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Friday 24th October 2025

Pennoweth News

Hello and welcome back to the final edition of this half term's Pennoweth News.

We would like to start this newsletter by thanking Mrs Andrews, who as you know, will be leaving Pennoweth as Executive Headteacher. Mrs Andrews has been pivotal in recent years guiding and leading Pennoweth through a number of changes both academically and physically with the opening of the extension. Her dedication and hard work have helped shape Pennoweth and impacted many of our children both current and past. We look forward to continuing her legacy and wish her luck in taking her expertise to impact not just Pennoweth pupils, but the children at every school within the Crofty Education Trust. I hope you will join us in thanking Mrs Andrews for all that she has done and achieved during her six year spell at Pennoweth.

Looking forwards to the new term, we would like to remind parents that we have a planned **Inset day taking place on Monday 3rd November**. Therefore the school will be closed to pupils. We will be **welcoming back our children on Tuesday 4th November**.

Finally, please note that we will be moving to a new Autumn/Winter Menu next half term. This is available on our website. We will be on Week 1 on our return to school.

With the key messages being shared, let us dive into our final weekly round up for this half term.

* Please be aware on page 4, there are pictures relating to the year 6 heart dissection experiment. Should you wish to skip this section.

Nursery

This week, the children have been busy exploring the wonderful signs of autumn all around us. We've been noticing how the leaves are changing colours and falling from the trees, and we've looked closely at different seeds and how they travel. The children have enjoyed using their senses to explore autumn textures and colours through art and outdoor play. We also learned about Diwali, the festival of lights, and talked about how people celebrate with candles, decorations, and sharing sweets. It's been a week full of curiosity, creativity, and celebration!

Reception:

This week Reception enjoyed visiting St Andrew's Church to find out more about Harvest Festival. The children were very well behaved and we were very proud of how well they did. We have also been talking about other celebrations and festivals that happen around the world, particularly Diwali. We have made rangolis and divas to find out more.

School Lunches

Week beginning 03/11/25

(Week 1 choices from the

Autumn/Winter Term Menu)

Chartwells meal menu is on the school website

Our phase email addresses are:

eyfs@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Nursery and Reception)

KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 1 and 2)

lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 3 and 4)

upperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 5 and 6)



Dates for your diary

Inset Day

Monday 3rd November 2025

Start of Autumn term (2)

*Tuesday 4th November
2025*

End of Autumn Term (2)

Friday 19th December 2025

Inset Day

Monday 5th January 2026

Start of Spring term (1)

Tuesday 6th January 2026

End of Spring Term (1)

Friday 13th February 2026

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dates.*

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Keystage One

Year 1 had a fantastic last week before this half term engaging in a range of exciting learning. They particularly loved our science experiments where we tested different materials to see which was the most absorbent. The children not only made great predictions but were able to write conclusions from the experiment as well. The children also learnt about family trees in History and loved talking about the people who were on their family trees with their class. Overall, we are very proud of all the children so far throughout their first half term. We hope you all have a well-earned break.

This week began with a special walk to St Andrews Church for our Harvest Festival. The children were fantastic and really enjoyed celebrating together. In Maths, we've been working hard on finding 10 more and 10 less than a number – a great way to build number confidence! As part of our project work, we've been learning how to read simple maps and use a key to understand symbols. The children have loved exploring and spotting features on different maps. In DT, we've been busy in the kitchen, learning how to choose the right tool for the job – from mixing to chopping, everyone had a go!

We hope you all have a wonderful week off, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday.

Lower Keystage Two

Year 3 have had an exciting and action-packed week! We loved our trip to Kresen Kernow where we explored the archives and took part in a workshop examining prehistoric artefacts. Back in class, we finished reading Stig of the Dump and then enjoyed watching the film, comparing how it differed from the book. To round off our Tribal Tales project, we had great fun dressing up as characters from the Stone Age and getting creative with art activities, especially painting on pebbles and making our own cave paintings!

In Year 4 this week, we've rounded up a great term of learning with some art to celebrate the festival of Diwali, singing and playing instruments to ABBA hits and creating our own plate of healthy food in DT. In maths, we concluded our learning of addition and subtraction with some lessons on the inverse operation and checking strategies. We've also had a go at writing a POV paragraph in writing, writing from the perspective of the main character in our novel, Alfie. Have a look for some of these in the newsletter!

Upper Keystage Two

On Monday, Year 5 and Year 6 explored the Hindu celebration of Diwali during a KS2 assembly led by Mrs Augarde, as well as in their weekly RE lesson. Diwali, known as the Festival of Light, is a time of joy and celebration for Hindus. Children were offered the opportunity to engage creatively by choosing to make a Diwali card, craft a diya lamp or color in rangoli patterns.

