



# Indian Queens Primary School

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## FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER



### Castilly Henge Visit

Year 3 and 4 ventured off to Castilly Henge to be part of the excavation work. They learnt about dating archaeological finds, with Caroline from Cornish Heritage Trust, and worked with Robin the artist to produce light effect designs. It was a very interesting day for local history. Thank you to Cornish Heritage Trust for funding and running the day.

Indian Queens Primary School & Nursery  
Edition 2 - 26th September 2025



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## Message from Mr Smith

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Indian Queens,

As we get into the Autumn Term, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome both new and returning pupils back to school, and we are incredibly proud of how quickly everyone has settled into their routines.

Our youngest learners have made a brilliant start! The children have enjoyed exploring their new environments, making friends, and engaging in early learning activities. Thank you to all parents for your support during this transition.

The children have seen the benefits from the hard work that the work groups put in over summer on the pond and outdoor learning areas, with both areas continuing to develop and being enjoyed by pupils. More work is planned soon, so keep an eye on social media to see how these areas grow.

From creating river deltas in Year 5 and 6 to exploring Castilly Henge with Cornish Heritage in Year 3 and 4 to hands-on science experiments in Year 1 and 2 about friction and flight, our pupils have shown great self-belief and curiosity. Teachers have been impressed by the children's engagement and creativity across all subjects.

Children have enjoyed a variety of sports this term, including netball, swimming and games. A special mention to our Year 4 pupils who represented the school at Treviglas in a competitive football tournament and to those who ran so well during the cross country event.

### Reminders and Notices

- Home School Reviews: These will take place from Monday 20th October until Wednesday 22nd October – more details to follow.
- INSET Days: Monday 6th October and Friday 24th October
- Half Term Break: School closes on Thursday 23rd October and reopens on Monday 3rd November.
- Uniform: Please ensure all items are clearly labelled as this helps us return misplaced items.
- Attendance: Regular attendance is vital for learning. Thank you for your continued support.

We're excited to launch our Parent and Carer Forum after half term. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and strengthen our school community. More details will follow soon. Thank you for your continued support with the children's learning and being part of our vibrant school community.

Warm regards,  
Mr Morris Smith  
Head of School



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## ACHIEVEMENTS...



Congratulations to our Yr3/4 boys football team who recently competed at Treviglas. They won lots of matches (with clean sheets) and narrowly lost with a goal in the last minute. Excellent sporting behaviour was shown and the school is very proud of them all.



Congratulations to one of our school community for being selected to play football for Cornwall.

A number of students and support staff took part in their first concert with the Indian queens training band on Sunday 14th September at the Indian queens last night of the proms.



Well done to our Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the Cross Country Event at Treviglas Academy on Wednesday.

The next Cross Country event will be for years 1, 2 and 3 on Wednesday 15th October.



Well done to brother and sister who climbed Pen Y Fan the highest mountain in the Brecon Beacons in Wales, 2906 feet above sea level. It was pretty wet and VERY windy at the top but they did it. Our two pupils showed great resilience and drive to have achieved such a challenge.

Well done to another of our school community, who came runner up in the 200 metres, this was his first race at Par Athletics Track. His brother was also competing that day and got a medal too!





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## Value of the Week

Week Beginning	Value of the week
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>Self-Belief</b> I can do it if I keep trying
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>Gratitude</b> I show my thanks
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	<b>Curiosity</b> I like to explore
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>Honesty</b> I tell the Truth
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	<b>Empathy</b> I understand how others feel
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	<b>Imagination</b> I see things differently
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	<b>Courage</b> I try to control my fears



Number of Penalty  
Notices issued by  
Cornwall County Council  
for Indian Queens  
Primary School to date:

30

Prosecution for non  
Payment:

2

### Fortnightly Hours of Lost Learning 15th to 26th September 2025

Class	Hours Lost
Gwithian	112
Hemmick	31
Fistral	11
Polly Joke	30
Polzeath	103
Botallack	18
Minack	86
Tintagel	101
Geevor	19
Heligan	39
Trelissick	52

Class with the least lost  
learning hours  
**Well done to FISTRAL!**



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**School Dinners** We would like to thank everyone who books their child's meals via ParentPay. Please remember you can book more than a day at a time, as long as you are in credit or in receipt of 'Free School Meals'. The cost of a school meal this year has increased to £2.85.

