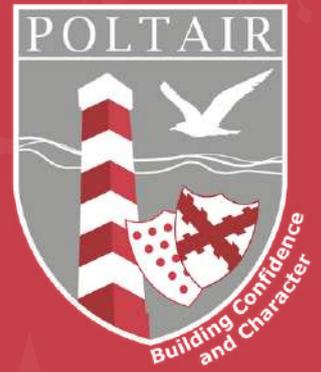


# Parent Newsletter

December 2025



## Message from Mr Cardigan

As 2025 draws to a close and we reach the end of a very busy school term, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support of Poltair.

It has been a truly memorable year. We have welcomed record numbers of students to the school, celebrated outstanding GCSE results that place us among the top schools in Cornwall, and proudly received a nomination for Secondary School of the Year. There has been so much to celebrate and be proud of as a school community. At the same time, we pause to remember those who are sadly no longer with us this Christmas; and our thoughts and love are with the families of Caleb and Morgan.



Your children have been exceptional throughout the year, and this week in particular has highlighted the strength of our 'Team Poltair' community. From celebration assemblies and cinema trips, to Christmas dinner, a special fly-past from Santa, creating hampers for families in our community, the winter concert and even a Santa fun run, it has been a joyful and memorable end to the term.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter, which highlights the activities that have taken place over the past two weeks. We also encourage you to visit the dedicated page where we extend our heartfelt thanks to some very special organisations in our community for their incredible support throughout the term.

May I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break over the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 5th January.

With very best wishes,

*Richard Cardigan*

*Headteacher, Poltair School*

## Congratulations to our 2025 Christmas Card Competition Winners:



*Ollie, Year 11*



*Corinna, Year 7*



*Madison, Year 7*



*Delilah, Year 8*

## Winter Concert 2025



Last week we were proud to host our Winter Concert, a fantastic evening that showcased the incredible talent, creativity and dedication of our students. The concert featured a wide range of performances, from music and singing to ensemble pieces, all coming together to create a truly festive and uplifting atmosphere.

Our performers demonstrated confidence, commitment and passion, supported by a brilliant backstage crew and staff team who worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the evening ran smoothly. It was heart-warming to see the school community come together to celebrate the arts and the achievements of our young people.



## Onatti Spanish Performance

Our Year 8 students enjoyed an energetic and engaging performance of 'Romeo y Julieta', performed by Onatti Productions, entirely in Spanish! The cast were fantastic and our students got stuck in too, joining the performance and showcasing their growing confidence in the language.

## Young Carers Christmas Party



We were delighted to host our Young Carers Christmas Party, providing a special opportunity for our Young Carers to come together, relax and enjoy some festive fun. The event was filled with laughter, activities and a warm, welcoming atmosphere, giving students time to connect with one another and celebrate Christmas.

Events like this are an important way to say thank you and ensure our students feel supported, valued and celebrated within our school community.



## Rewards Assemblies



Last week we were thrilled to hold our Rewards Assemblies, celebrating the achievements and positive attitudes of students across the school. These assemblies were a wonderful opportunity to recognise our school ethos of Character and Confidence plus students commitment to learning and academic progress.

The atmosphere was one of pride and encouragement, with students applauding one another's successes and reflecting the strong sense of togetherness that makes our school so special.

  
**79508**  
Merits awarded  
since September  
2025  




## Year 7 Pantomime Trip



Our Year 7 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Hall for Cornwall to watch the pantomime Aladdin. The vibrant performance was full of laughter, music and festive magic, giving students the chance to experience live theatre in a truly memorable setting.

The trip provided a wonderful shared experience for the whole year group and was a brilliant way to celebrate the season together.



## Santa Fly Past



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to RNAS Culdrose for bringing a very special visitor to Poltair this week. Our school community gathered on the field to witness an unforgettable festive moment as Santa flew past, giving everyone the chance to wave to the big man himself.

## Year 10 Trip to Plymouth University



15 of our Year 10 budding mathematicians visited Plymouth University to take part in an exciting Maths Enhancement Taster Day.

During the visit, students got stuck into a range of problem-solving activities, experienced degree-style lectures, and learned more about the wide range of Maths pathways available post-16 and beyond. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to challenge themselves, build confidence, and gain an insight into studying Maths at a higher level.



## The Poltair Christmas Cake Decorating Competition

We held our first ever Poltair Christmas Cake Decorating Competition, and what a fantastic way to get into the festive spirit!

With over 50 teams taking part, the creativity, teamwork and Christmas cheer on display were incredible and choosing a winner was no easy task!

A huge congratulations to our winning teams:

- Miss Whitbourn
- Miss Westley
- Miss Audsley

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the staff who supported the event. It was a fantastic addition to our end-of-term celebrations and a lovely way to bring our school community together.



