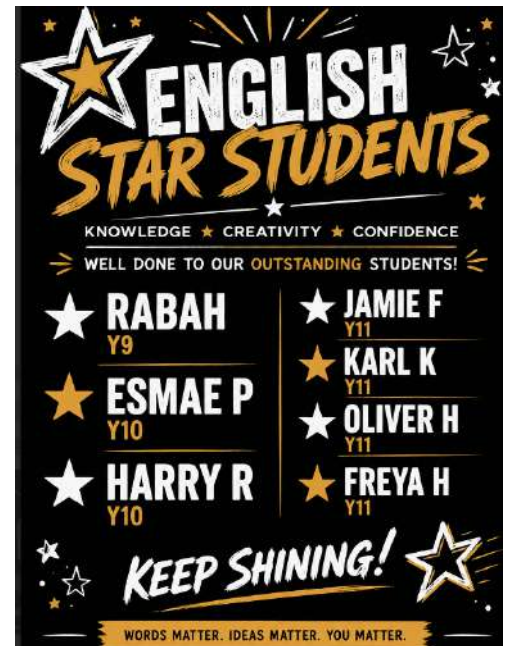


Congratulations to this week's Creative Arts winners! These students have been recognised for their enthusiasm, creativity, resilience, and contributions across art, drama, and music. We're incredibly proud of their achievements — well done, and keep up the great work!

A huge congratulations to this week's English stars for their hard work, positivity and brilliant effort in lessons:

- ★ Rabah Y9
- ★ Esmae P Y10
- ★ Harry R Y10
- ★ Jamie F Y11
- ★ Karl K Y11
- ★ Oliver H Y11
- ★ Freya H Y11

These students have impressed us with their focus, confidence, resilience and commitment to improving their English skills. We are incredibly proud of you all!



 Words matter. Ideas matter. YOU matter.



Earlier in the year, Alex (Year 11) & Sam (Year 9) travelled to Cardiff to take part in the WOMAA Open kickboxing tournament, representing their club ISK Martial Arts.

Matched against some excellent opponents in their categories, they both came home with hard earned gold medals. Well done Alex and Sam!

They each took on the challenge of Ultimate Points Fighter for their height division. Fighting through several tough bouts and showing excellent sportsmanship, they represented their club to the very highest standard.

We're so proud of you!

Congratulations to Karl K and Leah W in Year 9, who are the first students to complete and sign off their Bronze Volunteering, Skills, and Physical sections. Well done to both students on this fantastic achievement as everyone now works towards the Bronze Expedition at the end of June.



This week also saw a fantastic training walk, focusing on map reading in a familiar area. Students practised identifying footpaths, spotting changes in the landscape, and recognising the small features that make navigation easier. A huge thank you goes to the staff who supported the walk — we couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations also to all of the Silver teams who successfully completed their practice expedition through rain, wind, and sunshine. Spirits remained high throughout, with plenty of memorable moments along the way — including some excellent singing on the minibus in St Ives!

A special thank you to the DofE support team: Mr Moyle for assessing, Mrs Croker for helping lost map readers, Mr Morrish for first aid support and a 4km sprint, Mr Kirby for locating delayed teams, and Mrs Cotterell for driving the minibus.

Students are reminded to ensure all sections are signed off promptly. Silver meetings on Tuesdays will now run for two hours until routes are fully organised and detailed, so please plan pick-ups accordingly.

Finally, a reminder that the Silver Assessed Expedition will take place from 11th–13th June on Bodmin Moor, with drop-off at Davidstowe Airfield and pick-up at Minions. Please let Mrs Cotterell know if you require a seat on the minibus.



A big well done to this week's Sparx Spin the Wheel winners, Charlie, Amelia, Natalie and Arabella!

Each student chosen completed all of their homework successfully, demonstrating fantastic dedication, effort, and determination throughout the week.



SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 10	
GEORGIA H	398
KEELY M	367
EVIE R	365

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 9	
LEAH W	802
ABBIE C	517
RILEY C	465

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 8	
KARINA S	1056
AJAY R	1002
DEWANYA B	813

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 7	
MACI W	4168
ETHAN M	1002
EMILY W	859



The LGBTQ+ Lunch group is restarting next week on Tuesday from 1.20-1.50pm in the Reading Hub. All students are welcome.

