16th October 2026

POLTAIR NEWSLETTER



Richard Cardigan
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a fantastic first half term of the academic year it has been here at Poltair!

It has been wonderful to welcome our learners back, and we are particularly proud of how seamlessly our new Year sevens have settled into school life. Across all year groups, our learners have made an excellent start, demonstrating our values of Confidence, Character and Curiosity.

This half term has been filled with memorable moments, including our hugely successful Open Evening, where we welcomed over 400 families. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Year 10 and 11 learners who supported Year 6 by giving tours and to all the learners helping across departments. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school and demonstrated true Team Poltair spirit.



It has also been a pleasure to welcome families to our Year 11 GCSE Success Evening and All About Year 7 Evening, strengthening the important partnership between home and school.

Another highlight was our first-ever Year 7 Breakfast, where we welcomed local primary school staff to reunite with their former pupils. Seeing the smiles, excitement and stories being shared was a true moment of joy for our school community.



Our Poltair+ enrichment programme has been another fantastic success, with 75% of our learners attending at least one club. This is an achievement we are incredibly proud of, and we look forward to seeing participation continue to grow throughout the year.

As we reach the end of this busy and successful half term, I would like to thank our learners, staff and families for their continued enthusiasm, dedication and support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable October half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Richard Cardigan
Headteacher

Cornwall Education Learning Trust

Moments of Joy at Our Year 7 Breakfast!

We were delighted to welcome some very special guests from our local primary schools to Poltair for our Year 7 Breakfast.

It was a morning filled with smiles, laughter and wonderful moments of joy as our Year 7 learners were reunited with their former primary school teachers. It was lovely to see the excitement on their faces as they shared stories, caught up with familiar faces and reflected on how well they had settled into life at Poltair.

A huge thank you to all the primary school staff who took the time to join us. Your visit meant so much to our learners and made the morning truly special.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the important relationships built during primary school and the exciting journey our learners have begun at Poltair.

Once part of their journey, always part of their story.







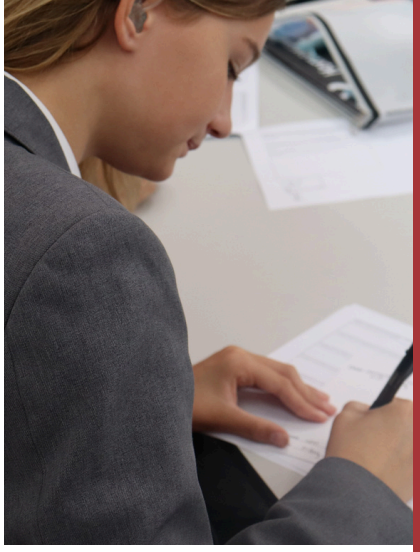












Celebrating European Day of Languages! 🌍

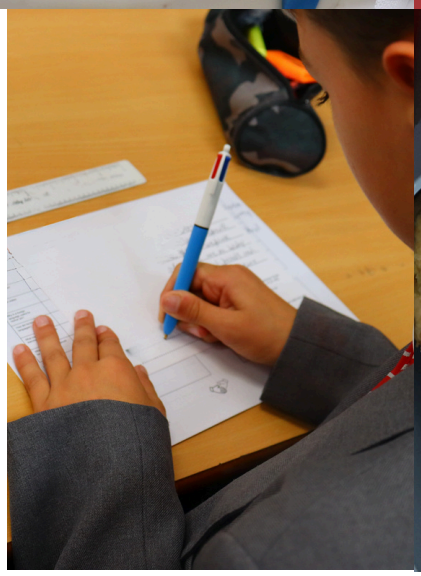
Our learners enjoyed a wonderful celebration of European Day of Languages, embracing the importance of language, culture and connection. As part of the celebrations, learners wrote postcards to their former primary school teachers, sharing their language-learning journeys and reflecting on the importance of learning new languages.