**Nursery meals** are also bookable via ParentPay. Please remember to select the 'Nursery' drop down when booking. The cost of a nursery meal this year has increased to £2.10.

Our '**Earlybirds**' breakfast club is also bookable daily until 7.45am via ParentPay. All children must be booked in prior to arrival on the day.

**This facility opens at 8am daily. Children must be handed over at the door by an adult to a member of staff on arrival.**

## School Absence

Should your child be absent, please contact the school as soon as possible with a full reason.

To report your child's absence please use one of the following:

Tel: 01726 860540 to speak to reception or leave a voicemail  
- Option 1 (out of hours) or email  
hello@indianqueensschool.org

When reporting please state child's name, class and full reason for absence e.g. sickness, headache, high temp etc.

If you are unsure if your child is well enough for school, please visit the NHS guidance site below.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

### Appointments

Please could we remind you that appointment for your child/ children should be made for outside of school hours.

Appointment letter/Texts will be requested.

### Lateness

All pupils must be in school, ready to learn from 8:45am.

School gates open from 8.35am to 8.45am.

Thank you for your continued support.



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## Whole School Warning Notice - School Absence

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.



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## School Flu Immunisations - Tuesday 21st October



Delivered by Kernow Health CIC

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26

INDIAN QUEENS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EE111894



Cornwall and Devon  
School-Age Immunisation Service  
Cornwall

Tel: 01872 221105

Email: [Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net](mailto:Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net)

Devon

Tel: 01392 342678

Email: [Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net](mailto:Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net)

Website: [www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk](http://www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk)

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due

Kernow Health CIC's School Age Immunisation Service will be delivering the annual nasal flu vaccination programme in schools across Cornwall and Devon on behalf of NHS England.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and may lead to serious complications. Vaccinating your child not only protects them but also helps prevent the spread of flu to more vulnerable friends and family members. The flu vaccine is a quick, painless spray administered into each nostril and is known as LAIV (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine.)

For more information on the nasal flu vaccine please see the Patient Information Leaflet Link:  
[FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine \(live attenuated, nasal\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)

### Who is Eligible?

For the 2025/26 season, all children from Reception to Year 11 will be offered the free nasal flu vaccine.

For children who are not able to receive the nasal vaccine, an inactivated flu injection is also available. For full details, including eligibility and the patient information leaflet, please visit:  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

### School Visit Date

We will be visiting your school **on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

Please complete the online form by **midday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

### How to Consent

To provide consent please follow the link and code below.

Link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School code: **EE111894**



Delivered by Kernow Health CIC



### Contact Details

If you experience any issues accessing the form, please contact:

- Devon schools: 01392 342678
- Cornwall schools: 01872 221105

### Important Reminders

- You must **opt in** for your child to receive the vaccine. Without a submitted consent form, your child will not be vaccinated.
- If your child becomes wheezy or their asthma medication is increased after submitting the form, please contact us immediately.
- If you choose not to vaccinate your child, we kindly ask that you still complete the form and provide your reason. This helps us improve the service.
- **If you have submitted a yes consent but have since changed your mind, please call us on one of the numbers above so that we can change the consent**
- If you need this information in a different format or require communication support, please let us know.
- Your child may be able to self-consent to receive the vaccine if they are considered competent to do so. This is called **Gillick competence**. For more information: [NHS Children and young people - consent to treatment](#)

Yours faithfully

Dr Paul Cook  
Chief Medical Officer  
Kernow Health



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## Dates for your diary

Monday 6th October - Inset Day: School closed to pupils  
Thursday 2nd October - Tempest Photography/ Pupil Photographs  
Tuesday 7th October - Year 1 Hearing Test by Kernow Health  
Tuesday 7th October - Afterschool Clubs start  
Monday 20th October - Home School Reviews  
Tuesday 21st October - Flu Immunisation whole school  
Thursday 23rd October - Inset Day: School closed to pupils  
Friday 24th October - Half Term Break  
Monday 3rd November - School returns from Half Term Break

Indian Queens Nursery  
We are in the  
final!

