

# Curnow School Newsletter

## March Edition

### Headteacher Update



There are a lot of proposed changes within the World of SEN at the moment including the SEND White Paper.

The Government's SEND White Paper (Every Child Achieving and Thriving), published in February 2026, sets out major reforms to the way support for children with special educational needs and disabilities will work across England. The aim is to make the system simpler, more consistent, and more supportive for families

I have tried to 'tease' out some key information for parents about what this might mean for children with EHCP's

#### **EHCPs Are Staying – But Reserved for the Most Complex Needs**

- EHCPs remain in place but will be targeted more narrowly.  
**Key points:**
- EHCPs will be for children with "the most severe and complex needs."
- Plans will be digitised and tied to standardised national provision packages.
- From 2029, EHCP reviews will align with secondary school transition points.

#### **Timeline – When Will These Changes Affect You?**

This is a long term reform programme:

2026 – White Paper published; consultation running until 18 May 2026.

2029 – Assessments for the new system begin; changes start phasing in.

2030 – No changes to existing EHCPs before this date.

#### Dates for diaries

#### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

2nd April – 20th April

#### **Monday**

#### **20th April**

Immunisations - Years 8 & 9

#### **Friday 1st May**

Upper School Performance

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## **Major New Investment in SEND**

The reforms are backed by over £7 billion in funding.

### **What This Means for Your Child — In Plain English**

#### **Your child should benefit from:**

- Better early support
- More consistency across schools and councils
- More access to specialists
- A digital plan that follows them between settings
- Stronger inclusion in mainstream schools

### **Want to Respond? You Have a Say**

You can take part in the government consultation (open until 18 May 2026) to share your views

Perran Moon our local MP is also keen to engage with parents and carers on this subject. His contact information is below:

Perran Moon

Member of Parliament for Camborne, Redruth, Hayle and Villages

Constituency Office: Office 12, Chi Tevyans, Trevenson Park, Pool, Cornwall,  
TR15 3FY

London Office: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

# Lower School



## Tehidy

Tehidy class have been learning about different types of transport, a hit with our children! Transport links directly to life skills such as: recognising vehicles, learning about road safety, about journeys and the world around us. Using the trikes and scooters outside, through Art, transport rhymes, music and stories, the children were very busy learning about transport the Tehidy way! We invited our other friends from Curnow to join us for a whole school transport art session, exploring and experimenting in our own way and of course enjoying lots of mess!



# Lower School



We were very lucky to head off to a trip to Lappa Valley, supporting our Transport theme in school. Enjoying the trains, lots of climbing and playing with our friends. We are very lucky to have so many parents and carers that come and join us. This support means we enjoy these special days as a whole community!

Thank you Parents and carers!



# Lower School



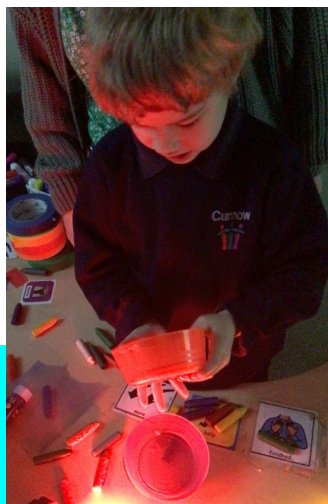
*A visit from the Tate.*

*Palais de Danse project*



We are very lucky to have been asked to work with the Tate on their new project "Palais De Danse". The Palais De Danse was once a workshop for Barbara Hepworth and is now being transformed into a multi purpose venue for community events. We were lucky to have the artist Natasha Macvoy visit in school, working with our children on exploring and creating some sensory based art work. Natasha and her team were blown away with how amazing our children engaged and participated.

Natasha and the team from the Tate are creating space that can support all children and families in accessing this space and to have this experience with our children has helped them identify what maybe required and how to develop the space accessible to all!. It's a very exciting project for us at Curnow!



# Upper School



## ROCK CLASS

Rock Class had a wonderful time crafting lemon and rosemary body scrubs from scratch as special handmade

Mother's Day gifts.

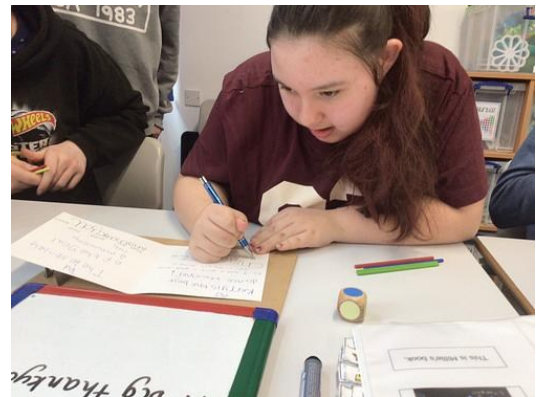


# Upper School



## ROCK CLASS

Students have been working incredibly hard to develop their maths and English skills this term.





Our wonderful students attended the annual RLG Dance at the Regal Cinema in Redruth alongside other schools from the Redruth Learning Group. They delivered a fantastic performance based on the theme of musicals. The first dance was a joint performance with Redruth School, while the second was a standalone routine by our students.

A big thank you to Kerry Raymond for all of her hard work with the children and for helping to teach and prepare the dances.





A big thank you to all the families who purchased Mother's Day gifts from Curnow Creative. We hope you all loved your gifts! Keep an eye out for our next shop.

# Help and Advice



## Meningitis outbreak: Symptoms and what you need to know



Following an outbreak in Kent, here's a clear guide to what meningitis is, how it spreads and the symptoms to look for...

### What meningitis is

Meningitis is an infection of the protective membranes around the brain and spinal cord. It can affect anyone, but it's most common in babies, children, teenagers and young adults.