## Christmas Jumper Day



Our Christmas Jumper Day brought a splash of colour and festive cheer to Poltair, with students and staff embracing the opportunity to swap blazers for bright, cheerful Christmas jumpers. From classic festive designs to wonderfully creative outfits, the school was filled with smiles and seasonal spirit throughout the day.





## Christmas Dinner Day



Our Christmas Dinner Day was again a wonderful celebration, with all students offered a free Christmas dinner to enjoy together as a school community. Students and staff came together in the canteen, sharing festive food and enjoying the chance to sit, eat and pull a cracker with friends and staff.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Caterlink for their incredible efforts in providing a delicious Christmas dinner for everyone. We are also extremely grateful to members of our community who kindly paid it forward, helping to ensure that every student could enjoy a Christmas meal together. A special shout out goes to The Longstore for their continued support.

## CELT Cup



We were proud to host the CELT Cup at Poltair, welcoming our fellow CELT secondary schools for an exciting afternoon of Rugby and Netball competition. The event showcased not only sporting talent, but also teamwork, determination and positive sportsmanship across all schools involved.

A huge well done to our Year 11 students who played a key role in taking part and supporting the event. They represented the school superbly, demonstrating leadership, commitment and pride in everything they did.



## Cinema Reward Trip



Our top 30 merit earners from each year group were invited to a special trip to the cinema in recognition of their outstanding effort and commitment this term. This reward was a well-deserved celebration of the hard work, positive attitudes and consistency these students have shown throughout the term.



## Year 7 Silent Disco



This week we held a Year 7 Silent Disco after school, and it was an absolute hit!

There was lots of fun, dancing and singing, with students fully embracing the music and enjoying time together with friends in a brilliant, relaxed atmosphere. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces and confident moves on the dance floor!



## Santa Fun Run



Our Santa Fun Run was a fantastic way to bring the whole school community together, with all students taking part in a fun, festive run around the school grounds. Dressed in Santa hats and filled with Christmas spirit, students embraced the event with enthusiasm and positivity.

As well as being great fun, the Santa Fun Run helped raise money for Children's Hospice South West - Little Harbour, a charity close to our hearts at Poltair. We are incredibly proud of the generosity shown by our students and families who supported such important causes while enjoying a joyful end-of-term activity.



# Coming up at Poltair

	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Students return to School - Week A
	<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 11 Progress Evening
	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Year 10 PPE Launch Evening
	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	The Addams Family - School Production
	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Creative Arts Trip to London
	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 11 Exam Success Evening
	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term begins
	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Students return to School - Week B

For term dates and the school calendar, visit our website - [www.poltairschool.co.uk/newsandevents](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/newsandevents)



# Thank You to Our Poltair Community

As we come to the end of a busy and memorable term, we would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to our wider Poltair community. Thank you to our parents and carers for your ongoing support, positivity and partnership.



The Longstore

We would like to say an enormous thank you to The Longstore for their incredible generosity and support of Poltair this Christmas.

Through their fundraising efforts, The Longstore have raised an outstanding amount of money, enabling us to provide free Christmas dinners for every student, support families through our Christmas Hamper Appeal, and help with many other initiatives that ensure no child in our community goes without during the festive season.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Lions Club of St Austell for their generous support of Poltair and our community this Christmas.

Their contribution to our Christmas Hamper Appeal has helped us support families within our school community, ensuring that students and their loved ones feel cared for and supported during the festive period.



We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Holy Trinity St Austell for their kindness and generosity in providing Christmas goody bags for Poltair. These thoughtful gifts brought smiles to many faces and helped to spread festive cheer across our school community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Progressive for their generous support of our Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Their kindness has helped us support families within our school community during the festive period, ensuring that those who need it most feel cared for and supported. Contributions like this make a real difference and reflect the strong sense of community that surrounds Poltair.



We would like to say a huge thank you to James Kittow for their incredible generosity in supplying an amazing amount of meat and produce for our Christmas Hampers.

This fantastic contribution has played a vital role in helping us support families within our school community, ensuring that our hampers were both generous and meaningful.

# Poltair+

## WHAT'S NEW IN SPRING TERM?



### Wooly Wellbeing

Suitable for beginners just learning or for experts. Try your hand at the wonderful woolly craft of crochet, recognised as being good for meditation and mood, while having the opportunity to sit and chat in a quiet and supportive listening space. (Knitters also welcome!)

### Chess Club

Come on down to H3 Fridays B1 and have a game of chess.



### Tech Deck Club

Come along after school on Wednesdays of Week A and make ramps, rails and bowls to test out your finger skateboard skills!

### Continuing Clubs:

Year 10 Study Support | Warhammer Club | Homework Club | Time Travellers | STEM | Howlers | Addams Family Rehearsals | Drama | Cafe Inc + many more!

