



Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

What an incredibly packed last few weeks it has been! The children thoroughly enjoyed the Pantomime trip. They participated with great enthusiasm and it was clear for all to see how valuable the experience was for their wellbeing. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Carol Concert and St. Bartholomew's. It was lovely to hear the children sing their favourite Christmas songs and carols with the Year 6 taking part to deliver prayers and readings.



Last week, the School Council and Rainbow Fish class supported the National Trust in planting trees above the Fairground Carpark in Helston. The National Trust are planting 3000 trees this year and next, to create further woodland habitat and create another path for walking. As a rough estimate the school planted well over 150 trees.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school's PTA for all their hard work and commitment, especially their time, in organising the Christmas Fair, which was a great success raising £887.80. I would also like to thank all the businesses and companies that donated gifts to what was a fantastic raffle and for Miss M & M for seeking-out the prizes. As a result of the fund raising, the children are enjoying the use of new playground equipment amongst many other enhancements to school life to come!

Finally, I would like to thank the incredible staff here at Porthleven School. The past year has had its challenges, but like all good teams those challenges have made us stronger and more determined to make things right for the betterment of all the children. So much has changed at the school since September and I would like to share this progress with all the parents and carers in the New Year.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a fabulous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dan Clayden



Accelerated Reader Champions!



Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
1,306	90,265	102,818	1,198,543	1,484,388
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Freddie 703	Gracie 21,873	Ella 29,046	Zoe 119,820	Bree-Anna 117,497
100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?				
Arlo	Evie, Gracie, Fern, Lottie, Alana, Esmay, Keira, Sam, Brodie, Khaya, Rupert, Lani, Esmay, Lily, Phoebe, Martha, Jago, Eleanor, Eden, Lydia, Sasha, Teigan	Sophia, Ivy, Evelyn, Edie, Coral, Sienna, Merryn, Abigail,	Ewan, Isobel, Zoe, Scarlett, Linnea, Joseph, Felix, Alfie, Amaris, Ava, Toby, Logan, Harper, Sonny, Olivia-Mai, Delilah, Amelie, Sophia, John, Dacey, Eli, Josie	Annabelle, Pearl, Harley, Beau, Logan, Bree-Anna, Scarlet, Jack, Daisy, Jaimee- Leih, Ava, Enrika, Lily, Erin

Recommended reads

KS1 Book of the week - Stella and the Seagull

Author: Georgina Stevens AR Book Level: 4.5

When Stella's little seagull friend gets sick from eating plastic on the beach, Stella knows she has to do something. She writes to her favourite chocolate bar company and is soon bringing the whole community together to clean up their beach.



KS2 Book of the week - The Railway Children

Author: E Nesbit AR Book Level: 5.5

After their father suddenly disappears, Bobbie, Peter, and Phyllis are forced to leave their London home and move to the countryside with their mother. Discovering the wonders of the railway behind their new cottage, the children take it upon themselves to solve the mystery of their missing father. Making friends with the station porter, Mr Perks, and the Old Gentleman who rides the train every morning, the siblings experience a bundle of escapades and close scrapes.



Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 2.1

Narwhals: 2.5

Swordfish: 2.5

Manta Rays: 3.0

Dolphins: 2.8

Well done to Manta Rays for winning the Maths Whizz trophy this week!



Maths-Whizz
by whizz EDUCATION

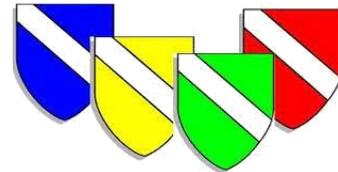
Attendance

Class	Attendance This Term	Late Marks
Rainbowfish—YR	93.62%	
Seahorses—Y1	94.59%	
Jellyfish—Y2	96.10%	
Narwhals—Y3	98.22%	
Swordfish—Y4	95.76%	
Manta Rays—Y5	96.89%	
Dolphins—Y6	94.06%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.60%	

Well done to **Narwhals** class for the best attendance this term!

House Points

Running Totals This Term:



Cookworthy: 16

Penrose: 15

Gibson: 20

Methleigh: 19

Our winners this term are the

Gibson Team

Well done!

Important Messages

Attendance and late arrival

As a reminder, the expected attendance for a child is **95%** or above. Please ensure all absences are emailed or left on the absence phonenumber by 9am each day.

School gates close at 8.50am, if your child arrives after this time they will need to ring the gate buzzer and register at the office.

Breaktime snacks

We ask that children please have a healthy snack during break times and avoid snacking on items such as chocolate or crisps.

School Facebook

Please follow the schools Facebook page for school updates - Porthleven School.

