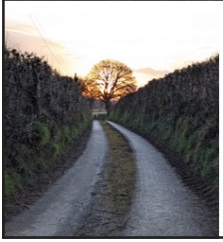
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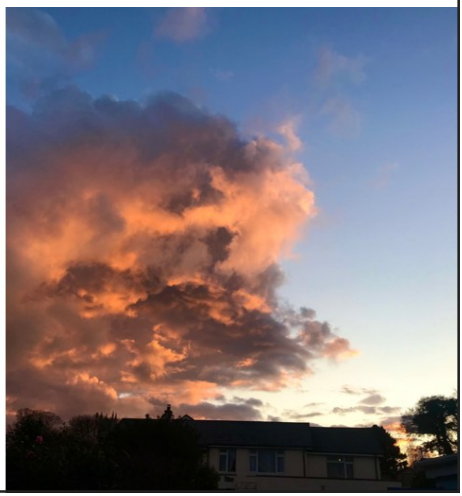
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Parish Council Update

The March Parish Council meeting was pushed back one week to Wednesday 19th March, which was too late for the print deadline of the magazine.



The Parish Council will be holding a free cream tea in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th May from 2-5pm to celebrate the 80th commemoration of VE Day. All welcome.

There are currently some councillor vacancies. If you are interested, please contact the clerk for further details.

The Wind Turbine Grant form can now be downloaded from the parish website www.southpetherwin.com.

To contact the Parish Council: Parish Council Clerk (Linda Coles): parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org
Parish Council Chairman: Phil Parsons Tel 01566 777179 mobile 07737 008416, email philparsouthpetherwinpc.gmail.com
Parish Council Vice-chair: Adrian Finnimore Tel 01566 772440
Other councillors: Roger Kneebone; Julie Barlow; Maria Lewis; John Ashdown; Mary-Ann Screech
The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. May - October they are held in the Village Hall, November -April they are held in the Methodist Chapel Hall.

Note: Planning applications can be viewed via the Cornwall Council website Planning Portal and by searching for the application number. If you want to comment on an application, you will need to register first.
Planning application decisions can also be seen on the Parish Council meeting minutes on the parish website.

Welcome to the March/April issue....

Finally spring is starting to make an appearance. Recently we have enjoyed some beautiful skies, as can be seen from the front cover. Thanks go to (top to bottom, left to right): Daniel Bees, Paula Stagg, John Ashdown x 2, Sue Vernon.
We also had a lunar eclipse - see photos below from Emma White, left (a still from a video) and Daniel Bees, right.



Thanks to Sylvia Payne for this photo of a pheasant visitor she had in her garden.

Apart from the amazing skies, there is plenty going on down on the ground! There are lots of events coming up in the parish, including the celebration of 80 years of VE Day. We hope that you enjoy the magazine. **Alison Barham, Editor**





Flowerpot Festival 2025

29th August—6th September



We are pleased to say that there will be another Flowerpot Festival this year at the end of August and into early September, sponsored by the Village Hall. There will be similar activities to last year, including prizes for the best flowerpot creations, activities throughout the week and the Craft and Produce Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th September. Please contact Alison for more details on **alisonbarham21@gmail.com**



January came to an end with Storm Eowyn crashing in with the strongest winds to hit the British Isles in a decade, and Storm Herminia bringing a deluge of rain. The fields became saturated, with water running off them like I haven't seen for years. Thankfully, the sheep were warm and dry, keeping us busy in the lambing shed! Every year is different, but the same challenges remain. It was pleasing not to see the complication of Schmallenberg running through the flock this year, with lambs being presented as they should be. However, there has been a noticeable reduction in the number of lambs born, with many singles. February turned out to be one of the kindest for a long time, hopefully the lambs will thrive when turned out into the fields.

At the most recent Full Council meeting, Cornwall Council approved its budget for 2025/26, which will protect frontline services and address the financial challenges facing local government across the country. The budget adopted by the council will see a 4.99% increase in Council Tax rates, which includes a 2% levy to be used for adult social care. The plans include an increase of £22 million in the council's net spending on care for adults and children.