We were also delighted to see so many learners getting creative in the kitchen, bringing in an incredible selection of beautifully decorated cakes inspired by countries and cultures from around the world. One cake captured the spirit of the celebrations perfectly: “Different languages, same world.”

A fantastic celebration of creativity, curiosity and the connections that bring us all together!















#Inittowinit Family Winner

The Poltair Passport for Attendance is a new initiative bought in over the last term, designed to recognise and reward students for their commitment to attending lessons and taking part in Poltair+ activities.

It's a simple, positive way to celebrate consistent attendance across the school.

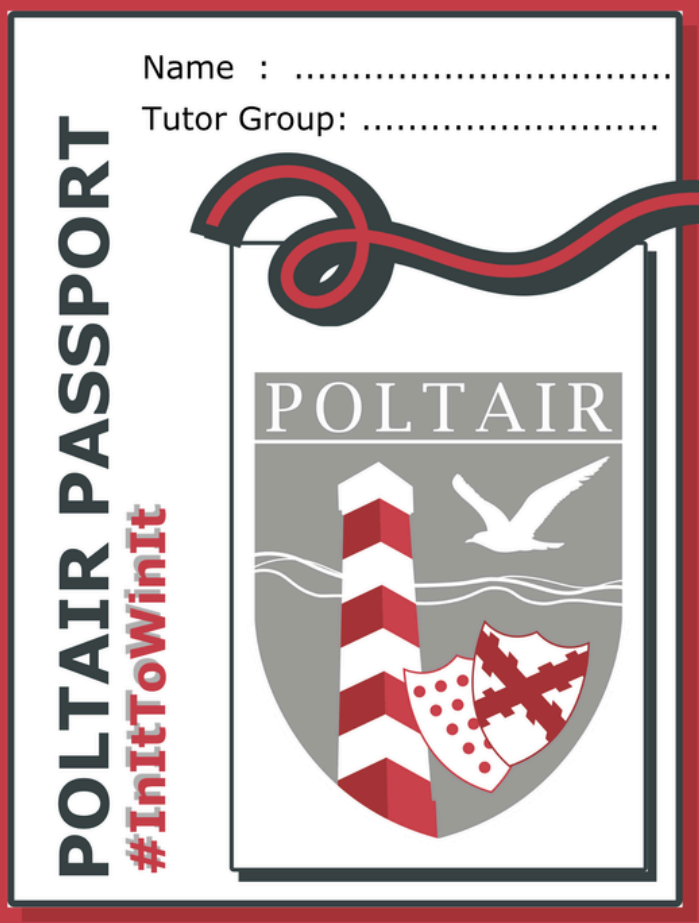
Each week, students can earn for a full week of attendance:

- A sweet treat & a raffle ticket for attending school every day
- A second raffle ticket for attending two or more Poltair+ sessions

At the end of every half term, we will draw:

- One prize per year group
- A whole-school prize, with the winner receiving a family gift

This initiative encourages positive habits, celebrates commitment, and gives every student the chance to be recognised for their efforts.



Autumn Half Term Family Winner

We are delighted to announce that Poppy is our Autumn half term family prize winner. Poppy's consistent attendance and commitment to Poltair+ activities placed her in this terms ticket draw.

Congratulations Poppy, a fantastic achievement.



Poppy
Year 8

Building a Culture of Commitment

The Poltair Passport for Attendance is already making a positive impact across the school. By celebrating dedication, encouraging responsibility and recognising effort, the initiative supports students in building habits that will benefit them throughout their education.