Porthleven PTA page is not run by the school. If you have any questions about school, please ensure you send them to porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org or call the school office.

House point winners - Gibson!

Well done to all the members of Gibson house, who enjoyed their prize of popcorn and a film today after winning the overall house competition this half term! It was incredibly close between each of the four houses and every single child in the school has been endeavouring to earn as many house points as they can, showing exemplary 'Porthleven Way' behaviours. Keep it up Porthleven!

Admissions

Crofty Multi Academy Trust is consulting on its schools' admissions arrangements for the academic year 2025-26.

We are proposing one change to the policy and, in accordance with the School Admissions Code, must therefore consult locally with our stakeholders.

Please find attached a letter that outlines the consultation and the changes we are proposing, along with a copy of the draft Admissions Policy for 2025-26 with the changes highlighted.

Comments are welcomed and should be made following the process outlined in the letter. We have set a deadline for responses to be returned by 3.15pm on Wednesday 31st January 2024.

We thank you for your help and co-operation in this matter.



Would you like strategies to support your child with their learning at home?

Come and meet a member from the Cognition and Learning team.

When: Tuesday 9th January at 2pm -3pm

Where: Porthleven School

Session will cover: Tips on supporting your children at home with their learning. There will be a focus on dyslexia, but all support and strategies would benefit all children.

Diary Dates

(additions in red)

Date	Event
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of school
Thursday 4th January	INSET Day
Friday 5th January	First day of the Spring term
Monday 19th February	INSET Day
Wednesday 8th May	INSET Day



Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who
donated a prize for our christmas raffle!

Enterprise Boats - Fal River

The Seal Sanctuary

Global Boarders

Helston Pool

Trevena Cross

Slice of Cornwall

Faye

Sophie Styles Health and Beauty

The Twisted Currant

Pengelly's of Porthleven

The Polurrian Hotel

James Morris-Marsham

Tesco

The Square at Porthleven

RGB Building Supplies

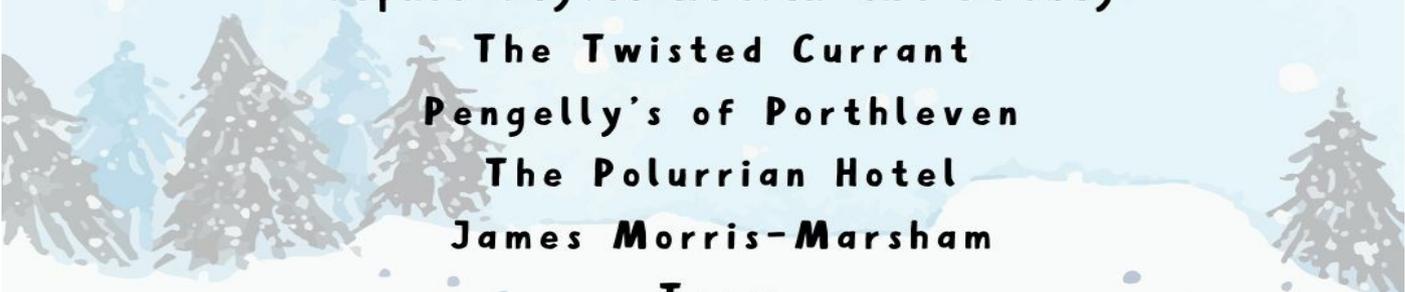
James Millar Financial Planning

Chris Nicholls Motors

Flambards

Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens

Whirlwind Sports



12 Social Media Online Safety Tips

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.

2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.

3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE

This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.

4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS

This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.

5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION

Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.

6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.

7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES

Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.

8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.

9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.

10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.

11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.

12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY

Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.



Porthleven Nursery School

We offer:

- Safe and secure environment.
- Qualified teacher led provision within a foundation unit having access to all amenities within Porthleven School.
- Free funding for 3 and 4-year-olds.
- Experienced, well qualified and caring staff.
- A seamless transition into school.
- Organised activities and trips
- Play based learning.



Visit us today at:

**Porthleven
Primary and
Nursery School**

**Torleven
Road, Porthleven,
TR13 9BX**

Call 01326 562249 or email porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org for more information or to book a viewing.



The Nursery is open between the hours of 09.00 and 15.00. Funded sessions can be claimed in the mornings between 09.00 and 12.00 and afternoon sessions run from 12.00-15.00.

You are able to extend your funded 15 hours per week at a session rate of £14.25 (3 hours).