Best Nursery In School  
Award



The presentation will be in London on  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Wish us luck!

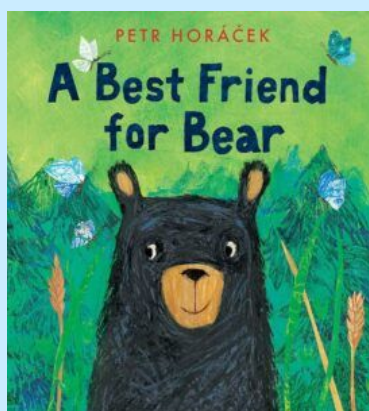


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## READING FOR PLEASURE ...

### EYFS



*A Best Friend for Bear* by Petr Horáček (Walker Books Ltd, 2022)  
This is a heart-warming story about two bears who search together for a friend. Without realising, they may have found what they are looking for in each other. This is a lovely story to share with your class as they begin to develop friendships in the Autumn term.

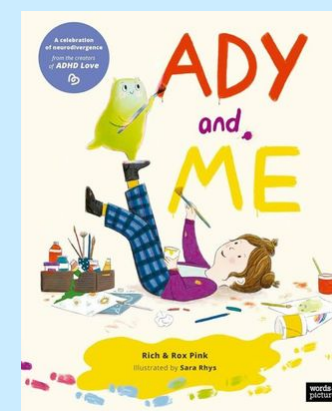
## EYFS & KS1 Book Recommendations

### YEAR 1



*Nina and the Night Spirits* by Adriena Fong (Flvina Eve Books, 2023)  
Nina is too shy to ask the many questions he has about the night spirits that terrorise the village, until he finds himself in the forest. This beautiful book is about facing your fears, being confident and finding your voice. This story will capture the imaginations of children in your class and is perfect at the start of a new school year.

### YEAR 2



*Ady and Me* by Rich and Rox Pink and illustrated by Sara Rhys (Quarto Publishing PLC, 2025)  
A heartwarming story of a little girl living with ADHD and the challenges she faces each day. Honest and uplifting, it gives a voice to children who are neurodivergent and reminds us of the importance of understanding, acceptance and looking beyond labels to see each child for who they truly are.



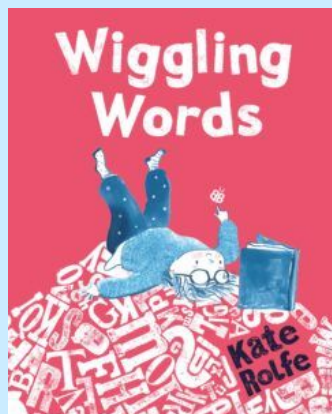
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## READING FOR PLEASURE ...

## KS2 Book Recommendations

### Year 3/4



***Wiggling words*** by Kate Rolfe (Two Hoots, 2025)  
A beautiful picture book about a child who finds reading tricky when the letters dance and tumble around, but discovers the joy of playing, creating and imagining with the wiggling words!  
Inspired by Kate Rolfe's own experience of dyslexia, it celebrates creativity, resilience and the magic of language.

### YEAR 5/6




***The Comet*** by Joe Todd-Stanton (Flying Eye Books, 2022)  
Beautifully illustrated, this stunning book explores the bewildering experience of moving house. The story explores how this can affect a child's sense of belonging, but also how it can open them up to new and wonderful experiences. An exquisite and heartfelt picture book that your children will love.



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## Friends of Indian Queens School



**AGM**  
*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October*  
**3:15pm**  
*Main School Hall*  
**Everybody Welcome!**

Friends of Indian Queens School Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th October at 3:15pm.