Cornwall Council is one of the largest local authorities in the country, based on population served and geography covered. Its 2025/26 capital budget will include £173 million to create new school places and repair school buildings, investments in appliance replacements for Cornwall Fire and Rescue, new technology to create modern, low-carbon ways of working, and £1.5 billion on projects to support economic growth, maintain the transport network, and create homes and jobs for local people.

The Final Local Government Settlement issued on 3rd February unbelievably made the funding situation even more unfair and urban-biased. Without any prior consultation, the Government 'repurposed' the entire £105 million Rural Services Delivery Grant, so the £5.3 million we had assumed to get for 2025/26 evaporated. To add insult to injury, the Government created a new 'one-off' £600 million Recovery Grant which was allocated almost exclusively to urban metropolitan councils. It had been assumed we would receive at least £2.7 million from the Recovery Grant, but have received nothing. In the interest of balance, a larger social care grant had been received than budgeted, but overall, the Settlement left us with a deficit of around £5 million to fund. The council also needed to find £1 million to cover the shortfall in the money allocated to cover the increase in NI employer contributions. All in all, we again see the Government fail to adequately address issues, such as funding for adult social care. With the council now over a billion pounds in debt and haemorrhaging money, it feels like this is now a cycle that has become the norm. The very real concern is that there is no improvement in sight!

With Plusha now being the worst accident blackspot in Cornwall, one of the positives to come out of the budget was that the Conservative administration took on board the importance of how change was required here and included £250,000 to support a full review of options to construct a grade-separated junction at Plusha on the A30 and associated business case in their 2025-26 budget, as I had requested in a recent

motion. By taking this initiative, the council have clearly demonstrated its long-term commitment to road safety in the county and a clear understanding of the impact that substandard sections of the A30, such as the Plusha junction, have on the wellbeing of residents and road users, local connectivity, and Cornwall's economic prosperity. Whilst the decision of Cornwall Council to take the lead in resolving the issues at Plusha is a milestone, it is just the beginning of a lengthy process.

Finally, with the council elections looming on the 1st of May, it has been a privilege to serve the people of South Petherwin over the past four years. I have always endeavoured to work hard and stand up for our community, whether fighting to save our leisure centre, library, adult education centre, or to retain the free school transport for the children from the village to get to Launceston College - just some of the issues we've tackled head-on and won over this period. There are areas where I feel there is still unfinished business, which is why I have decided to stand again in the Cornwall Council elections on May 1st. As always, your support is appreciated and never taken for granted.

Email: cllr.adrian.parsons@cornwall.gov.uk

STERTS UPDATE MARCH 2025

Sterts' newly refurbished theatre officially opened on St Piran's day with a Cornish ceilidh and hot pasties. The studio, conservatory and café are now being refurbished and will hopefully be operational again in April sometime. There are many visiting theatres booked for the rest of the season, including some tribute acts, the Band of the Royal Marines, Seth Lakeman and the ever popular and excellent Camp Theatre, amongst others. They are all listed on the website. There are also plans for some 'Foodie' events, which will be announced in due course. The website will direct you to Ticket Source where you can book (www.sterts.co.uk).

There will not, however, be any Sterts own productions of any kind this year. *Sue Vernon*

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

Friendship Lunch at The Frog and Bucket for our parish seniors @ 12.30 on Thursday 27th March and Thursday 24th April

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SOUPER THURSDAY

Claire Ashdown

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It was a great community gathering which was very welcome and much appreciated on such a cold February day.

