



# Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

12.9.25

Dear Families

The first full week in school has whizzed by! We are delighted with how well our new Mousehole Class have settled into school; they will begin fulltime next week. A very big thank you must go to our new Year Six children who are already proving to be excellent buddies for them, kind, compassionate, patient and supportive.

Next week, we are hoping that the polytunnel in the garden will be re-covered and then the next phase of prepping and planting can begin. This will make a great outdoor learning space for our children.

On Wednesday, Tamsin Carter came and gave a brass instrument demonstration to the children. If you would like your child to learn a brass instrument, please enquire at the office. Many of our other clubs and music lessons have already started or will start in the next week or two.

Do remember that we have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week, where you are welcome to pop into your child's class after school to find out more about the year ahead and we look forward to welcoming you then.

## Celebrations

We held our Friday Whole School Celebration Assembly today and it was lovely to share the news from each class with everyone and celebrate all the hard work together. All of our children make us very proud each week, and to gain this additional recognition is very special.

Class	Celebration	Achievement
Mousehole	Connie	Alfie
Longships	Xavier	Sophia
Pendeen	Parker	Emilia
Gwithian	Kit	Alma
Carne	Hero	Lerryn
Lamorna	Millie	Rowan
Allen	Coast	Charlie
Kenwyn	Aiden	Jenna
Truro	Jake	Hector



## My Personal Best Life Skills for next week are...

EYFS and KS1 – Respect  
KS2 – Courage

We will explore these life skills and link them to our ASPIRE values, encouraging their use in all our activities. You can read more about this here - [My Personal](#)

[Best - Youth Sport Trust](#) and here - [Mount Hawke Academy - Ethos, Aims & Values](#)

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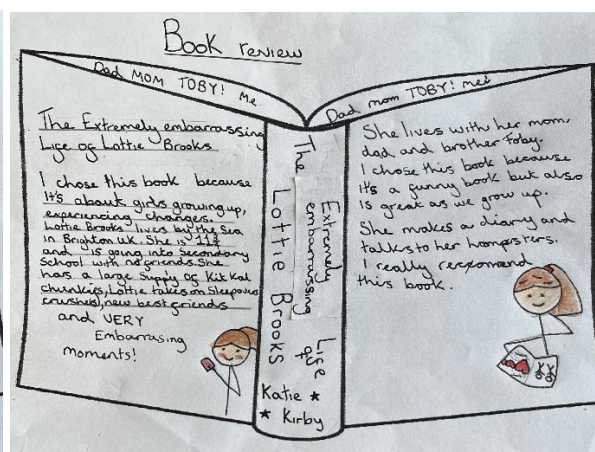
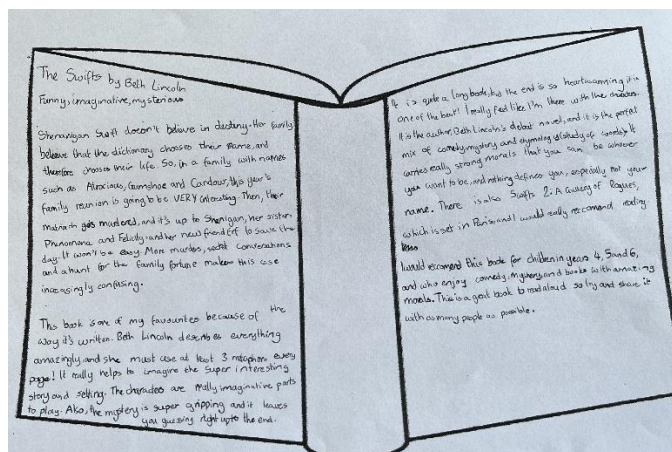


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## Recommended Read

This week's reads are from Truro Class and are from Bella and Tallulah, who have chosen *The Swifts* by Beth Lincoln and *The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks* by Katie Kirby...



## Science Challenge

This month we're exploring light and refraction. Remember to send in photos or videos to [hello@mounthawke.org](mailto:hello@mounthawke.org).

**You will need**

- Drinking glass or another see-through container
- Jug of water
- Paper and pens

**September Science Challenge!**

**TRY THIS INDOORS ... Confused Fish**

Amaze and puzzle your family and friends with this optical illusion! Draw two fish on a piece of paper and prop it up behind an empty drinking glass so that you can see the fish through the glass. Then slowly fill the glass up with water while you watch the fish – what do you see happening?

**WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?**  
**Things to talk about ...**

What changes about how you see the arrows when you pour water into the container? What happens if you turn the fish so they are pointing upwards? What happens if you use a different glass, or move it nearer to or further from the fish? What happens to writing? Instead of using fish, can you write a word that looks the same when the glass is empty and when you pour water into it? What do you know about how we see objects?

**WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?**

We see an object because light travels through air from the object to our eye. When the light passes through another material it gets bent; this is called **refraction**. When light passes through the empty glass, it is bent a small amount and the appearance of the fish hardly changes, but when the light also passes through water it is bent so much that the light rays cross over before they reach our eyes. This is why it makes it look as though the fish are swimming in the other direction.

Shadows are formed when objects block light coming from a light source. You cannot see details such as facial features within shadows, only the outline of the object that is blocking the light.

## Sports News

Mr Brandreth has been busy setting up a wide range of competitions, friendlies and events and these will be starting soon.

## Year Six Moving On

It is that time of year – if you have a child in Year Six, please make sure that you complete their application for secondary school before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. The online application system is open and detailed information about the admissions process is available online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions).

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It is important that you name more than one preference. This will not give you less chance of securing a place at your preferred school. Please also check your eligibility for Home to School Transport before naming your preferences.

If you need support with the application process, contact the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

## Communications

Remember to use the email [hello@mounthawke.org](mailto:hello@mounthawke.org) or phone 01209 890230 if you need to speak to one of us, let us know about something or share something with us. Miss Biddick is usually on the gate every morning and afternoon too.

All of us here at school would like to wish you a very happy and safe weekend.

The calendar below will be updated as the year moves on...

MHA Calendar	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Mousehole Class families only – welcome to phonics, reading and maths – after morning drop off
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Visit the Classroom from 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm – EYFS, Allen, Kenwyn, Truro
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Visit the Classroom from 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm – Longships, Pendeen
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Visit the Classroom from 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm – Gwithian, Carne, Lamorna
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evenings – more details soon
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Training Day – MHA closed to children
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day – own clothes for a donation
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances – more details soon
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

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## Mount Hawke Academy – Term Dates 2025-2026

September 2025	October 2025	November 2025
Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Mon 6 13 20 27	Mon 3 10 17 24
Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Tue 7 14 21 28	Tue 4 11 18 25
Wed 3 10 17 24	Wed 1 8 15 22 29	Wed 5 12 19 26
Thurs 4 11 18 25	Thurs 2 9 16 23 30	Thurs 6 13 20 27
Fri 5 12 19 26	Fri 3 10 17 24 31	Fri 7 14 21 28
Sat 6 13 20 27	Sat 4 11 18 25	Sat 1 8 15 22 29
Sun 7 14 21 28	Sun 5 12 19 26	Sun 2 9 16 23 30
December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Mon 5 12 19 26	Mon 2 9 16 23
Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Tue 6 13 20 27	Tue 3 10 17 24
Wed 3 10 17 24 31	Wed 7 14 21 28	Wed 4 11 18 25
Thurs 4 11 18 25	Thurs 1 8 15 22 29	Thurs 5 12 19 26
Fri 5 12 19 26	Fri 2 9 16 23 30	Fri 6 13 20 27
Sat 6 13 20 27	Sat 3 10 17 24 31	Sat 7 14 21 28
Sun 7 14 21 28	Sun 4 11 18 25	Sun 1 8 15 22 29
March 2026	April 2026	May 2026
Mon 2 9 16 23 30	Mon 6 13 20 27	Mon 4 11 18 25
Tue 3 10 17 24 31	Tue 7 14 21 28	Tue 5 12 19 26
Wed 4 11 18 25	Wed 1 8 15 22 29	Wed 6 13 20 27
Thurs 5 12 19 26	Thurs 2 9 16 23 30	Thurs 7 14 21 28
Fri 6 13 20 27	Fri 3 10 17 24	Fri 1 8 15 22 29
Sat 7 14 21 28	Sat 4 11 18 25	Sat 2 9 16 23 30
Sun 1 8 15 22 29	Sun 5 12 19 26	Sun 3 10 17 24 31
June 2026	July 2026	August 2026
Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Mon 6 13 20 27	Mon 3 10 17 24 31
Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Tue 7 14 21 28	Tue 4 11 18 25
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School holidays	
<b>Bank holidays</b>	
Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026
<b>AUTUMN TERM (73 days)</b>	
3 September - 19 December 2025	
(HALF TERM 27 - 31 October 2025)	
<b>SPRING TERM (59 days)</b>	
5 January - 2 April 2026	
(HALF TERM 16 - 20 February 2026)	
<b>SUMMER TERM (63 days)</b>	
20 April - 22 July 2026	
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)	

195 days are on the school calendar. School will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for staff training.

### Training Days – school closed for children:

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Please book holidays in school holidays – thank you

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