## CLASSROOM CLIPS: MATHS (YEAR 7)

This week's Classroom Clip takes us into the world of data handling with Year 7 Maths class 7W3, who have been developing their skills in interpreting and calculating using bar charts.

Students have been learning how to read information accurately from bar charts, focusing on key mathematical skills such as comparing values, identifying differences, and drawing conclusions from visual data. They have also been practising how to calculate totals, differences, and averages based on the information presented.


A strong emphasis has been placed on real-world applications. Pupils explored how bar charts are used in everyday life—from tracking sports scores and weather patterns to analysing survey results and school data. This helped them understand why clear data presentation is important and how it supports decision-making.

During lessons, students worked both independently and collaboratively to interpret a range of bar charts of increasing complexity. They also created their own bar charts from given data sets, ensuring accuracy in scale, labels, and presentation.

It has been fantastic to see 7W3 building confidence in their data skills and engaging thoughtfully with mathematical information. Well done to everyone in the class for their focus and effort this week.



## Next Week's Sports Bulletin



### SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME

3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities <small>(Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm)</small>	Weekly Fixtures
<p><b>Monday</b> Tennis (SBR) - All Years Mountain Biking (JHO) - All Years</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> Athletics (MCR/TFO) - All Years</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Rounders (MCR/SBR) - All Years</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Fixtures Cricket/softball (TFO/JHO) - All Years</p> <p><b>Friday</b> No clubs</p>	<p><b>Wednesday- 20.5.26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Super 8's Athletics - Carn Brea Year 7, 8/9 &amp; 10 - Return @ 3pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday - 21.5.26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rounders vs Truro High (Away) Year 7, 8, 9 &amp; 10 - Return @ 5.20pm</li> </ul>

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 2

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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b>	Beef Ragu with Diced Herb Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Penne Pasta	Katsu Chicken Curry with Coconut Rice, Potato Wedges, Slaw	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Pulled Pork with Cajun Wedges, Slaw, BBQ Beans	Battered Fish with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
<b>Plant Based / Vegetarian Main Meal</b>	Vegetable Chilli with Diced Herb Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Penne Pasta	Spinich & Lentil Curry with Coconut Rice, Potato Wedges, Slaw	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Mac & Cheese with Cajun Wedges, Slaw, BBQ Beans	Sweet Potato Falafel Gyros with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
<b>Street Food</b>	Piri Piri Chicken Wrap	Chicken Burrito	Folded Tikka Naan	Pulled Pork & Stuffing Wrap	Chicken Gyros
<b>Takeaway Tubs</b>	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
<b>Pizza Slice</b>	Margherita or Pepperoni	Margherita or Ham & Tomato	Margherita or Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita or American Hot	Margherita or BBQ Chicken
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	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
<b>Desserts</b>	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



**Meal Deal**

Main Meal with vegetables and dessert



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



## EVENTS NEXT WEEK (WEEK B)

[Link to the School Calendar](#)

- **Monday**
  - GCSE Exam - Combined Science/Chemistry, 9am and Urdu Reading and Listening, 1pm
  - DofE Bronze Training - 3-5pm, The Hut
- **Tuesday**
  - GCSE Exam - English Literature (Paper 2), 9am
  - DofE Silver Training, 3-4pm, Mr Kirby's room
- **Wednesday**
  - GCSE Exam - Enterprise and Marketing, 1.15pm
- **Thursday**
  - GCSE Exams - English Language (Paper 1), 9am
  - Godrevy House Day

## CAREERS:

Each week we focus on a career pathway to highlight. This week we are looking at a career as a K-9 Police Handler.



Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about careers as a K-9 Police Handler.

If there is a particular pathway you would like to find out more about, please email [enquiries@poolacademy.uk](mailto:enquiries@poolacademy.uk).

### 🍌 EXCITING OPPORTUNITY! 🍌

Students with a genuine interest in pursuing a career in sport are invited to attend a Presentation & Active Session delivered by Cornwall College, Josh Matavesi and Matt Shepherd.

- 📅 Friday 12th June
- 🕒 10:30am-12:00pm
- 📍 Sports Hall, Pool Academy

This is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in the Rugby Academy pathway after school.

⚠️ Spaces are limited to just 20 students!

Students should sign up with Mrs Clark.

## **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 541 Praise Postcards! Please see below for this week's recipients.