Here are some of the links from the police:

- To report driving offences, such as Speeding and Careless or Inconsiderate driving when you have a video: https://operationsnap.devon-cornwall.police.uk/. The footage needs to be unedited and show one minute before and one minute after the incident.
- Any other incident can be reported here: https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/ro/report/
- Information on Community Speed Watch (CSW) can be found at: https://roadsafety.devon-cornwall.police.uk/csw
- There was also a question on CCTV. Advice on domestic CCTV can be found here: https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/home-cctv-systems/





South Petherwin Village Hall

Forthcoming events:



Friday 28th March & Friday 25th April
Booking is essential. Contact John or Claire as per details below.
Doors open 6.15pm - Eyes down @ 7pm

Pilates: Thursdays 6-7pm and 7.15-8.15pm
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VE Day celebrations!
Thursday 8th May 2-4pm with hall team AND
Saturday 10th May 2-5pm Parish Council Cream Tea

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To join the committee, please contact the Secretary **Claire Ashdown on 471299 or email claire.ashdown@live.co.uk**

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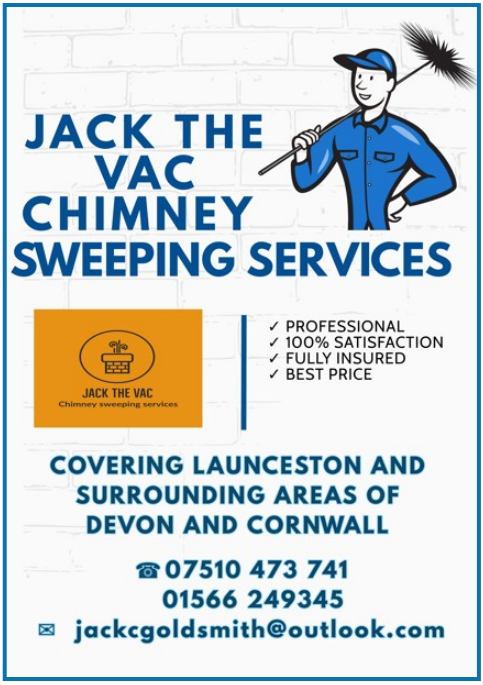


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11th June	Marwood Hill Gardens, Barnstaple
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AE PERFORMANCE CENTRE

A brand new INDOOR ASTRO TURF FOOTBALL PITCH has opened at Trethorne Business Park, Kennards House (the old vintage clothes building).
ANDREW ELCOCK a local lad from South Petherwin has loved football all his life. He started playing for Southgate at age 5 and was soon enrolled at the Argyle development centre at Duchy College. At age 12 he signed for Plymouth Argyle Academy and played at many big clubs all over the country. Age 16 he was awarded an apprenticeship with Argyle which was his dream come true to be playing football everyday and getting paid for it, unfortunately at age 18 he didn't receive a professional contract which was a huge blow so plan B had to come in. Andrew moved to Bristol and trained as a personal trainer, worked in schools coaching football and continued playing football at a high standard. Andrew moved back to South Petherwin just before lockdown and started coaching local children; this is where the dream of having his own pitch to train on began. Over the last few years he has built up a large group of children that he regularly coaches.
After months of planning and hard work the AE PERFORMANCE CENTRE opened just in time for February half term which has been a huge success for the children (and the adults are no longer getting cold and wet on the sidelines).
Andrew concentrates on coaching 1 to 1 sessions, small groups, mini sessions, girls only sessions, masterclass sessions and you can even have a football birthday party. He is also hoping to do adult walking football sessions.



You can follow Andrew on all social media platforms, Instagram, Facebook etc or you can give him a call on 07528 147192 to book sessions or for any other information.
GOOD LUCK TO ANDREW ON HIS NEW BUSINESS VENTURE

Vanessa Elcock

Celebrating 80 years since VE Day!



Help needed: to make the poppies to cover the bank by the war memorial and to make some displays for the hall and in church. Also, help to design the pictures and displays. Red, white, black and purple poppies needed, or donations of any spare double-knit wool.
Please contact Olive for more information
Olivestevens5@gmail.com, messenger or WhatsApp.



KNIT A POPPY

Cast on 60 sts using 4mm needles and red DK yarn.