Bloodheart Project Finale

Year 5 and 6 brought their Bloodheart science project to an exciting close this week with a heart dissection demonstration. Following strict health and safety guidelines, children were challenged to identify key external features, including the major blood vessels such as the aorta and vena cava. Carefully, Miss Crane then sliced open the heart to reveal its internal structures - the atria, ventricles and valves - helping pupils see first-hand how this incredible organ works. The experience was both fascinating and memorable, bringing their learning about the human circulatory system vividly to life!

In addition, children had a fantastic time during DT Day exploring the theme of healthy eating. They began by learning about nutritious foods and looking at different recipes for inspiration. Then, putting their ideas into action, they worked together to create their own delicious pasta sauces and baked wholesome wholemeal bread. It was a fun, hands-on day that combined creativity, teamwork and healthy cooking!

Upper Key Stage Two had a special visitor from Network Rail this week, who delivered an engaging and informative Railway Safety Talk.

Pupils learned the two most important safety rules:

Never go on the track

Always stand behind the yellow line on the platform

The session also included some fascinating railway facts! The children discovered that trains can reach speeds of up to 125 miles per hour, and that it takes the length of 20 football pitches for a train to stop when travelling at top speed. They were amazed to learn that one train can weigh the same as 80 elephants! The talk was both fun and eye-opening, helping pupils understand how to stay safe near the railway, while appreciating the incredible power of trains.

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Letter to all Parents/Carers



Crofty Education Trust
Unit 1 North Crofty
Tolvaddon Energy Park
Camborne
TR14 0HX

10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to make you aware of some staff changes which will be taking place at Pennoweth School.

Mrs Andrews has made the very difficult decision to step away from her role as Executive Head at Pennoweth to focus more closely on her Crofty Trust role as Director of Development. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Andrews for the work that she has done at Pennoweth over the last six years. Her support for the school staff, pupils and parents has been significant and has contributed substantially to the ongoing school improvement evident at Pennoweth. I know that many of you will wish to say thank you to Mrs Andrews and wish her well, we will ensure that there is an opportunity for you to do so before she leaves Pennoweth.

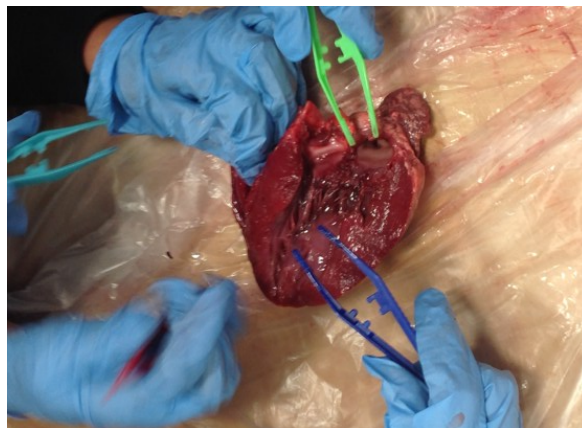
We are delighted to announce that Mrs Pamplin will be stepping into the role of Executive Headteacher at Pennoweth from November 2025. Mrs Pamplin is currently headteacher at Portreath School, where she has been for a number of years. During this time, she has built strong links with the community, achieved high standards for pupil outcomes and developed a highly effective staff team. I know that under Mrs Pamplin's leadership the school will continue to grow and thrive.

Yours sincerely

Karen Brokenshire (Chair of Governors) and Simon Hague (CEO)

Art Club & Yr 6 Science Finale!

This week in Art Club, our young artists explored the bold and colourful world of Pop Art, inspired by Andy Warhol. They began by looking at examples of Warhol's famous works, noticing his use of bright colours, repetition and everyday objects from popular culture. Using these ideas, pupils chose their own modern objects as the focus for their artwork - including lightning bolts, apples and boxes of popcorn! They then began creating striking Pop Art pieces using vivid, contrasting colours and bold outlines, just like Warhol, and will finish these after half term. Look out for their artwork in the next newsletter!



Write Ups from our Year 4's

I stepped into the dark, dusty room. As I walked in I noticed what looked like a light beam but actually it was Miss Root's blinding white teeth. Now I was in the dentist surgery. I knew that I could of gotten away but my hands were really sweaty and I needed a test. I turns out I went to wrong place indeed. I went to sit down on what I thought was a nice comfy chair but no this was a velvet, mucky chair and it was very soggy aswell. I could hear the screams of innocent children down the hallways. Eew what is that smell though oh it is horrible! Miss Root said "what is wrong sweetie mummy will help you!" I dont know what that smell is! oh it is just my cat fangs! I could smell her dirty, stinky sweat into my nose. My heart was thumping then I could taste Miss Root's rubbery gloves in my mouth then I could taste my sticky salty blood but then I felt my eyes drooping. I was falling asleep. A few hours later I was awake I could only feel my gums she had taken my teeth!

