

# THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

## FRIDAY – 22.5.26

### MESSAGES:

We have been incredibly proud of Year 11 who have now reached the end of this half term's GCSE exams. So many of our students have demonstrated their dedication by coming in early for warm-up masterclasses with their teachers. We will be holding [half-term revision sessions](#) next week, ready for the final push before the last of the exams scheduled after the break.

This week has been full of fantastic achievements across the academy. Year 7's Dixie J earned two silver medals in the Cornwall County U15 Badminton Championships. We celebrated winners in Creative Arts and the Sparx Spin the Wheel competition, alongside our English stars of the week. In sports, students performed well at the Super 8's athletics competition. The rounders teams also competed successfully in fixtures hosted by Truro High. Beyond achievements, Godrevy House concluded an incredible charity collection for Marie Curie, receiving over 400 donated items and Year 10 students attended a 'Community Feast' focused on local, sustainable food.

We wish everyone a restful and well-deserved half term break. Enjoy the predicted sunshine, and we look forward to seeing all **students back in school on Monday 1st June.**

- Join Kehelland Trust for [Underwater Wonders](#) on Wednesday 27th May, from 10am–3.30pm at the Kehelland wildlife pond. Families can enjoy free pond dipping, a pond creatures trail, and a pop-up café, with a dragonfly craft activity available for £4 — a perfect way to explore local wildlife and have fun outdoors together!

### STUDENTS:

Huge congratulations to Dixie J in Year 7, who had an amazing weekend at the Cornwall County U15 Badminton Championships at Treviglas Sports Hub in Newquay.

Although only 12 years old and competing against older players in the U15 category, Dixie achieved an incredible two silver medals — one in Girls' Singles and another in Mixed Doubles.

It was a long and demanding day of high-level badminton, and we are so proud of Dixie's hard work, determination and fantastic achievement. Well done, Dixie!



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.



### Year 8–9 Theatre Trip: Private Peaceful

We are delighted to offer students in Years 8 and 9 the opportunity to attend a live theatre performance of Private Peaceful at the Hall for Cornwall.

This powerful production brings Michael Morpurgo’s moving story to life on stage, offering an unforgettable experience for students studying themes of conflict, courage and remembrance.

Trip details:

- Wednesday 7th October 2026
- Showtime: 11:00am
- Venue: Hall for Cornwall
- Cost: £19 (includes theatre ticket + coach travel)
- Tickets available: 58 places
- Open to: Year 8–9 students only
- Booking: Reserve via ParentPay

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so early booking is advised.

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 well done to our English stars this week:

- Luna – Year 7
- Oakley GC – Year 9
- Freya B – Year 11
- Daniel O – Year 11

These students have impressed us with their effort, resilience and fantastic attitude towards English lessons and learning.

A special shoutout also goes to our entire Year 11 cohort for their incredible “Dream Big” attitude towards their English Literature and Language exams so far. The determination, positivity and hard work on display has been outstanding. What a Wolfpack! 🐺 ✨

Congratulations to this week’s Sparx Spin the Wheel winners!

Every student selected completed all of their homework tasks successfully, showing excellent commitment, perseverance, and hard work across the week.



SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 7	
MACI W	2573
OLIVIA-MAE D	1562
ETHAN M	1125

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 8	
DEMANYA B	1873
LILLIE G	836
NATE C	614

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 9	
FEARNE S	2066
LEAH W	628
CHARLIE P	598

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 10	
KAYDEN E	428
ANDREW C	389
FATIMA N	382



A fantastic effort from all the students who competed at the Super 8’s athletics competition at Carn Brea this week. There were some amazing performances both on the track and field. Well done to Jessie, Xander and Max on winning their heats in the 100m and 300m. A brilliant day for all, from those who were at their first ever competition to those who once again experienced competing at the local track. A special mention goes to some of our Year 10’s, who ran for their final time after being involved for the last 4 years. A massive thank you to our sports leaders Amelia, Evie, Arabella and Cora for their support with running an event.

Go Team Pool!



Thank you to Truro High for hosting the recent rounders fixtures. All the teams competed well with some great rounders scored and catches in the field. Congratulations to our POTM's Lexi, Ellie, Niyah and Noku for their efforts in the games. Well done to all those involved.



More fantastic entries are coming in for our 'Get Caught Reading' House Challenge! Take a look through the [photo gallery](#) to see some of the wonderful entries we've received so far."

Our students are continuing to impress us with their creative and adventurous reading spots!

Current house scores:

- Godrevy – 170 points
- Portreath – 80 points
- Gwithian – 80 points
- Porthtowan – 20 points

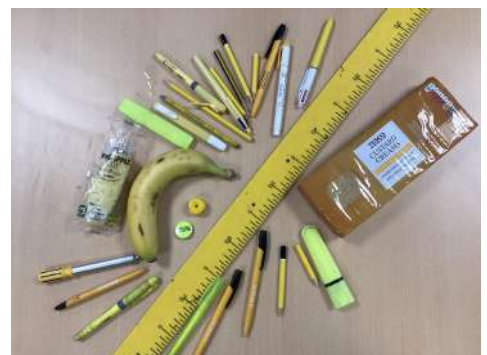
There's still time to get involved — send your photos to Miss Smith before the end of May to earn points for your house!