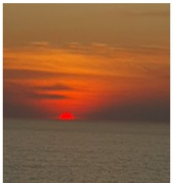
Rows 1-8 (K2,P2,) to end

Row 9 (K2tog) to end (30 sts)

Row 10 (S2kpo) to end (10 sts)

Break off yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining 10 sts and pull tight, then fasten off yarn. Join the edges of the poppy together and sew a black button in the centre.









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Weather lore



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When the sky turns red, it indicates that the sun is shining through an atmosphere filled with dust and other particles. These conditions are often associated with high pressure and fair weather.

Weather generally moves from the west to the east, due to dominating westerly wind patterns, so this means that the conditions in the western sky during sunset can provide a glimpse into the weather ahead, so a red sky at sunset means high pressure is moving in from the west and suggests clear skies are on the way. Conversely, skies in the east may signal what has already passed so a fiery red sunrise means that high pressure has already passed, leaving behind moisture-rich air and signalling that a storm system could now be approaching

BUT

According to the old saying, if it rains on St Swithin's Day it will rain for the next 40 days. If St Swithin's Day is dry, the next 40 days will also be dry. Weather experts say that since records began in 1861, there has never been a record of 40 dry or 40 wet days in a row following St Swithin's Day. So while we might not like 40 days of rain and 40 days of sun sounds fun, neither is likely to happen!

AND

Oak before ash, in for a splash

Ash before oak, in for a soak

Both tree species come into leaf around the same time of year, between late March and May, but the precise timing of an oak tree's leafing is mainly determined by temperature, while ash trees are more heavily influenced by the number of daylight hours. If spring arrives early, with high temperatures in February and March, oak trees are likely to leaf first; if cold conditions persist into April, ash will probably have the advantage.

As our climate changes, Britain is experiencing increasingly warm spring months, which has a marked effect on our woodlands. Oak trees have recently been leafing around two weeks earlier than they did 30 years ago, while ash trees are leafing only 7-10 days earlier. Ash used to leaf before oak at least 30% of the time, but now less than 3%.

Does this matter? The problem is that ash and oak often compete for resources. Whichever trees leaf first tends to win the battle for canopy space, and ash trees are increasingly losing out. This will have a significant impact on the biodiversity of our woodlands in the future.

Lavinia Archer

Dates to remember

Thursday 27th March	Friendship lunch see page 5	The Frog & Bucket	Claire Ashdown 471299	12.30
Friday 28th March	Bingo night see page 11	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Monday 31st March	Friendship Group see page 25	Methodist Hall	Joan Whale 772847	2-4pm
Saturday 5th April	St Paternus Church coffee morning	Village Hall	D Adams 774244	10-12
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Saturday 10th May	VE Day cream tea with Parish Council	Village Hall	Phil Parsons 777179	2-5pm
Weds 14th May	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	7pm
Every Monday	Bell ringers	St Paternus Church	Sue Vernon 772640	Evening
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Malcolm Tulip 01566 451154	10am
Every Tuesday	SING!	The Frog & Bucket	Sam Davies 07950 371796	7.30pm-9.30pm
Every Thursday	Pilates	Village Hall	Andrea Roberts andiec@yahoo.co.uk	6-7 & 7.15-8.15pm

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Non-emergency medical calls	111
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Trading Standards	0808 223 1133

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South Petherwin (on the wall of the public toilets) - stressed.curated.cuddled - C123X

Cricket Club - minute.culling.nosedive - C159X

Daws House Tregaller Lane (Stenlakes) - chap.respected.metals C159X

Parish Council - see page 2

St Paternus Church - see page 20 for information on services

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Brian Davis	01566 782936

Methodist Chapel - Sunday Service at 11am

Minister Rev John Haley	01822 833634
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Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sundy 23rd March	10.15am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning (1st Saturday)	Saturday 5th April	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches, cake **in the Village Hall**
Eucharist (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 13th April	9.30am	With Reverend Sean Clancy
Stations of the Cross - coffee morning	Saturday 19th April	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Easter Sunday Service	Sunday 20th April	10.15am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sunday 27th April	10.15am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
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Church Warden – 01566 782936
Facebook: Saint Paternus Community South Petherwin

Pancake Party!