Name End

Class

lots of sharp silver tools. An evil tall devil and miss roots cold dry crusty blood. I could feel the icy minty breath. my hands were warm and sweaty. children were screaming loudly. the tools were going clink clank. I was terrified.

Name cohen

Class

I can see Miss Root's rotten fingers touch my gum and it made my skin crawl. I can see bloody shiny tools in my mouth while Miss Root is checking my rotten teeth. I can also see streaks of blood on the disinfected table. I can smell Miss Root's cold, minty breath smells fresh. The crusty, shiny tools hit my rotten teeth. I can hear Fang hissing in my burning ear. I can taste crusty coppery blood slithering in my mouth. The evil creepy Miss Root looks at my teeth like they are her little precious babbies. Slowly I tiptoed into the cold, dungeon that was clean like polished windows. How have I ended up here? I shouldn't of come in here.

Name Molly

Class

I ran as fast as I could and then it happened... Oww I fell into the cold damp and old chair. And there was spiky, sharp tools. I looked into the corner ew! I saw some disgusting damp and mildew. I was brown and yellow. But there she was... Miss Root! I said yes child she said politely and smiley. What are you going to do with my teeth? What are Oh don't worry Miss Root said happily and I fell asleep an hour later... I woke up and touched my teeth they weren't there!!! so I checked my whole body alllll check so I never EVER went a gain... I never

Name Lyra-Rose

Class

Important Updates regarding Attendance

There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.

190 school days in each year 190 days for your child's education	7 days absence				
	183 days in school	10 days absence			
		180 days in school	19 days absence		
			171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	28 days absence	
				162 days in school	47 days absence
				If it 85% each year, your child is missing the equivalent of a year of education over their time at pri- mary school	
					143 days in school
100%	96%	95%	90%	85%	75%
Good -Best chance of success -Gets your child off to a flying start -Helps their confidence, social development as well as their academic progress -Over 97% is considered excellent attendance		Some Concern -Harder for your child to make progress -School starts tracking your child's attendance closely, Medical evidence may be required to authorise further absences linked to illness		Worrying -Your child is now classified as a 'persistent absentee' - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely	
				Serious Concern -Having a significant impact on your child's education and well-being -Legal Action may be taken	

Our DNA

Everything we do in school is shaped by our Pennoweth DNA statements. Each week each phase team identifies one child who has done a fantastic job of demonstrating each strand of the DNA. Well done to all the children below.

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Congratulations to our stars of the week from each class! Well done everyone!

STARS of the Week



Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel Daisy H
Restormel Maya	Porthcurno Rowan
Gwithian Kaja	Newlyn Oliver
Mevagissey Max	Pendeen Nadi
Lizard Mia D	Porthleven Enid
Godrevy Alexi	Levant Jil
Geevor Tania	Poldark Ella

Attendance

We aim for all our children to have at least 96% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for this week was

94.62%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	98.71%
Restormel	95.5%
Tintagel	99.13%
Gwithian	94.98%
Porthcurno	94.62%
Mevagissey	94.78%
Newlyn	93.08%
Lizard	89.17%
Pendeen	99.62%
Godrevy	91%
Porthleven	91.82%
Geevor	92.9%
Levant	96.55%
Poldark	93.79%

Congratulations Pendennis, Tintagel, Pendeen & Levant Class!

Unauthorised Exceptional Leave of Absence Information

The law requires parents to ensure their children receive an efficient full time education, and every minute of every day is important. Please help them not to miss any of the valuable time.

We hope that when you read the information outlined on our website, you will consider that your child's education is too important to take on

holidays during term time.

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken, this may incur a penalty

notice being issued under Section 444A and 444B of the education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.

Unauthorised Late Information

If your child is arriving late—after the register has closed at 8:50am it will be coded as a U which, is an unauthorised late mark. If your child accrues 10 unauthorised late marks within 100 sessions (10 weeks) you will be

committing an offence under the Education Act 1996.

The School may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you, issuing a penalty notice under section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.

Persistent absences/unauthorised lates, not authorised by the school, may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2500 and/or custodial sentences.



Online Safety Update

conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 12

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite. It can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on 'V-Bucks' – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iDn, Techradar, and plenty more.