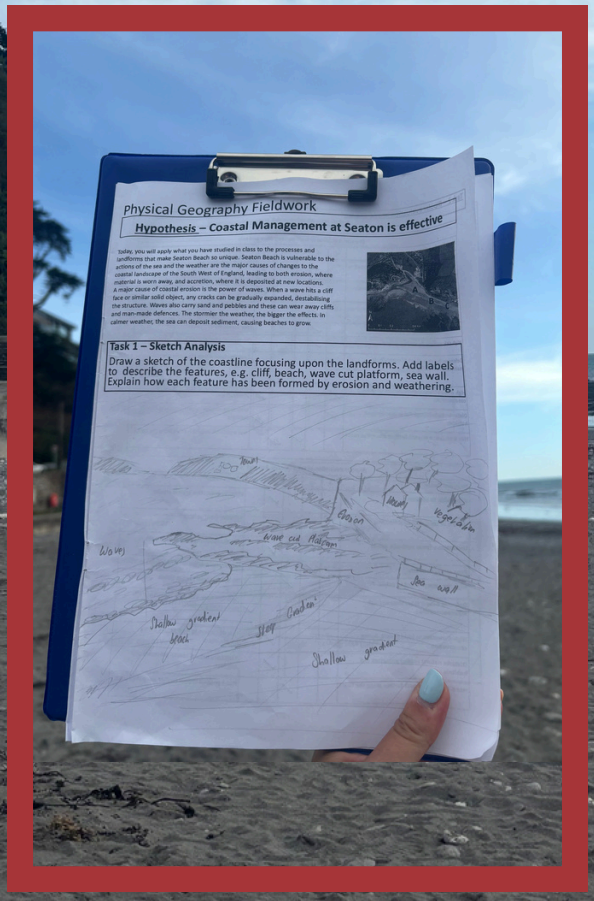
Poltair is proud to champion attendance in such a meaningful and motivating way and we look forward to seeing even more students earn their rewards next term.

Geography Comes to Life:
Year 11 Learning Beyond the Classroom!

This half term our Year 11 Geography learners took their learning beyond the classroom with a fantastic fieldwork trip to Royal William Yard in Plymouth and Seaton Beach in Cornwall.

At Royal William Yard, learners investigated the impact of urban regeneration, exploring how this historic site has been transformed for modern use. They were particularly impressed by the quality of the restored buildings and the variety of shops and services now available. At Seaton Beach, learners examined coastal erosion and the positive impact of sea defences in protecting our coastline.

Our learners demonstrated excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day, putting their classroom knowledge into practice and seeing Geography come to life in real-world settings. The beautiful autumn sunshine was an added bonus, making it a wonderful day of learning beyond the classroom!





A Fantastic Open Evening at Poltair!

We were delighted to welcome over 400 families to our Open Evening, giving prospective learners and their families the opportunity to explore our school and discover what it means to be part of Team Poltair.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of our school community, with departments showcasing exciting activities, interactive demonstrations and the fantastic opportunities available at Poltair.

Our learners were true ambassadors for the school, welcoming visitors, leading tours and supporting departments throughout the evening. We received so much wonderful feedback about their confidence, enthusiasm and kindness, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for bringing the school to life, and to The Longstore Restaurants for joining us and demonstrating their delicious signature doughnuts!
Finally, thank you to every family who joined us and to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

What an evening. What a community. What a Team!

























Open Evening 2026





All About Year 7 Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many Year 7 families to Poltair for our All About Year 7 Evening. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to meet with Form Tutors, celebrate how well our newest learners have settled into secondary school and find out more about the support and opportunities available to them.

Throughout the evening, families attended informative workshops covering independence, homework and online safety, alongside our marketplace showcasing pastoral support, inclusion and Poltair+.

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us and to our fantastic staff for making the evening such a success. We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 7 learners have achieved during their first half term and look forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence as part of Team Poltair.



