

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Families,

We're only two weeks into another incredibly busy half term and I wanted to take a moment to thank our wonderful school community for your continued support.

Over this past week, our Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening Check and our Year 4 children have taken part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Whilst we do not yet have any outcomes, we are incredibly proud of every child and are confident that they have done themselves proud! I would also like to thank the staff who have worked so hard to prepare the children. Their consistent, high-quality teaching, day in and day out, has helped to build the confidence, knowledge and skills our pupils need to succeed. For us, these checks and tests have never been about headline percentages or data. They are about ensuring children leave Year 1 with the confidence to read independently, access books and stories, and develop a lifelong love of reading. Similarly, secure knowledge of multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$  is a real game changer for older children, freeing up working memory and enabling them to access the wider mathematics curriculum with greater confidence in Years 5 and 6.

I would also like to say another huge thank you to everyone who helped at the weekend following the loss of two large trees on our field. It was wonderful to see our community come together so quickly and generously. I thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you on Saturday and am incredibly grateful for your support.



Thank you, too, for your patience regarding Sports Day this week. Whilst it was disappointing to postpone on both Wednesday and Thursday, the heavy afternoon showers would certainly not have made for an enjoyable event! As always, the safety and enjoyment of the children must come first.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to confirm that Gulval School will once again be taking part in the **Mazey Day Parade** on **Saturday 27th June**. This is always one of the highlights of our year and a wonderful opportunity to showcase the creativity and spirit of our school community. We will be participating in the **11:00am parade** and will meet at **10:30am on**



**Morrab Road**, our usual meeting place. Mrs Davy, Miss Sweetman and the children have been working incredibly hard on what promises to be another fantastic centrepiece. Thank you also to our parent volunteers and staff colleagues who have been lending a hand throughout the preparations. We cannot wait to see it all come together!

A quick reminder that our popular Ice Lolly Fridays will continue each week. If the weather is kind to us, we will once again turn this into a relaxed stay-and-play opportunity for families – as we are doing today. Please remember that children must be supervised by their accompanying adult, as there are no staff on duty during this time. Any children who remain on site without supervision will be booked into our after-school club, which is charged by the hour, and parents will be contacted accordingly.

Finally, thank you once again for everything you do to support the school. This half term is absolutely packed with exciting opportunities for our children. We have our Year 1 and 2 sleepover coming up, followed closely by the Year 3 Camp on the Field, and before we know it our Year 6 pupils will be heading off to North Wales for their much-anticipated adventure.

It's going to be a memorable few weeks. Hold on tight and enjoy the ride!

With best wishes,



Mr P Baker  
Headteacher