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Pennoweth Nursery

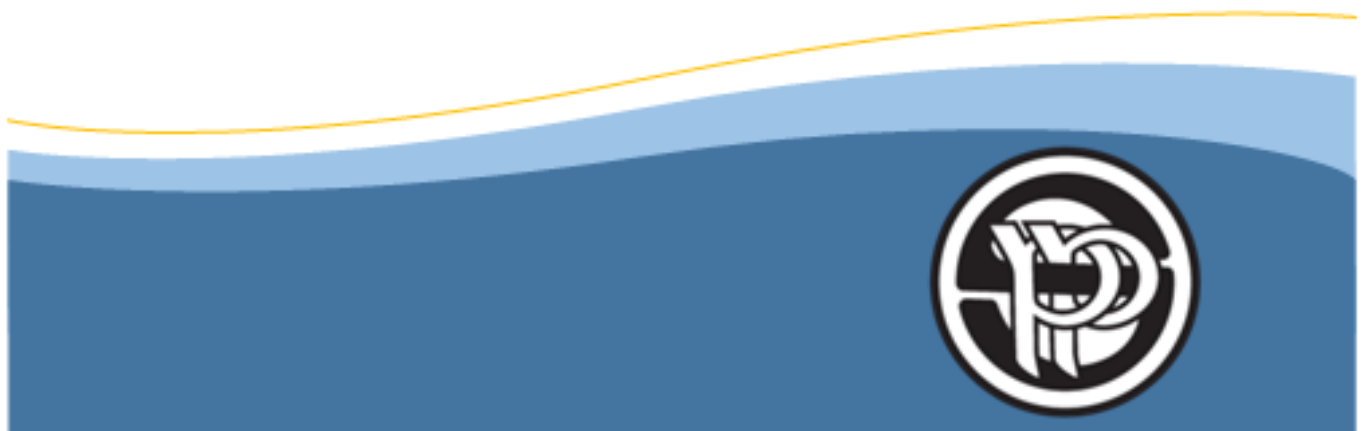
January 2026 places

Do you have a child born between
01-09-22 and 31-12-22?

If so, they will be eligible for 15hours free
education here at Pennoweth Nursery.

To apply for a place in January please pick up
a nursery admission form the school office.

For more information or to arrange a visit
please contact Miss Booth on 01209 215671
or email pennowetheyfs@croftymat.org



Further News and Announcements



Together 
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2026**

Starting school September 2026

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2021 and
31 August 2022



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Telephone: 0300 1234 101



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



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for Families

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deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2025**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

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Telephone: **0300 1234 101**



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**EXPLORE AUTISM, THE
4 AREAS OF
DIFFERENCE AND THE
PDA PROFILE**

**17TH NOVEMBER 2025
10.30AM - 12.30PM
ST AUSTELL CONFERENCE CENTRE**

To book your place email:
laurenlpcc@outlook.com



**PARENT CARER
COFFEE MORNING**

A relaxed drop-in event for Parents and Carers of Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).



- Grab a free drink and snack.
- Meet other Parents and Carers.
- Ask your questions and give feedback.
- Have a look through our resources and signposting information.

WHERE AND WHEN

Date: Wednesday 26th November 2025
Time: 09:30-11:30am
Location: Pool Family Hub, Higher Broad Lane, Illogan, Redruth, TR153 3JL.
Hosted by: Georgie Watson (she/her)
georgiepcc@outlook.com
www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk



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Time: 09:30-11:30am
Location: Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, Redruth, TR15 1NA.
Hosted by: Georgie Watson (she/her)
georgiepcc@outlook.com
www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk

Further News and Announcements



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

**The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...**

Wild Wellbeing

**During October half term we are offering FREE nature based
creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.**

**This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.
Please book EACH child on to a session.**

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

**The Core at St Ives Community
Orchard - Thursday 30 October**

Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October

**We are also offering a Parentwell session at
Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October**

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

**To request a place, please complete the online
form or scan the QR code provided:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>



**Follow us on Facebook for updates and
upcoming events:**

Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



Further News and Announcements



**FANCY DRESS
& SPOOKY
MUSIC**



GWEALAN TOPS
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

OCTOBER HALF

WITCHES HAT HOOPLA

TERM

HALLOWEEN MASKS

MON 27 - FRI 31 OCT

12 - 4PM

AGES: 7-16

MARSHMALLOWS

**PUMPKIN
CARVING**

**3 LEGGED
ZOMBIE
RACE**

**MODROC
PLASTER**

FREE HOT MEAL @ 1PM

01209 697 717

TR15 2ER

CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED

NEW USERS MUST BOOK AN
INDUCTION VISIT - SEE WEBSITE

FOR DATES

WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG

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Kehelland Trust,
Kehelland
Camborne.
TR14 0DD
01209 613153



All Things Batty!

Wednesday
29th October
5.00pm- 7.30pm

Join us for an evening learning about our
night flying residents.

Games

Walk around
site

Talk by a
local expert

Bat box building £5 per box

Tickets available from our website

www.kehellandtrust.org.uk

£5 per person including a filled jacket potato

Scan to find us
on Google maps



Well behaved dogs on leads welcome



U18's must be accompanied by an adult