

# Curnow School Newsletter

## April 2026 Edition

### Headteacher Update



Following last month's Newsletter about the White Paper and changes within SEN, I thought this month I would focus on the Ofsted changes, which are a few years away for us as a school but it will soon come around!

#### **New Ofsted Inspection Changes**

From November 2025, Ofsted has changed the way schools are inspected and reported on. Schools no longer receive a single overall grade. Instead, parents and carers will see a detailed report card, with separate judgements for key areas such as teaching, behaviour, inclusion and well-being.

A new five point grading scale is used, giving a clearer and fairer picture of a school's strengths and areas for development. Safeguarding remains a priority and is judged as either met or not met.

These changes aim to give families clearer, more meaningful information and a more balanced view of school life.

It is more than likely that schools will get a much more 'mixed' score card which ranges from 'Urgent Improvement' through to 'Exceptional'. We always focus on what is important for the children at Curnow School and this is what drives us to provide the best possible education and school experience for every single child. What we believe is that Ofsted when they do come agree with our high expectation and ambitions that we hold and can see the progress our amazing children are making.

If you would like more information I have included a link

[Education inspection framework: for use from November 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

I promise next month to have a much more light hearted article!!

#### Dates for diaries

##### Tuesday 5th May

Inset day

##### Wednesday 13th May

Parent information morning 9.30-10.30

##### Tuesday 19th May

Parent information evening 6.00-7.00

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## Sowenna

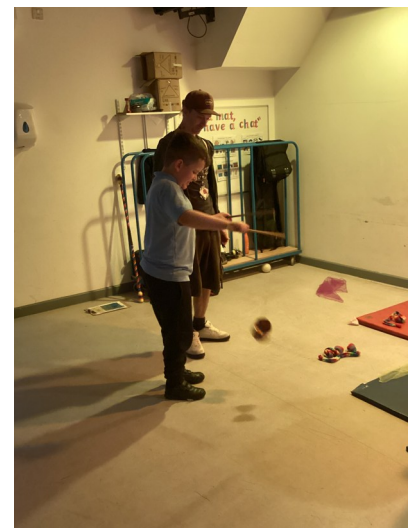


In Sowenna this term we have been looking at being helpful and how to be a kind friend. This has linked in with our RE topic. The lovely Claire delivered a lesson on Maundy Thursday and the children got to share bread and juice and then have their feet washed as part of the lesson. All the children loved it and we got to have lots of fun in class!

In PE, we are concentrating on racket sports and using them with balloons and tennis balls, working on our hand eye co-ordination to keep them up in the air!

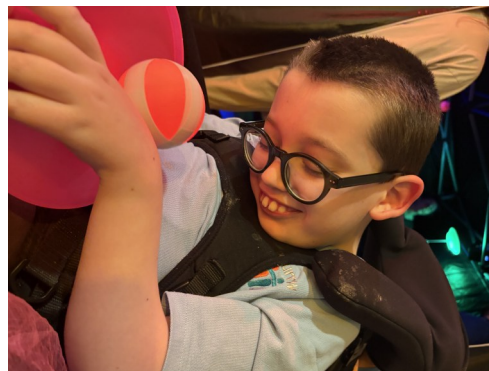


## Sowenna



We have taken part in some circus skills sessions and loved every minute of using the different equipment and being in the huge sensory tent. In cooking we have made Gingerbread men biscuits! They were yummy and delicious!

# Lower School



Here is a snapshot of our circus skills session at Lower! We all had the best time!

# Upper School



## TOLCARNE CLASS



In Tolcarne, we have been working on our numeracy and literacy skills as well as our independence and life skills. Students have been learning to brush their teeth, dress themselves, keep themselves clean and collect their own plate as well as returning dirty dishes at snack and lunch time. We have also been enjoying time outside in the beautiful weather, playing with our friends and taking part in many activities.

# Upper School



## TOLCARNE CLASS



We have been enjoying our cooking sessions, alongside trying new foods and eating healthily, making choices of healthy foods and choosing our preferred food to eat.

# Community Events



**THE HUB** BY SKILLS OVER SCHOOL PROJECT CIC

## SEND SIBLINGS SOCIAL GROUP

MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BE YOURSELF, HAVE FUN!

A SPACE JUST FOR SIBLINGS TO RELAX, CONNECT & HAVE FUN!

**TUESDAYS 6PM - 7.30PM**

A fun, supportive group for brothers and sisters of children with additional needs.

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- CHILL TIME & CHAT
- A SAFE & UNDERSTANDING SPACE

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE. YOU BELONG HERE.**

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Games, crafts & creative activities
- Team challenges & fun tasks
- A chance to be heard
- Make friends who really get it
- Time just for YOU!

**AT THE HUB**  
7 PENRYN STREET  
REDRUTH TR15 2SP

**DONATIONS ONLY**  
SUGGESTED £5

**A PLACE TO BE YOURSELF, HAVE FUN & FEEL SUPPORTED**

NO NEED TO BOOK - JUST TURN UP!  
PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY OR DROP OFF.

EVERYONE WELCOME. ALWAYS RESPECTED.

FIND US ON:  
Skills Over School Project CIC  
skillsoverschoolproject

**THE HUB**  
PROVIDING SUPPORT, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**GWEALAN TOPS**  
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

21st April - 22nd May

**Adventure Playground**  
Tuesday - Friday 3:30pm-6pm  
Saturday 12-4pm

**Youth Club (13+)**  
Friday 6pm-7.30pm

**FREE ENTRY**  
**GWEALAN TOPS**  
School Lane  
Redruth  
TR15 2ER

**AGES 7+**

**Open from Tuesday to Saturday**

**CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED**

01209 697 717  
www.gwealantops.org

**COMMUNITY FUND**



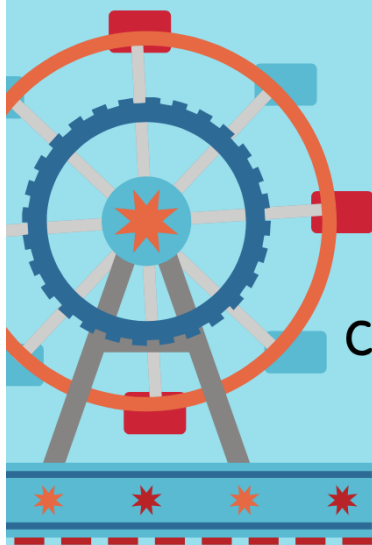
## SUMMER FAYRE

**SATURDAY 4TH  
JULY  
10AM TO 1PM**

JOIN US FOR THIS  
YEAR'S SUMMER FAYRE!

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC,  
GREAT STALLS, TASTY  
FOOD, AND LOADS OF  
FUN FOR ALL AGES.

CURNOW UPPER SCHOOL  
DRUMP ROAD  
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