On Saturday 1st March we had fun in the Village Hall. Well done to Sylvia who set the target of 20 flips! Pat met the target and the runners up bravely tried, some for the first time! Sue flipped the highest—not quite ceiling height, but getting that way! Thank you Julie & Charlotte for making pancakes! They were enjoyed with toppings and fillings. Bacon and maple syrup, lemon and syrup, sugar, Nutella, peanut butter—just scrumptious!

Next coffee morning is April 6th from 10am in the Village Hall—all welcome.

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GARDENING MATTERS

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March marks the beginning of spring and a new growing season. The days get longer and the sun warmer, allowing us to get outdoors and brings hope and excitement for a long summer to come.

Jobs in March & April

Plant: *Increase snowdrops in your garden by lifting and splitting them in the green as the flowers fade and replanting in groups. Where perennials have outgrown their space, dig them up in clumps and divide them with a spade and replant elsewhere or share with others. Check container grown plants, feed and top up with soil or repot if they have become root-bound. Start sowing indoors or in a greenhouse hardy vegetables, salad and flowers. Start outdoor planting of broad beans, shallots and onion sets. Chit early potatoes to encourage shoots before planting on a warm day in April. Last chance to plant bare root trees, shrubs and fruit bushes.*

Prune: *Prune roses removing dead, diseased or damaged stems and cutting cleanly above an outward facing bud. Aim for an open structure without any crossing stems in the centre. Mulch well round the bottom and apply a rose fertilizer. Deadhead hydrangeas and cut stems back to a pair of green buds to make an even framework. If very congested, cut out 1/3 of the oldest stems back to the base to eg. can be cut back hard. Cornus winter stems can be hard pruned now to produce bright coloured stems for late winter colour next year.*





Spring flowering Pulmonerias, Primroses and Camelias

SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH

Methodist Church Friendship Group

Despite the poor weather at the end of January, a hardy group of people arrived for the Friendship Group meeting. As the RSPB had just held the annual Great British Bird Watch we continued the 'birds' theme at our meeting and all decorated bird feeding boxes to take home for their gardens. We hope our local wild bird populations will enjoy the artistic endeavours and come to eat the seeds on offer. It seems many of those at the meeting already feed the birds visiting their gardens, so we are doing our bit for wildlife.

The weather continued cold and wet during the following month, but all too soon we arrived at the end of February and our next meeting. This time friends were missing due to visits to hospital – we send best wishes to you all and hope to see you fit and well again soon. We were joined at our February meeting by Anna Harrison, local PCSO covering, among other villages, South Petherwin. Anna spent time chatting to everyone and handing out leaflets about cold-callers and the need to keep property safe (particularly items in garden sheds). She enjoyed her time with us and promised to call in again when her visits to South Petherwin co-ordinated with the last Monday of the month. As we were thinking of the police service, our quiz was based on TV detectives, mysteries and sleuths – this sorted out the TV addicts who knew all the answers!



Angela and Michael Noakes

Our picture shows Anna enjoying tea, cake and a chat

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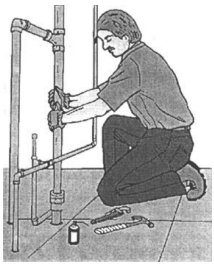
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An unexpected enthusiast for Pre-Raphaelite art

This time last year, my wife and I made our first visit to her mother's new home in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. We now visit as often we can and, because of the distances involved, try to make a bit of a holiday of our expedition. Pembrokeshire is a beautiful county in a part of the Principality sometimes called 'Little England beyond Wales'. We take our collie dogs with us when we are able and in one dog-friendly café we formed a friendship with one of the servers – we think she probably likes the dogs more than us but that's another story!

