

Stable School News



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As we come to the end of a vibrant and memorable term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible learning, creativity, and community spirit shown across all our groups. It has been a joy to watch our learners grow in confidence, curiosity, and connection with one another.

We were delighted to welcome several new students to Waikiki this term. They settled in beautifully and quickly became part of our school family. A particular highlight was their trip to the Ancient Technology Centre, where they immersed themselves in hands-on historical learning and returned full of enthusiasm and stories.

Polzeath embraced the outdoors this term, taking their Maths learning outside to deepen understanding through real-world application. Their classroom also became a festive masterpiece—there's no doubt they claimed the title for *best Christmas decorations* this year.

AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS

Bude have been exploring Biophilia in our local area, connecting learning with nature. Their nature photography project encouraged learners to slow down, observe, and appreciate the environment around them—resulting in some truly stunning images.

Fistral expanded their reading horizons by diving into the classic *Of Mice and Men*. The novel sparked thoughtful debate and helped learners understand each other's perspectives more deeply. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow through discussion and shared interpretation.

Creativity flourished in Abersoch this term. Through Construction and Creative Design, learners produced fantastic reindeer models and contributed beautifully crafted Christmas displays for our school fayre. Their imagination and team work shone through every project.

The Den have had an active and adventurous term, enjoying gym sessions in PE and taking part in walks to Hengistbury Head as part of their Duke of Edinburgh activities. Their determination and teamwork have been inspiring. Our Year 10 and 11 learners took part in a thought-provoking visit to the local food bank. The experience sparked meaningful reflection and has opened the door to future partnership and collaborative projects that we are excited to develop further.

Year 11 also deserve special recognition for approaching their first Functional Skills exams of the year with maturity and focus. Their resilience and commitment have set a strong foundation for the months ahead. This term we introduced *EDI Wednesdays*, and they have been a tremendous success. Learners have engaged with a full calendar of informative, relevant, and thought-provoking topics, helping to build understanding, empathy, and awareness across the school community.

As we wrap up this term, I want to thank our learners, families, and staff for their continued support and positivity. It has been a term full of growth, creativity, and community spirit. I look forward to seeing what the next term brings.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful break.

AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS WAIKIKI

This term has been fantastic for Waikiki and its new learners to the school! Joining a new school with new friends to make is never easy yet the learners in year 6 have taken it in their stride, already participating in the curriculum, joining off-site trips and more!

This term we have learnt about place value in Maths, art within our English topic of 'Framed', and shown excellent accuracy and focus in construction to build an elf on a shelf, a frame and more. In English we created a news report which led to a production of 'raw news', which was a brilliant watch throughout!

The real highlight of the term was our off-site trip. At the ancient technology centre, we learnt about Viking games, lifestyles and created a weaving braid, using team work throughout. A brilliant day! This led to a conversation about a potential residential trip - watch this space!



AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS POLZEATH

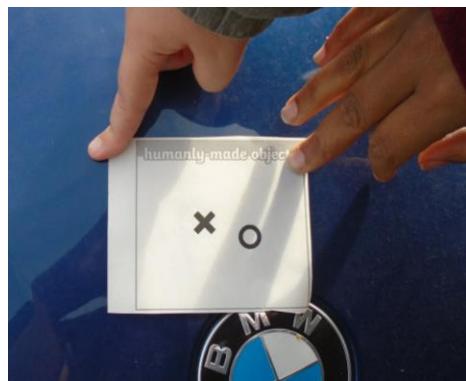
What an Awesome Journey!

As we wrap up the Autumn term, we're thrilled to celebrate everything that has made this term so special for Polzeath! From exciting learning moments to festive fun, our students have truly shone.

Highlights include:

Brilliant progress in Maths and English – learners have worked hard and shown determination, mastering new skills and concepts.

Engaging activities in D of E and DIVE – from survival discussions to horse riding, climbing and brush craft, curiosity and enthusiasm have been at the heart of our learning.



Science creativity – Nikki was impressed with the effort and imagination during the Christmas “Who Dunnit” challenge!

Festive spirit – Our classroom decorations for the Christmas Fayre were amazing, thanks to everyone's teamwork and cheer.

We're so proud of the kindness, leadership, and positive energy our students have brought to Polzeath this term. Let's keep this momentum going into the New Year for even more learning adventures and achievements!