Coming up at Poltair

View Full Calendar

12	**Thursday 12th November**	Poltair Careers Fair
16	**Monday 16th November**	Year 11 PPE's Begin
7	**Wednesday 9th December**	Year 7 Pantomine Trip
18	**Friday 18th December**	Last Day of Autumn Term

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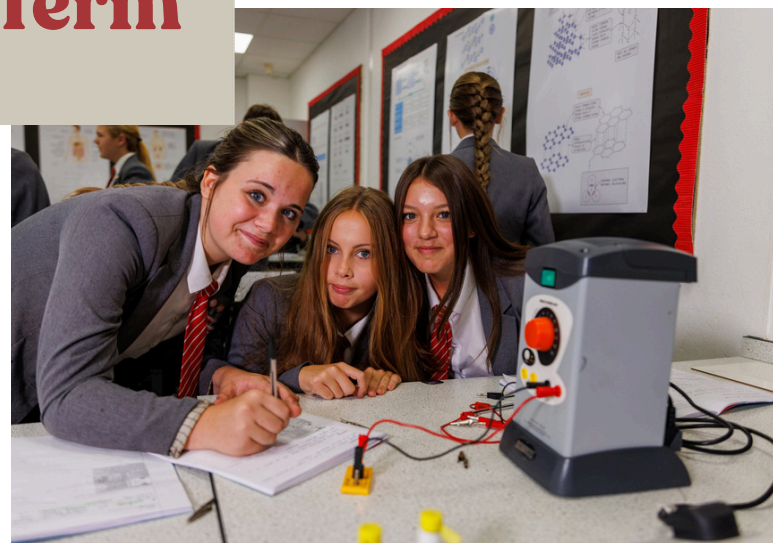






