



# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Tamm an Gernewek (A bit of Cornish)

### Visit from Kernow King

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January Kernow King came in to do a workshop with Tren crom Class. His name was Ed and he told us about famous people that came from Cornwall. He showed us a statement, it said 'no-one famous comes from Cornwall' but that is a lie as a lot of famous people come from Cornwall! For instance, Richard Trevithick and there was someone who discovered a new planet called Neptune, and a lot more famous people. They say that someone walked from Newlyn to London. We then did some detective work. We had to look at some files. There were pieces of paper that had clues on them. After that, Ed said he needed to go to the hall to help Jen set up for the play they were doing. Then we went to the hall to watch the play. It was really funny, everyone was laughing. They called the hall's tent the pasty tent. Also Ed ate a 30,000 year old pasty. After the play had finished everyone went out of the hall laughing. We all said thank you in a chuckling way. By Vincent



### Making Hevva cakes

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Tren crom Class baked Hevva cakes with Mrs Floyd. We all worked in groups of seven. In my group were Harry, Keira, Chloe, Alfie, Emily and Finley. Hevva cakes were represented by fishing nets and fish. The dough represents the nets and the currants represent the fish.

Here are the ingredients: Orange and Lemon rind, currants, flour, salt, sugar and milk. First, we put a pinch of salt, rinds, currants and sugar in a bowl and gave it a stir with the thin end of a spoon. Secondly, we added some milk and gave it a good stir that turned it into a mixture. Thirdly, we rolled the mixture into a ball and flattened it! As well as that we got a knife and did a criss-cross pattern on the top. Last of all, we put them in the oven and baked them.

Hevva cakes are from Cornwall and not found anywhere else in the country. Usually fishermen would call out 'Hevva' if they spotted a shoal of fish swimming towards a harbour. Then the fishermen would go out to catch some fish.

## Dates for your diary:

**28<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
– National Storytelling Week

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** –  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** –  
After School Football Club –  
**CANCELLED**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** –  
Youth Speaks Competition  
at Pool Academy – 4pm

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** –  
Choir after school is  
**CANCELLED**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** –  
Penponds Talent Show –  
run by School Council

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**–  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** –  
Mousehole Trip for Carn  
Brea and Tren crom classes

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**5.30pm to 7pm** – Valentine  
Disco

**18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February** – half-  
term break

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** –  
King Edward Mine Trip for  
Tregonning Class

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** –  
Breadmaking in Class 3

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** –  
Taste the World/Rainbow



### Scone making in Carn Brea Class

Carn Brea Class had a lot of fun making scones this week and learning about what makes a Cornish cream tea.



### Bikeability for Year 5

On Thursday, the first day of Bikeability we started off in the court learning how to do hand signals and looking behind. Our instructor, Martin, was amazing. He taught me, Lemmy, Maddie, Ryan, Piran and William how to check our bikes are working properly. It was lots of fun and that day we finished Grade 1 Bikeability.

Choices for Class 3 in the Hall

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**11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March** – British STEM week

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Shoebox Racer Competition

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Cornwall Records Office Trip – Trencom and Tregonning Classes

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Science Adventures Show – in the Hall

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent meetings

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent meetings

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**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – RMat Gala Performance at The Regal Theatre, Redruth

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**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day for children

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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET day – no children in school

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**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – First day back for children

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Beach Safety talk in the Hall

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Pasty Day – pasties for lunch to celebrate Trevithick Day

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – Trevithick Day, Camborne

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**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Class 3 swimming (morning session) replacing lesson on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

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**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday



On Friday, the second and last day of Bikeability we went on the road! At first we just road a few yards at a time, then we road for ages without stopping. We road to Barripper and half the way back. By then the students were completely worn out. We got back to school just in time for morning break and after that we went back to the court where we did obstacle courses with our bikes. It was very challenging. I can't wait until I do Bikeability next year! By Ellena

### Singing Lessons with Kirsty Bailey



Singing lessons are available with Kirsty Bailey. Lessons can be tailored to what your child wishes to sing, whether it be musical theatre, classical or pop. Single and Group lessons available. Opportunities for concerts and exams. If you would like anymore information please contact Kirsty on 07803 783 175.

### Missing Chameleon

We are missing our Creative Chameleon. We think he has gone home with someone after celebration assembly. If you have Creative Chameleon please can you bring him into school by next Monday. Thank you very much. By Thomas Yr 6 prefect

### Maths Olympiad at Nexus



Today Gina, Alice Jake and Lloyd took part in the Cornwall Maths Olympiad at Nexus. There were over 100 Year 6 pupils there from schools all over Cornwall to take part in different maths

competitions and challenges. In the morning they were up against the clock in three tests helped along by our former pupils Thomas and Megan. After a short break for lunch (with maths problems to solve as they were eating) they were pitted against the rest of the pupils in the main competition. All four of them arrived back at school at the end of the day buzzing from the effort and brain power they'd had to put in. We should know the results next week. Many thanks to Mrs Stone for accompanying them for the day.