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday and an exciting start to 2026!

AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS BUDE

As we wrap up an exciting term, we'd like to share some highlights and celebrate the incredible experiences your children have enjoyed both in and out of school.

Out-of-School Adventures

This term has been packed with opportunities for students to explore and grow beyond the classroom. From swimming sessions that boosted confidence in the water, to PE activities that kept everyone active and energized, we've seen fantastic progress.

Every Monday afternoon we often embrace the cold weather to do a Duke of Edinburgh (DOE) also called Junior Award Scheme (JAS) activity, usually involving a walk up the St Catherine's Hill, taking spectacular shots of nature scenes or leaves and more. This has promoted teambuilding while learning new skills alongside.

Our DIVE programme introduced students to many skills, including horse riding which gave them a chance to connect with nature, fishing trips, a calm yet rewarding challenge, and climbing and Thai boxing sessions testing skill, strength and perseverance. Also, bushcraft adventures taught teamwork and survival skills in the great outdoors. These learning experiences have been invaluable in building resilience and independence.

We also got involved with environmental conservation when we took part in pine pulling up St Catherine's Hill helping learners understand the importance of protecting local habitats and making a positive impact on our environment.



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Academic Highlights

In Maths, learners have worked hard on equation problem-solving and reasoning, showing great improvement in knowledge understanding and confidence.

In English learners have shown their creativity through storytelling and comprehension activities, with learners producing admirable written work.

In PSHE, we have focused on knowledge of skills and attributes, including developing these for use in the wider world helping learners develop empathy and positive relationships.

Wishing You a Wonderful Christmas

Thank you for your continued support. We're proud of every learner's achievement and look forward to another term full of learning and adventure. Have a joyful festive season and a Happy New Year!

The Bude Team



AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS FISTRAL

What an incredible term it has been for our Year 9 Fistral class! The energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm shown by our learners have truly made this a memorable learning journey. Here's a glimpse into the highlights.

Our classroom was alive with excitement as students explored Loci and tackled the challenges of 2D and 3D shapes. Their determination to solve complex problems and the joy of discovering new patterns was inspiring. Many learners shared how these concepts helped them see the world around them in a whole new way!

Reading “Of Mice and Men” sparked passionate discussions and debates. Learners were eager to dive into the themes of power and equality, often drawing connections to modern-day issues. Their creativity shone through as they used flexible resources to make cross-topic links, showing real enthusiasm for expressing their ideas.

Immersing themselves in World War II, learners were captivated by stories of resilience during the Blitz. Their curiosity led to insightful questions and lively discussions about life in wartime Britain.

Our learners showed incredible teamwork and care for the environment during the hill conservation project, enthusiastically pulling pines and learning about local ecology.

These experiences not only connected them to nature but also strengthened their sense of responsibility and community spirit.

The visit to the Ancient Technology Centre, where they stepped into the shoes of Vikings, was a day filled with wonder and excitement!



AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS ABERSOCH

In PSHE, the year 9 learners have started to prepare for choosing their subject options in the Spring term. They have been self-reflecting on their skills, qualities, likes and dislikes to help them make the most informed decisions possible in 2026. The learners have also had opportunities to find out about local colleges and the types of courses that are available to them in the future. We have looked at apprenticeships and considered why this might be a suitable option for some learners. Learners have expressed their passion for sectors like farming, animal care and forensic psychology.

In English, we began this half-term by exploring *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. The learners demonstrated how well they could engage with discussion and exchange their different perspectives on characters and events. The learners have also been developing their group discussion skills and, in doing so, shown how well they can work collaboratively.

Our class representatives (Ashden and River) have attended their first student voice meeting. It was lovely to see them gathering the views of their peers and approaching the role with such maturity.

The year 9 learners recently supported clearing heathland on St Catherine's Hill with one of the BCP Rangers team. It was fantastic to get out into nature and do something that helps conserve the local environment. The Ranger is excited to create more opportunities for our learners to connect to nature and learn more about their natural environment.

Construction lessons have resulted in some amazing creations this half-term. It has been especially nice to see the assortment of wooden reindeer produced by the learners.

The year 9 team wish all of our learners and their families a very merry holiday!

AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS THE DEN

What a fantastic Autumn 2 term it has been at The Den! Our learners have worked incredibly hard across all subjects, with impressive progress in Maths and English and some excellent results in Science tests.

Beyond the classroom, there have been plenty of memorable moments. Gym sessions in PE have been a big hit, our Duke of Edinburgh walks to Hengistbury Head were a real highlight, and of course, Friday afternoon Dive Time activities brought lots of smiles.

The final week of term was packed with festive fun. From Christmas dinner and pantomimes to Christmas Jumper Day and our much-loved annual Christmas Fayre, it was the perfect way to round off the year. As we look ahead to January, we're excited for all the opportunities and adventures the New Year will bring.

Warm wishes,
The Den Team



AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS OAHU

Autumn 2 has been a busy half term for everyone in Oahu. There have been preparations for end of term tests, including each learner practising a presentation for the Speaking and Listening assessment. The variety of topics spoken about by each learner has been brilliant and demonstrates what a diverse group we have.

Topics have included, Competitive BMX Racing, Movies and their Influence, Online Gaming, and Grand Prix Motorcyclist, Marc Márquez. We also had a very powerful presentation about living with ADHD. It's not easy speaking in front of a roomful of people and everyone did a fantastic job!

We have also had some very interesting conversations during tutor time based on some big subjects such as disability, refuge and displacement, bullying and Armistice and we have enjoyed listening to each others music choices.

We celebrated the end of assessment week by decorating the classroom for Christmas and icing some buns



AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS PE

Over the course of this term, BTEC sport have had the opportunity to explore a variety of net sports including tennis, badminton and Padel at Ferndown. They are working in pairs and learning the rules of this sport. Year 11 are getting ready for some of their BTEC sports exam.



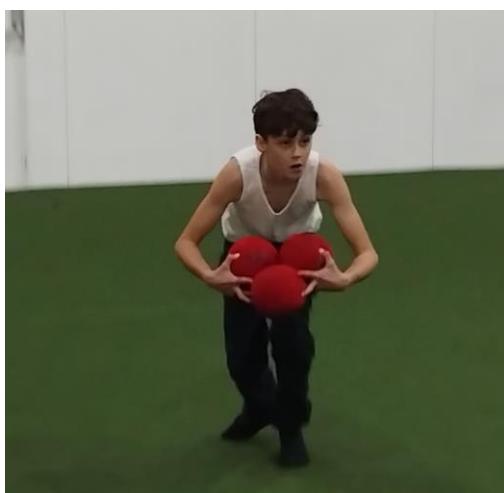
Year 10 are focusing on fitness, they have been inducted and have started to working hard at the gym at Littledown. They are focused on Cardio activities including the ergometer, step machine and the treadmill as well as resistant machines that focus on triceps, biceps, quads and calf muscles.



Year 7 / 8 / 9 have been looking at Net sports. They have experimented with net sizes, size of rackets and different sizes of items to send. We compared and contrasted point scoring and rules.



Year 6 have been enjoying a range of sports, developing individual skills and pairs work.



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Employment and Development

As part of their Employment and Development course, Year 10 and 11 students were invited to go and visit a local community initiative.

We have been learning about communities and the part that we play in them. The food bank in Boscombe was a brilliant example of the positive difference we can make by thinking of others and giving our time or money.



Our students were engaged and interested and asked lots of questions as we were shown round. We were all amazed at how much more there was to the centre than giving out bags of food. The community cafe and kitchens were really impressive, and we loved the fact that free meals were given with each food collection.

We were surprised that our idea of homeless people making most use of the food bank was mistaken as bags of food are of little use to people with no cooking facilities or stable accommodation. A great educational trip and a wonderful place that we are keen to support going forward.



AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS CONSTRUCTION

It's been a fantastic term in Construction! Our Year 10 and 11 Aim classes have been hard at work on their individual projects, and the results are really impressive. From sturdy tables and workbenches to toolboxes and sets of drawers, each piece is nearing completion and showcases the learners' skills and dedication. We'll be sharing photos once all projects are finished so you can see the excellent craftsmanship for yourself.

We've also embraced the festive spirit with a creative twist — bespoke, hand-made wooden reindeer. Learners had a wonderful time designing and building them, and the finished reindeer look brilliant. They'll soon be heading home with learners, just in time to spread some Christmas cheer.



AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS CREATIVE DESIGN

This term in Creative Design, we have been focusing on fostering a collaborative spirit across the whole school. Our aim has been to create large-scale projects that not only encourage teamwork but also give our learners a real sense of pride when they see their work displayed around the school.

Here are some of the exciting projects your children have been involved in:

Graffiti Name Tags

Learners designed personalized brick walls featuring their names in vibrant graffiti styles. This project allowed them to explore urban art techniques while expressing their individuality.

Remembrance Day Displays

To mark this important occasion, learners created striking silhouetted soldiers and poppy prints, which were used to decorate the school cottage. These pieces served as a thoughtful tribute and demonstrated their creativity and respect.

Sustainable Christmas Display

Our festive installation was a true team effort! Learners repurposed upholstery cardboard tubes and used papier-mâché techniques to craft life-size candy canes. This project highlighted the importance of sustainability while embracing the holiday spirit.

Learners also explored printing, collaging, and decorating reused boxes to construct a giant present tower. This imaginative piece showcased their ability to combine different materials and techniques effectively.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and creativity shown by all our students this term. Their enthusiasm and dedication have transformed our school environment fun and festive place to learn.

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Our learners embraced the sustainability challenge set by Melrose, with creativity, energy, and a huge amount of hard work, transforming recycled materials into a colourful festive wonderland!

Giant candy canes were crafted from old upholstery cardboard tubes, brought to life with layers of carefully applied papier-mâché. They added cheerful bows and gift tags made from fabric and card supplied by the Dorset Scrap Project, giving each candy cane its own personality.

The fun continued as learners upcycled cardboard boxes, designing vibrant wrapping paper using stamps, paint, pens, and collage inspired by the things they love. These boxes were then stacked into a huge, eye-catching mountain of presents that set the perfect scene for the candy canes. This project was created to help learners experience the excitement of working together on a big collaborative piece, seeing how their individual ideas and their hard work could combine into one amazing display. It also encouraged them to value and look after each other's artwork, helping to build a visually rich, joyful, and inspiring school environment for everyone.

See on the next page the wonderful results of all the learners hard work.

WELL DONE AND A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS: Exam Season

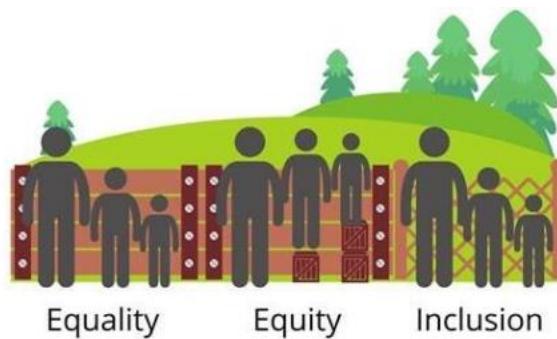


Some of our year 11 learners recently completed their Functional Skills Level 2 exams and demonstrated an excellent attitude towards the rules and regulations as well as using the full time available to them.

Leo H particularly worked hard and continued with writing his paper instead of using a laptop. George, Peter, Conor and Luke were consistently focused, Mckenzee did really well in his BTEC sport assessment on both days, Leo G was punctual and determined to achieve the best results and has already asked when he can expect to receive his results and lastly Kyla stood out for her positive attitude towards all of her exams.

I would also like to highlight some of our other learners for their respect shown in light of the exams, such as Oli F who when redirected away from an exam space was apologetic and conscientious of his peers sitting their exams. We look forward to sharing positive results with you all in January!"

AUTUMN 2 HIGHLIGHTS: EDI update



Our young people have explored a range of societal differences this term, supported by the staff at The Stable School.

There have been some powerful, meaningful and insightful tutor-led conversation across the school, where we feel the tutees have felt safe to articulate their authentic selves, without the fear of expressing biases and prejudices. We are very proud of the openness: building on mutual respect and understanding.

11th Nov - EQUALITY & DIVERSITY - Armistice Day and Islamophobia, developing wider understanding of race, belief and religion as a British Value

18th Nov - EQUALITY: Antibullying Week: exploring consequences: for the victim and the giver

25th Nov - DIVERSITY: Our histories' shared beginnings: developing emotional understanding of human migration

2nd Dec - INCLUSION : National Grief Awareness Week - developing emotional awareness around individual differences