

NANSLOE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



February is here at last...

As we say goodbye to January, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support during what has undoubtedly been the most challenging start to a year we have faced. The severe weather and flooding had a significant impact here at Nansloe, causing considerable damage across the site. Despite this, our children have shown remarkable resilience and positivity, taking everything in their stride.

Thanks to the hard work of our staff and the flexibility of our families, we have been able to remain operational for the most part. Over the upcoming half-term break, essential works will be taking place to restore areas of the school and improve the aesthetics so that our learning environment is once again at its best.

Next week marks both Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. We will be holding special assemblies to highlight the importance of wellbeing, safe online behaviours, and the key messages that support our pupils to flourish both in school and beyond.

We are also incredibly excited for World Book Day 2026. I hope the children came home buzzing after yesterday's theme announcement! This year's theme is 'Spellbound' – stories filled with magic and wonder. We can't wait to see the creativity that comes to life through the children's costumes and I've already heard some fantastic ideas being shared.

Thank you once again for your continued support, understanding, and community spirit. It makes all the difference.

Best wishes,
Mrs Swiggs

PARKING

Please can I remind parents not to park on the double yellow lines opposite or around the school gates. It causes unnecessary congestion and makes visibility for pedestrians really challenging. We all want to make sure the children are safe when they come and go from school. Thank you for your support with this.



LATENESS PROCEDURES

Our school day begins at 8.45am. Our school gates will close at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time, we ask you to enter the building via the main office. This is to support both attendance and safeguarding.

We understand that sometimes lateness cannot be avoided, however, persistent lateness is monitored. Letters will be sent home if there is a cause for concern, in the same way that we send home letters for persistent absence.

Being late can have a detrimental impact on the start of your child's day and they can miss early morning learning activities. Children settle better when they have been able to arrive alongside their peers and complete their morning routine without disruption.

If you need any help or support with this, please let us know. We are here to help.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 11th February

Year 4 & 5 Clay Workshops - Helston Spring Thing

Fri 13th February

FONS Discos
4.00-4.45 Rec/KS1
5.00-6.00pm KS2

16th - 20th February

Half Term Week

Mon 23rd February

Year 6 Lantern Making Workshop (for Helston City of Lights Parade)

Mon 2nd - Fri 6th March

No extra curricular clubs this week

Thu 5th March

World Book Day 2026

Fri 13th March

Year 4 Trip to Truro Museum

Fri 20th March

Last extra-curricular club for Spring Term

Tue 24th & Wed 25th March

Parents' Evenings

HEALTHY SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCHES

We would like to remind families of the importance of providing healthy snacks and balanced packed lunches. We have noticed an increase in lunchboxes containing foods that are very high in sugar, which can lead to energy spikes and dips and make it harder for children to concentrate during the afternoon. Healthy choices such as fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, wraps, or sandwiches help children maintain steady energy levels, support their learning, and contribute positively to their overall wellbeing. We appreciate your continued support in helping us promote healthy habits that benefit children both in and beyond school.

There are some great ideas and further information available here:
<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



REPORTING ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, then please inform the office before 9am in the morning, and let us know your child's symptoms and when you expect them to return.

You may either phone the office on 01326 572966 and leave a message or alternatively send an email to hello@nansloe.org.uk

When reporting an absence, please leave a message on each day of your child's absence, telling us:

- Your child's name
- Class name/Year group
- Why they are absent (Type of illness e.g sickness, migraine)
- When you expect them to return

ILLNESS

We saw a real increase in illness at the end of last term and we regularly get asked whether children can or cannot be in school based on their various symptoms. This NHS website is really helpful in determining if your child can be in school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you are ever unsure, please do not hesitate to give us a call to ask.

LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure all items coming into school are clearly named. We have a great deal of unnamed belongings in our lost property. If you are missing anything, please do pop into the office and take a look.

Please remember to label hats and gloves too!

PE DAYS

Reception - Friday
Year 1 - Tuesday
Year 2 - Thursday
Year 3 - Wednesday
Year 4 - Friday
Year 5 - Monday
Year 6 - Tuesday

Please send your children to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

During the course of the year, each class will have a term of outdoor learning. Please send your children in with wellies and appropriate clothing on this day (in a bag that they can hang on their peg).

Thursday - Year 5
Wednesday - Reception

Thank you!