



10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome to Foundation! We have had a super start to the term and we are looking forward to a great year ahead. It has been so valuable having been able to meet with you and your child prior to starting school and we thank you for your time. We are so grateful for your support in encouraging your child to come in independently and it has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes. Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing to work with the children to familiarise themselves with the learning environments and school routines. Just a reminder that from today the start and end times of the day will be from 8.45am until 3.15pm.

### **Baseline Assessment**

During the next few weeks, we will be carrying out the statutory Baseline Assessments (RBA) which is a national requirement for all Reception children. Please visit this website for further information:

[Reception baseline assessment: information for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents)

### **PE Day**

Physical activity is a prime area of development in the EYFS and the children engage in physical activity throughout the course of each day. On PE days, please ensure your child comes to school wearing trainers, jogging bottoms or leggings, a white or red T shirt and usual red school jumper, cardigan or hoodie. The children will have their outdoor PE session every Tuesday afternoon. Indoor PE sessions will take place later on in the week, therefore please see below for your child's PE days:

Gunwalloe Class – Tuesday and Thursday

Poldhu Class – Tuesday and Friday

You know which House Team your child is in and they will be able to wear a t-shirt in their house team colour (Davy – Red, Kingsley – Green, Trengrouse – Blue, Trevethick - Yellow).

### **Home learning**

Your child will be learning to read using the Read, Write, Inc Phonics Programme. During the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding Phonics/Reading and a Maths session, where we will share our approaches. The sessions will take place on the Monday and Tuesday mornings of that week and more information will follow closer to the time.

### **Clothing in school/ Wellies and Waterproofs**

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes and spare underwear in a bag which can be left on their peg in school. We have two afternoons dedicated to outdoor learning in our woodlands, garden and using the outdoor equipment such as the bikes and trikes. In addition to this, our balcony is open regularly throughout the week. It is essential that the children have their waterproof clothing in school so that they are prepared for changes in the weather and they are suitably dressed for outdoor play. Puddle suits or waterproof trousers and jackets, along with a pair of wellies, are kept in the classroom. We have dedicated trollies in the classrooms for storing these. Please label all items clearly, with your child's name and class.

### **Healthy Snacks and Hydration**

We provide the children with a choice of fruit and also free milk for four year old children. Please ensure they have their water bottle in school, pre filled, every day. If you would like to supplement this with a bread or fruit-based snack for the afternoon, please do so. We encourage all children to make healthy food choices. Could we ask that snacks reflect this. We have a '**no nuts**' policy and grapes must be cut in half. Thank you



## **Sharing Information**

Each half term we will be sending home a 'Learning Leaflet'. This will give you information about what the children will be learning in school. We aim to build on the interests and fascinations of the children as well introducing new learning. Each week, on a Friday, we will send you some 'Ask Me' style questions via 'home contact'. These questions support conversations with your child about their learning in school each week. Please do look out for the weekly school newsletter 'The Pen', where you will find lots of important information and also some highlights from our EYFS weekly activities.

## **Bear Diary**

Poldhu and Gunwalloe Classes, have class bears who will be visiting the homes of different children each **Friday**. Please may we ask that they be returned the following **Monday**. Every child will have the chance to have the class bear to stay, over the course of the year. There is the opportunity for your child to share something about their weekend with the bear, in the accompanying diary. Please use this to encourage your child to record their experiences with pictures and emergent writing or in their own creative way.

## **Library**

Both classes will be visiting the school library on Thursday afternoons each week. The children will be able to choose a library book to share with you at home. Please return your child's book the following Thursday, ready for the children to choose again.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with us at the end of the day, or contact us via the school office.

Kind regards,

The Foundation Team