We asked our new friend, Rachel, if she had always lived in the beautiful part of the world she calls 'home' and she replied that, although she was born and brought up in West Wales, she had lived in different parts of the United Kingdom, including Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, not so far from London. I asked if there were anything she missed from the other places she had lived. Without hesitation she replied, 'the art galleries', explaining that she had done a short course with the Open University and had unexpectedly become an enthusiast for Pre-Raphaelite art.



About eight years ago, I had to make a visit to Winson Green Prison in Birmingham and while there took the opportunity to visit the church of St Martin's in Bullring. I admired the stained-glass and discovered that it was designed by the Pre-Raphaelite artist Edward Burne Jones. Consequently, I had heard of the Pre-Raphaelites but did not know much about them. They simply wanted art to return to the abundant detail, intense colours and complexity of earlier days and artists of the same mind formed a loose association, the 'Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood'.

Dante Gabriel Rosetti was a Pre-Raphaelite and his sister, Christina Georgina Rosetti, modelled for some of the paintings. She also wrote poetry, including the Christmas carol, 'In the bleak midwinter'. Methodist Churches do not normally have much stained glass but our chapel at South Petherwin is an exception. At the front of the building is a stained-glass memorial, presented by the Werring family, based on the painting by the Pre-Raphaelite, William Holman Hunt. The painting was so popular that the artist, himself, made two copies – the original in Keble College, and the others are in Manchester City Art Gallery and St Paul's Cathedral.



The painting is inspired by the words of Jesus from the Gospel, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life' (John 8:12). The painting that is now in St Paul's, a 'sermon in a frame' as it was sometimes called, toured around the world. When it arrived at St Paul's Cathedral, the choir sang Psalm 119, which includes the verse, 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105) but it is another text that appears beneath the picture that has inspired and challenged people – 'Behold! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you, and you with me' (Revelation 3:20).

The door in the picture has no handle. The overgrowth suggests that this door has not been opened for some time and that the initiative for opening it rests with the person or people inside. The light of Christ comes not only from the lantern (the light of conscience) but from around the Lord's head (the light of salvation). Like many scripture passages, it represents a call to a new life, one of hope and expectation in the coming kingdom of Christ. Christ is outside the door and knocking. The invitation is addressed to everyone personally. The response of Christ is that he will share in a meal with those who open the door, an indication of a personal relationship. What better way to celebrate Easter than to know Jesus as risen Lord and personal Saviour?

John Haley

(Revd John Haley, TYS, is a minister in the Launceston Area Methodist Circuit. His responsibilities include South Petherwin Methodist Church).

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It has been a brilliant, sunny and fast-paced return after the half term break and we have enjoyed all of the exciting learning and events that have been happening over the past weeks.

Class 3 enjoyed a very exciting and informative visit to Falmouth Maritime Museum as part of their Vikings topic. They explored Viking artefacts and learnt about how Vikings were more than just pirates but were explorers who traded around much of the world.





At the beginning of March we kicked off the week with a Science show assembly followed by workshops for the children: trapping themselves in person-sized bubbles and making slime. The rest of the week was for 'WOW Week'. The children explored science activities and investigations around the theme of adaptation and change.

Our Year 5/6 children participated in a rugby competition at Launceston College. The children enjoyed the day and finished the day with 8 wins and one draw – finishing second on 'tries-scored'.



Thursday 6th March saw us celebrate World Book Day which was filled with fun activities to celebrate our love of books and reading.



We are also pleased to announce that our redevelopment of the Pre-School is complete and children have moved in to their new home (see photo below). Thank you, **Matt Avery, Headteacher**



FARMING NEWS

Finally the rain has stopped and field work can begin as the spring crops of cereals are planted. Early March planting will hopefully mean early harvest for the beginning of August. Lambing season is well underway and no doubt we are all awaiting the next Clarkson Farm series.



(Left lambing, right tractoring)

Phil Parsons



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