Autumn Half Term











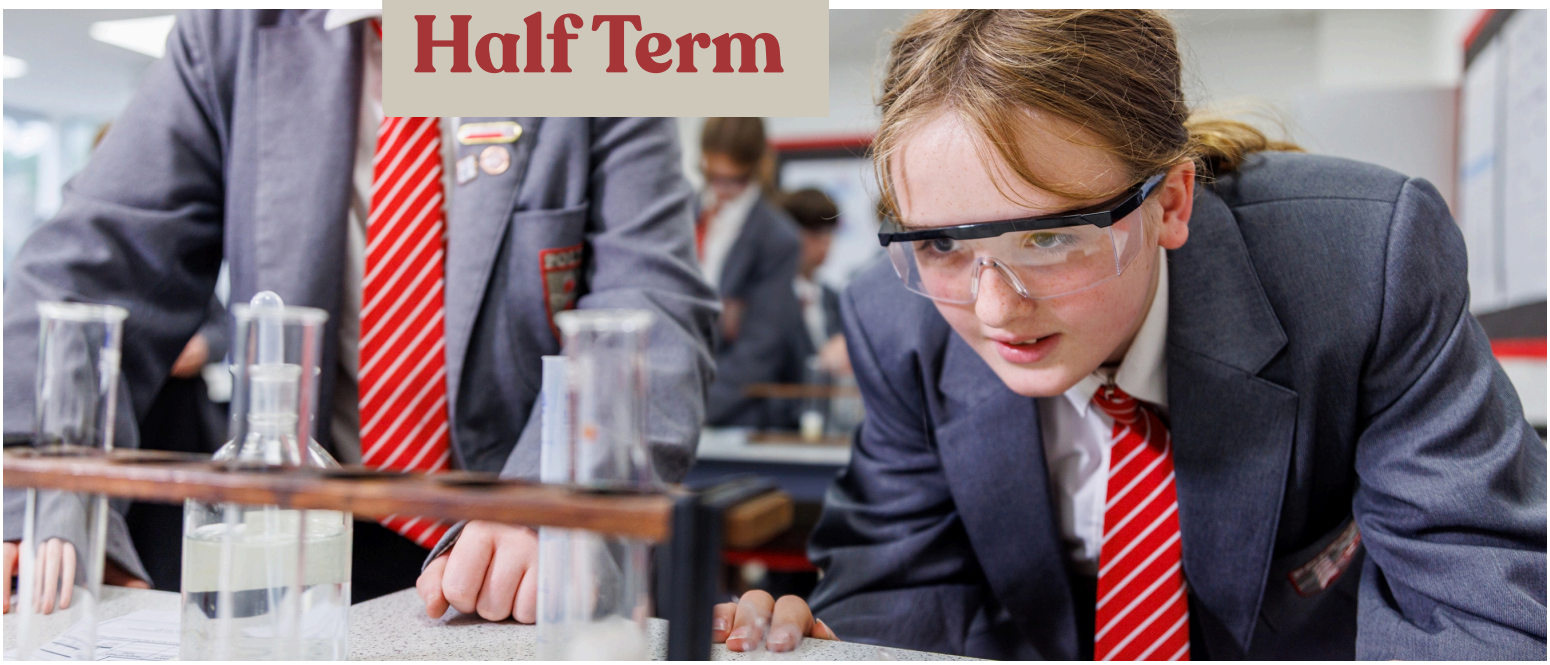








Autumn Half Term













COMMUNITY CORNER

Local events and support n the St Austell and surrounding areas.

October Half Term Fun for All Ages at St Austell Library!

Mapping of a Nation

A talk with Mike Thompson on the history of OS Maps

Mon 26th Oct, 6.30pm

Tickets £5 to include a drink



Halloween Family Bingo



Wed 28th Oct, 6pm

Six fun games & a flyer for only £5 per adult, £2.50 per child!

Fancy dress optional but encouraged!

Spooky Story Time!

Fri 30th Oct, 10am

Drop in for spooOOOky stories! For ages 0-10

Fancy dress optional but encouraged!





Halloween Silent Disco

Fri 30th Oct, 6-7.30pm

For ages 4-11. Tickets £1 per pair of headphones. Spectators FREE!

Kid's Book Group

Sat 31st Oct, 11am-12pm

For ages 4-11. In partnership with St Austell Festival of Children's Literature



Available every day in half term!

PLUS: Colouring table! Library Treasure Hunt!

Information Classification: PUBLIC

Family Drop-In Sessions

For Parents and Carers of Neurodivergent Children, with or without a diagnosis

A friendly and welcoming space to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share experiences and ideas
- Access support and information
- Feel empowered and connected

Children are welcome.
No booking required, just drop in.



St. Austell Family Hub, White River Place

Friday 13th November | 9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 27th November | 9.30am – 11.30am

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Supporting every child to **Thrive**

Meet our therapy team

At CELT, we are proud to have a dedicated Therapy Team supporting our schools throughout the 2026-27 academic year.

The team includes Educational Psychologists, an Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapists, and a Speech and Language Therapy Apprentice.

Working alongside school staff, they help create inclusive learning environments where every child can thrive, learn and succeed.
Throughout the year, the team may:

- Visit schools and classrooms
- Observe learning environments
- Model effective strategies for staff
- Deliver training and professional development
- Provide advice that supports pupils across classes and schools

You may see members of the Therapy Team in school, interacting with pupils as part of their work to support staff and enhance learning environments. These interactions help develop inclusive approaches that benefit all children.

At CELT, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to flourish, and our Therapy Team plays an important role in helping our schools provide the support children need to reach their full potential.

Sarah King
Educational Psychologist



I work with young people to find out what their strengths are, what they love spending their time doing and what they tend to find more challenging.

I use this information to work with them, their teachers and their families to help them make the changes they would like to see. I work hard to try and make things go as smoothly as possible for young people in school.

Louise Ryves
Speech and Language Therapist



I support young people with communication skills. This can be anything from understanding what is said to them, to being able to ask for the things they need, to being able to talk to and be with friends.

I meet with them and we may carry out some activities together so that I can find out about their strengths and the things they find harder. We work together find effective ways around things that are tricky for them.

Morwenna Boisseau
Paediatric Occupational therapist



I help children and young people take part in the things they need and want to do at home, at school and in everyday life .

I spend time finding out what helps them feel safe and ready to learn. We then work together to find ways to make practical everyday activites feel more manageable.

Wendy Thomas
Educational Psychologist



I work with young people to find out what their strengths are, what they love spending their time doing and what you find more challenging.

I use this information to work with you, your teachers and your family to help you make any changes you would like to see. My main goal is to help things go as smoothly as possible for children and young people in school.