Our updated Poltair+ booklet will be available in January 2026!



# Uniform Expectations

As we begin the Spring Term, we would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our uniform expectations for all students.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or difficulties regarding uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us, we are always happy to offer support where needed.

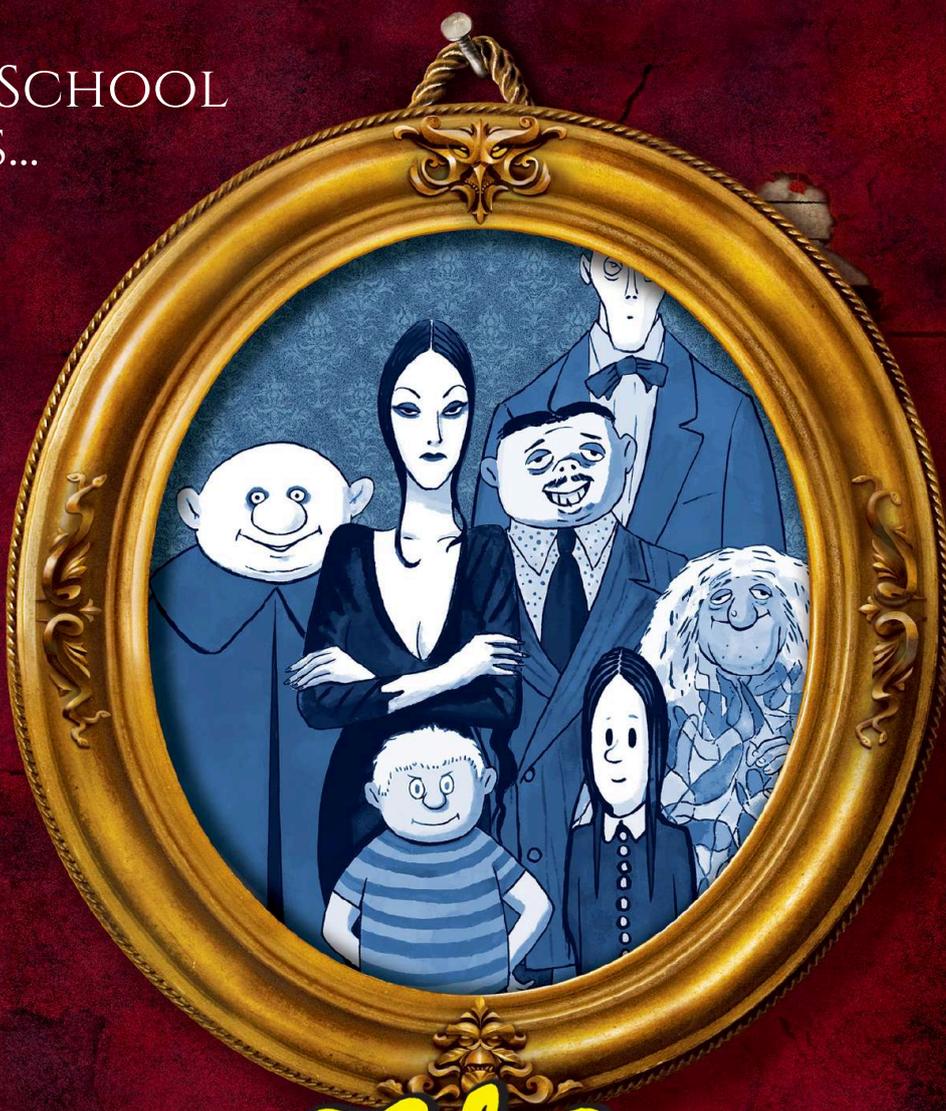


**Proud to wear our uniform.**  
Click here to view our Uniform & Appearance Policy.

MERRY  
*Christmas*  
from everyone at **Poltair School**



POLTAIR SCHOOL  
PRESENTS...



# The Addams Family

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2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

THE KEAY THEATRE, CORNWALL COLLEGE ST AUSTELL

TICKETS ARE  
NOW AVAILABLE:





# Breakfast at Poltair

Starting in January 2026, Caterlink, our canteen provider will be offering breakfast for **all students!**



Porridge - **Free!**



Porridge Toppers (Jam/Honey) - 30p



Toast - **Free!**



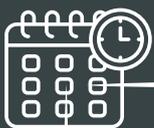
Bacon/Veggie Rolls - £1.30



Hash Browns - 60p



Fresh Fruit Pot - £1.10



Available in the  
Canteen from  
8:00am till 8:30am  
- every day!



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# TIME MOVE

Holiday Programme



## CHRISTMAS 2025

- Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more – for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays on 22nd Dec, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 2nd Jan

CLICK HERE TO SEARCH FOR ACTIVITIES



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