Friends of the School plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the Committee who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member for the first time. We will also be voting our new constitution and policies.

For any more information or if you'd like to get involved please send us a message to [fos@indianqueensschool.org](mailto:fos@indianqueensschool.org)

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 16th October.



## Upcoming Events

### Autumn Term 2025

OCTOBER

**16**

3:15pm Main School Hall  
**AGM**

OCTOBER

**23**

**Halloween Events.**

DECEMBER

**03**

**Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto.**

DECEMBER

**04**

**Christmas Secret Shopping starts.**

*More information will be released closer to the date of each event!*

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## ASPENS ...

Next special event...



Double click on flyer to register



Book through ParentPay in the usual way, but please book via meal type, not as per quoted menu showing on ParentPay for that day:  
Main Event - Beef Chilli Nachos  
Vegetarian - Veggie Chilli Nachos  
Jacket Potato, Pasta & allergy meals are also bookable as normal.



## INDIAN QUEENS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



To help keep all our children and staff safe and healthy, we would like to remind you that Indian Queens Primary School is a nut-free school. This policy is in place to protect pupils who have severe, life-threatening nut allergies.

Even tiny traces of nuts can trigger a serious allergic reaction. That's why we ask for your support in ensuring that no nuts or nut products are brought into school in lunchboxes, snacks, or any other food items.

This includes:  
Peanuts and all tree nuts  
Peanut butter and nut spreads  
Chocolate spreads (e.g. many contain hazelnuts - please check labels carefully)  
Confectionery and snack bars that may contain nuts or have "may contain nuts" warnings

Please always check ingredient lists and allergen warnings when packing your child's food. If you are unsure, it's safer to leave the item out.

We appreciate your help in creating a safe environment for all our children.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Indian Queens Primary School Team



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## Community News ...



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**Be a part of  
something to be  
proud of!**



Instruments provided

**Indian Queens Beginner Band**  
**Tuesdays 6:45pm-7:15pm**

Want your child to learn  
something new?

Something affordable?

Looking to teach your  
child dedication, team  
work and personal  
improvement?

Even learn as a family!



All ages welcome



Contact us on:  
07860 376914 or  
shelley.indianqueensband  
@gmail.com

**Saint Enoder  
Youth Club**

COME AND JOIN US EVERY  
TUESDAY EVENING AT  
THE INDIAN QUEENS REC!

FOR AGES 8-16  
6-8PM

GAMES  
TRIPS  
ARTS & CRAFT  
TUCK SHOP  
INFORMATION & GUIDANCE

**Young People Cornwall**  
ROSIE.NICKELS@YPPC.ORG.UK | WWW.YOUNGPEOPLECORNWALL.ORG | 07741803203

**OCTOBER HALF TERM  
ACTIVITY CAMPS**

**SCHEDULE 2025**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Bushcraft  
(Survival skills & Combat)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bushcraft  
(Wild cooking & foraging)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bushcraft  
(Explorer, navigation & tracking)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Multi Sport Activity Camp  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Multi Sport Activity Camp  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Multi Sport Activity Camp  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> - Multi Sport Activity Camp

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Special Activity Camp

**BOOKINGS GO LIVE MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER!**

**SIR BEN AINSIE SPORTS CENTRE**  
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## Stronger Starts.

### Calling out for votes to get a share of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund

We are thrilled to announce that Friends of Indian Queens School are in the customer vote for the Tesco Stronger Starts fund, raising funds to develop the school's playground areas with modern, safe and engaging play equipment.

This scheme gives community projects like ours grants of up to £1,500 and customers can vote in Padstow and Newquay stores from the first week in October 2025 until Mid January 2026 to decide how much funding we get.

Please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

Please remember to clearly name all items of your child's school uniform. This will enable speedy return, should any item become lost.



The new school year is here!  
Our pre-loved/unclaimed school uniform rail is available daily at the school office. Please help yourself!



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Thank you for reading our Newsletter.