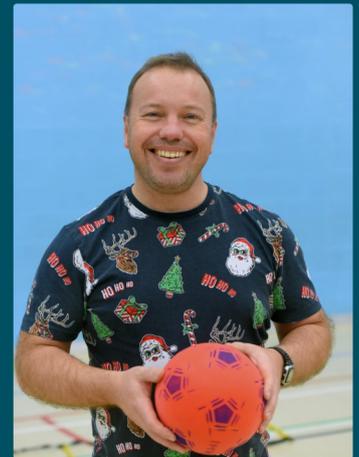
CHRISTMAS 2023

Activities are taking place across Cornwall
during the Christmas holidays!

Scan here to book!



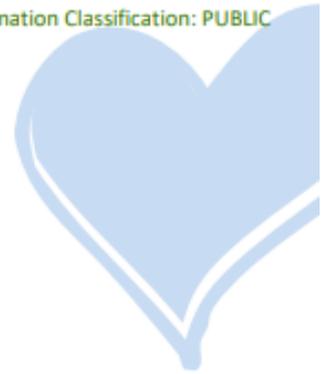
- Activities including multi sports, circus skills, arts and crafts and lots more
- For children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals



Together for Families Parenting

Parenting Workshops

January – March 2024



Understanding your Child

- Early Years (ages 1-3)
- Primary Years (ages 4-8)
- Transition Years (ages 9-11)

Workshop Description

Delivered over 10 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Responding to how your child is feeling
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why is sleep important?
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

 www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Workshop Dates

East		
Ages 1-3	Mondays 9:30-11:30	15.01.24 – 25.03.24 Bodmin Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays 9:30-11:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Callington Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 1-3	Fridays 9:30-11:30	12.01.24 – 22.03.24 The Park Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays 9:30-11:30	11.01.24 – 28.03.24 Trelander Family Hub
West		
Ages 1-3	Mondays 9:30-11:30	15.01.24 – 25.03.24 Troon Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays 9:30-11:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Hayle Family Hub
Countywide		
Ages 1-3	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 1-3	Wednesdays 18:00-20:00	21.02.24 – 24.04.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 4-8	Wednesday 12:30-14:30	24.01.24 – 27.03.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Wednesdays 9:30-11:30	24.01.24 – 27.03.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Thursdays 18:00-20:00	22.02.24 – 25.04.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Mondays 18:00-20:00	26.02.24 – 29.04.24 Virtual MS Teams



Workshop Dates

East		
Ages 12-18	Mondays 12:30-14:30	08.01.24 – 18.03.24 Bodmin Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Callington Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 12-18	Fridays 12:30-14:30	12.01.24 – 22.03.24 The Park Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Trelander Family Hub
West		
Ages 12-18	Mondays 12:30-14:30	08.01.24 – 18.03.24 Troon Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Hayle Family Hub
Countywide		
Ages 12-18	Fridays 9:30-12:30	12.01.24 – 22.03.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 18:00-20:00	20.02.24 – 23.04.24 Virtual MS Teams

Take 3

Workshop Description

Delivered over 10 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- What's adolescence?
- Encouraging young people
- The power of listening
- Misbehaviour and listening
- The four styles of parenting
- Taking stock, "I" statements and boundaries
- Negotiating boundaries and consequences
- When adults disagree – more negotiation practice
- Saying goodbye and moving on

Living with Parents

Workshop Description

A one-day workshop delivered over 5-hours.

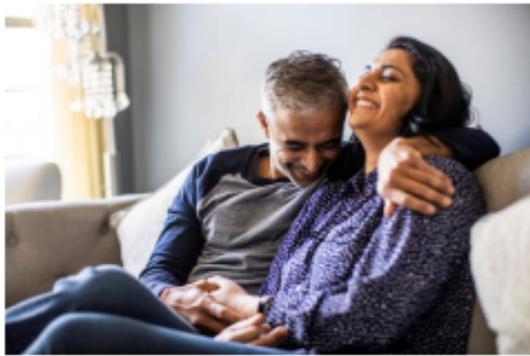
This is an evidence-based workshop for parents and carers to attend with their young person:

- Interactive/structured activities
- Guided discussion
- Group work
- Strategies and top tips
- Discussing effective communication
- Relationship building
- Boundary setting

Workshop Dates

East		
Ages 12-18	Friday 9:30-14:30	09.02.24 Wadebridge Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Friday 9:30-14:30	15.03.24 Torpoint Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 12-18	Friday 9:30-14:30	22.03.24 Trelander Family Hub
West		
Ages 12-18	Friday TBD	TBD





Supporting Healthy Relationships

Me You and Baby Too (MYBT) Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for all new or expectant parents/carers:

- What your baby picks up on
- How to support each other
- How arguments start, and how to manage them constructively

Arguing Better (AB) Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for all parents/carers with a child of any age:

- How to support each other
- How arguments start, and how to manage them constructively
- Impact on children

Getting it Right for Children (GIRFC) Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for separating or separated parents/carers:

- How to stay calm and listen
- Seeing things differently
- Finding solutions and making compromises

MYBT Workshop Dates

Countywide		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	30.01.24 – 13.02.24 Virtual MS Teams
Mid		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 St Austell Family Hub
West		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	12.03.24 – 26.03.24 Penzance Family Hub

AB Workshop Dates

Countywide		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	30.01.24 – 13.02.24 Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 Launceston Family Hub
West		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 Penzance Family Hub

GIRFC Workshop Dates

Countywide		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	30.01.24 – 13.02.24 Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	12.03.24 – 26.03.24 Launceston Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	12.03.24 – 26.03.24 St Austell Family Hub



How to access

Parents/carers or professionals can access the parenting offer by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting.

Parents/carers or professionals will be able to self-book onto workshop using the parenting booking portal, which can be found at the above website. If a family requires targeted or specialist support, an Early Help Request for help should be made via the [Early Help Hub](#).

If parents/carers or professionals would like support booking themselves or a parent/carer onto a workshop, they should contact the Early Help Parenting Team using the contact details below. An advice line will be available Monday – Friday, 9am - 5pm to support queries.



Together for Families

Parenting Young People aged 12 - 18

SELECT A SERVICE

<p>Take 3 - Virtual</p> <p>This is a 15-week online-delivered virtual... Read more</p> <p>Fee - 2 hours</p>	<p>Take 3 - Bodmin Family Hub</p> <p>This is a face-to-face course delivered over... Read more</p> <p>Fee - 2 hours</p>
<p>Take 3 - Callington Family Hub</p> <p>This is a face-to-face course delivered over... Read more</p> <p>Fee - 2 hours</p>	<p>Take 3 - Hayle Family Hub</p> <p>This is a face-to-face course delivered over... Read more</p> <p>Fee - 2 hours</p>



Together for Families

Supporting Healthy Relationships Workshops

SELECT A SERVICE

<p>Me, You and Baby Too - Virtual - (30 Jan, 6 and 13 Feb)</p> <p>This is a virtual series of 3 sessions running... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>	<p>Me, You and Baby Too - St Austell Family Hub (20, 27 Feb and 5...)</p> <p>This is a face-to-face series of 3 sessions... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>
<p>Me, You and Baby Too - Penzance Family Hub (12, 19, and 26...)</p> <p>This is a face-to-face series of 3 sessions... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>	<p>Arguing Better - Virtual - (30 Jan, 6 and 13 Feb)</p> <p>This is a virtual series of 3 sessions running... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>

ADD YOUR DETAILS

First and last name *

Phone *

ADD any special requests

Email *

Address *

Phone number *

ADD your phone number



Together for Families

Parenting children aged 0 to 11

SELECT A SERVICE

<p>Virtual - Understanding your child (ages 1 to 3)</p> <p>This is a Virtual course delivered on Microsoft... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>	<p>Understanding your child (ages 1 - 3) Bodmin Family Hub</p> <p>This is a face-to-face course delivered over... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>
<p>Understanding your child (ages 1 - 3) Truro Family Hub</p> <p>This is a face-to-face course delivered over... Read more</p>	<p>Understanding your child (ages 1 to 3) The Park Family Hub</p> <p>This is a face-to-face course delivered over... Read more</p>

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 324323

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100



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Christmas Adventure Club

December 20th, 21st & 22nd 2023
Cornish Camels, Rosuik Farm, St Martin,
Helston. TR12 6DZ



10:00 - 14:30

Stream play. Tree climbing. Hammocks.
Festive crafts. Hot lunch.
(Activities subject to weather and group
needs and interest)

Email: hello@beyondthewave.org.uk
Facebook: Beyond The Wave CIC

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Department
for Education



On your own this Christmas Day?

Come and join us for
our Christmas Day
service, followed by a
full Christmas Dinner

Booking essential!!

To book your place, contact us on: 01209 612268 or
info@cambornecommunitychurch.org.uk



CAMBORNE



CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER
5PM - 6PM

OPEN TO ALL - FREE ENTRY



PADDLEBOAT THEATRE PRESENTS:
FRAMED!
AN INTERACTIVE FAMILY FRIENDLY WHODUNNIT MYSTERY



FRINGE REVIEW



SCAN ME

2pm, Wednesday 14 February

Tickets: £8. Save £2 per ticket with the code: **framed** (valid until 31 Dec)

falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre

AMATA Arts Centre, Falmouth University, Penryn Campus TR10 9FE

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