Godrevy's charity collection, in support of Marie Curie, has been an incredible success. Students and staff have come together to donate over 400 items.

This outstanding total reflects the generosity and commitment of the school community. Every single donation will help Marie Curie continue its vital work supporting people living with terminal illness and their families.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed — your efforts have made a real difference.



Year 10 students were delighted to attend a 'Community Feast' coordinated by RJ Working, a youth led charity based in Cornwall. RJ working has led some fantastic sessions at Pool Academy and works tirelessly to give young people a voice to try to influence change, particularly with regard to environmental issues.

All food on the fantastic menu was locally sourced, including the flour! RJ Working hosted the community feast in collaboration with Cornwall College, offering a valuable experience for Pool Academy students to be involved in. The feast, prepared by catering students from Cornwall College, celebrated the importance of local, sustainable food and the power of coming together to eat as a community. Students were lucky to hear talks from Matthew Thompson from Sustainable Food Cornwall, who arrived with a huge range of experiences to share and Steffen Boehm from Exeter University, who has a passion for Food sustainability. The students were integrated amongst the adults present and made the Academy proud contributing to some important issues. A particular mention should go to Emily, Keely, Hanna, Alex and Fatima who confidently spoke in front of everybody to represent the views of people seated on their table.

We'd like to thank Becky Ndegwa for organising a fantastic event. (Ms Strana)



## CLASSROOM CLIPS: DRAMA (YEAR 9)

During this Year 9 Drama lesson, students were captured rehearsing an extract from *Bouncers* by John Godber as part of their scripted performance unit. The lesson focused on taking a script from page to stage, exploring how actors use voice and physicality to interpret character and bring performance text to life.

Students worked in groups to rehearse scenes using Godber's distinctive style of heightened naturalism, experimenting with stylistic techniques such as multi-rolling, contrasting characters, ensemble performance, and exaggeration. The accompanying images show students developing energetic performances through clear character transitions, exaggerated voice and physicality, and collaborative ensemble work.

Drama should never be underestimated for the valuable life and employability skills it develops in young people. Through performance work, students build confidence, communication, teamwork, creativity, problem-solving, adaptability, and leadership skills, all qualities that are highly valued in future education and the workplace. Lessons such as these encourage students to think critically, collaborate effectively, and present themselves with confidence, helping to prepare them for a wide range of future careers beyond the stage.



## Sports Bulletin (Week Commencing 1st June)



**POOL ACADEMY**  
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**SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME**  
3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

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

**Monday**  
Tennis (SBR) - All Years  
Mountain Biking (JHO) - All Years

**Tuesday**  
Athletics (MCR/TFO) - All Years

**Wednesday**  
Rounders (MCR/SBR) - All Years

**Thursday**  
Fixtures  
Cricket/softball (TFO/JHO) - All Years

**Friday**  
No clubs

**Weekly Fixtures**

**Wednesday - 3.6.26**

- 7 & 8 Athletics Champs - Carn Brea  
Year 7 & 8 - Return @ 3.45pm

**Thursday - 4.6.26**

- Rounders vs Penair (Away)  
Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Return @ 5.20pm

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.

## Menu (Week Commencing 1st June)

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
<b>Main Meal</b>	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
<b>Plant Based / Vegetarian Main Meal</b>	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
<b>Street Food</b>	PIRI PIRI CHICKEN WRAP	CRISPY CHICKEN MAYO WRAP	BEEF BURGER SALAD/CHEESE	PULLED PORK WRAP	THE SHACK
<b>Takeaway Tubs</b>	TOMATO & CHORIZO	PENNE ARRABIATA	MAC & CHEESE	KARALAN COCONUT CHICKEN RICE	THE SHACK
<b>Pizza Slice</b>	CHEESE & TOMATO	HAM & TOMATO	CHICKEN & SWEETCORN	CHEESE & TOMATO	THE SHACK
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a rang of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings
<b>THE SHACK</b>	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 1ST JUNE (WEEK A)

[Link to the School Calendar](#)

- **Monday**
  - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
  - DofE Bronze Training - 3-5pm, The Hut
- **Tuesday**
  - GCSE Exam - Combined Science Physics P1, 9am and Urdu Writing, 1.15pm
  - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
  - DofE Silver Training, 3-4pm, Mr Kirby's room
- **Wednesday**
  - GCSE Maths Paper 2, 9am and Geography Paper 2, 1pm
- **Thursday**
  - GCSE History Paper 2, 9am
  - SEN Extra Transition Day 9.25am-10.45am
- **Friday**
  - English Language Paper 2, 9am

## CAREERS:

Each week we focus on a career pathway to highlight. This week we are looking at a career as a Judicial Law Clerk.

Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about careers as a Judicial Law Clerk.

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



Interested in a career with the British Army? Students, parents, and teachers are invited to a series of virtual events offering a clear, honest insight into Army careers. These sessions are a great way to explore career pathways and apprenticeships, hear from serving soldiers, and build confidence for your next steps.

Upcoming Webinars (18:00 - 19:00):

- [26 May: Breaking down the Army Assessment](#)
- [9 June: Serving as LGBTQ+ In the British Army](#)
- [23 June: Joining the Army Series: Officer](#)
- [1 July: Joining the Army Series: Soldier](#)
- [8 July: Virtual Harrogate Open Day](#)



We encourage you to register now for any of the sessions to learn more.

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