### Symptoms of meningitis

A high temperature, headache, vomiting and a stiff neck. People may also become sensitive to bright lights, feel very sleepy or confused, or have seizures.

### Causes of meningitis

It is usually caused by a bacterial or viral infection. Bacterial meningitis is rarer but more serious than viral meningitis.

### How meningitis spreads

Through coughing, sneezing, kissing or close contact with someone carrying the bacteria or viruses in their nose or throat. It can spread from someone with meningitis, but this is less common.

### How serious meningitis can be

Without quick treatment, meningitis can lead to sepsis, brain or nerve damage, hearing loss - or can be fatal. Some people are left with long-term complications even after treatment.

### Treatment for meningitis

- Viral meningitis usually gets better on its own.
- Bacterial meningitis needs urgent hospital treatment - typically antibiotics, fluids and oxygen. Most people treated quickly make a full recovery.

If you think you or someone you know has meningitis, call 999 for an ambulance or go to the nearest A&E



Source: NHS / Press Association

## WORKSHOP HOPES

- Create a calm, safe, co-regulated, supportive space for children to creatively explore their anxiety with their parent/carer.
- Support children to understand why we feel anxious and what happens in our brain and body when we feel anxious.
- Empower children to experiment with different strategies to help calm their nervous systems.
- Create connection and co-regulation opportunities for children and their parent/carers.
- Support children to know they are not alone in their anxiety, and they have the wisdom and power to calm anxious thoughts, feelings, sensations and behaviours.

*This workshop is aimed at children aged 6-11 who experience any form of anxiety. It is presumed that all children attending will be able to communicate verbally or with an aid, be able to be in a room with others and sit, listen and interact calmly. To create a calm environment suitable for children who may be feeling anxious, we will only be offering 10 child spaces and 10 parent/carer spaces. Lunch will not be provided.*

BOOK VIA  
PARENT CARERS CORNWALL  
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## UNDERSTANDING MY ANXIETY

A CREATIVE & INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP FOR 6-11 YEAR OLDS AND A PARENT/CARER

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL  
10.30AM - 1PM

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WITH



**FIONA KILLICK**  
INTEGRATIVE PSYCHOTHERAPIST

From  
littlebirdhouse.com



## UNDERSTANDING MY ANXIETY

A CREATIVE & INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP FOR TEENS AND A PARENT/CARER

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL  
10.30AM - 1PM

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## WORKSHOP HOPES

- Create a calm, safe, co-regulated, supportive space for teens to creatively explore their anxiety.
- Support teens to understand how our brain changes in adolescence.
- Explore why we feel anxious and what happens in our brain and body when we feel anxious.
- Empower teens to experiment with a range of strategies to help calm their anxiety pathways and nervous system; and support them to understand that they have the wisdom and power to calm anxious thoughts, feelings, sensations and behaviours.
- Create connection and the power of the shared experience with other teens.
- Create a separate space for parents/carers to connect, be listened to and share their experiences, if their teens are happy to interact independently.

*This workshop is aimed at children aged 12-18 who experience any form of anxiety. It is presumed that all teens attending will be able to communicate verbally or with an aid, be able to be in a room with others and sit, listen and interact calmly. To create a calm environment suitable for teens who may be feeling anxious, we will only be offering 10 teen spaces and 10 parent/carer spaces. Lunch will not be provided.*

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# Community Events



National Autistic Society Redruth and District Young Adults Group (NASRADYAG)

A social group that meets every Monday evening at Illogan Village Hall, 7 - 9 PM

Open to everyone on the spectrum age 18-30

We offer a range of activities including:

Pool; Table Tennis;  
Gaming;  
Board Games;  
Karaoke;  
Crafting;

Meals out and a varying range of other social activities.



For more details contact Carole on 07484 864913 or email: [Redruthdistrictyoungadult.group@nas.org.uk](mailto:Redruthdistrictyoungadult.group@nas.org.uk)

**SUPERHERO VS Unicorn BOUNCE PARK**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

With Little Eden Entertainment in Carn Brea Leisure Centre Sportshall

**Sessions:**  
9:00-10:30 - General Session  
10:45-12:15 - SEND and Sibling  
12:30-14:00 - General Session  
14:15-15:45 - General Session  
16:00-17:30 - General Session

**SUPERHERO AND UNICORN CASTLES  
MEGA SLIDES | DIDI CAR TRACK |  
GIANT OBSTACLE COURSE  
| GIANT GAMES | TODDLER AREA | SWEETS & TREATS**

**UNDER 14'S: £10  
ADULTS: £1**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Free Teatime Community Meal**

**A warm welcome, with tasty hot food and great company!  
No referral or voucher needed  
All diets catered for**

**Menu This Term**

- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - Chilli
- March 4<sup>th</sup> - No meal
- March 11<sup>th</sup> - Mushroom risotto
- March 18<sup>th</sup> - Pizza
- March 25<sup>th</sup> - Sweet potato & chickpea curry
- April 1<sup>st</sup> - Cauliflower mac & cheese

**To book please email [bex@gwealantops.org](mailto:bex@gwealantops.org) by midday on Tuesday (the day before)**

Gwealan Tops Adventure Playground, School Lane, Redruth, TR15 2ER  
[www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)

**Wasson Wednesdays**

**Easter Fun!**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April  
10am - 3.30pm

Site entry **FREE**

- Egg Nature Trail **£1**
- DIY Craft Kits **£2.00**
- Spring Crowns **£1**

**Pop up café serving drinks, snacks and cakes.**

Join us for a fun-filled day celebrating spring. Make a spring crown and explore our site on our egg themed treasure hunt. We invite you to bring a picnic to enjoy in our beautiful grounds.

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