### National Story Telling Week – 26<sup>th</sup> January – 1st February

Next week we will be celebrating National Story Telling Week and 'read aloud' Friday with the children. Here are some suggestions for parents and carers for reading aloud at home:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/parent-child/importance-reading-bedtime-stories-to-big-kids.html>

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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am  
**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May** – SATs week  
for Year 6

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**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half-term  
holiday

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**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June** – Trenchrom  
Class - Camp at Eden

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**2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July** – RMAT London  
Trip – Tregonning Class

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Penponds  
Family Festival

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**15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July** – Work  
Experience Students in  
school

**15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July** –  
Transition Days for Year 6 at  
CSIA

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**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – last  
day for children

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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – INSET  
Day

Bookstrust also have useful info on their website:  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-aloud-well/>

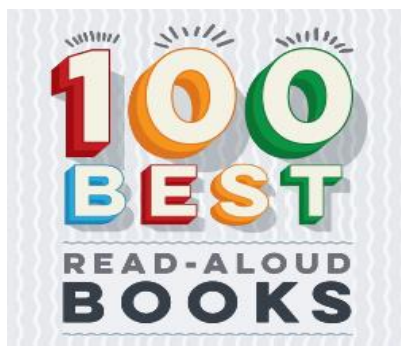
This website has recommended picture books for read aloud:  
<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/caseycardinia/read-aloud-picture-books-for-primary-school-childr/>



### The Importance of Reading Bedtime

[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)

The Importance of Reading Bedtime Stories to Big Kids. A solid reader still needs storytime, even when your kid can read by their selves. Keep the routine going with our advice and book recommendations!



### 100 Best Read-Aloud Books - Scholastic

[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)

Scholastic is counting down the 100 Best Read-Aloud Books

### Attendance %:

Carn Brea: 100%  
Godolphin:  
Y1 – 94.77%  
Y2 – 97.53%  
Trencrom: 98.73%  
Tregonning: 99.57%

### Attendance Trophy:

Carn Brea Class

### Awards:

**Top Table** – Elffin, Emily R, Oliver S, Maddie T

**Carn Brea** – Jessica, Isobel, Austin

**Godolphin** -

Y1 – Ethan, Joshua, Toby

Y2 – Indie-Rae, Ellie, Brody

**Trencrom** – Jasmine, Bella

**Tregonning** – Gina, William, Ben

**Headteacher** – Amy, Evie, Freya D, Grace, Holly T

**Maths** – Morley, Freya W, Leon, Mia, Ellie S

### Cornish Phrases for this week:

Fatlas genes? – How are you?

### Quote of the week:

A child with a healthy dose of self-esteem has the best defence against life's challenges.



AGE RESTRICTION  
**18+**

# What parents need to know about **GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)**

**grand theft auto**

Grand Theft Auto is an action-adventure video game series where players control criminals and wreak havoc in order to complete missions and progress through the game. During the early stages of the game, it solely focuses on completing missions to go up a level. However, as the game grew more popular the makers of GTA decided to introduce a narrative to each edition of the game. The aim of this was to increase user engagement, making gamers believe that they were not just playing as the character, but they became the character. Grand Theft Auto is accessible on a number of devices including: PlayStation and Xbox, desktop computers, PSP, Nintendo DS, and Mobile.



## Top Tips for Parents

### THE RISK - PLAYING WITH STRANGERS

When buying GTA V you automatically have access to Grand Theft Auto Online, a version of the game that allows players to play online. They can play alone, invite players to a game, or be involved in public 'sessions' where people will be picked at random to play. When you first load into a game you are automatically placed into an open lobby, meaning you play with random people. The social club is GTA's very own social platform where users can chat, share in-game photographs (which users can like and comment on), and even message other users directly.

#### What parents can do

To prevent your child playing with strangers on the game, you can change the settings to ensure they only play with their approved friends list. Upon signing up to the social club, it automatically sets a player's visibility settings to 'everyone', meaning their name and profile information is made public. Parents can alter this by changing the visibility settings to 'only me'.

### WARNING!

Due to the nature of the game and the age restrictions, GTA includes content that is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18, including sex, nudity, violence, profane language, and substance abuse. These are the main components that make up the game - you have to do certain things and witness certain things in order to move on in the game. Exposing your child to this type of content could affect their morals and understanding of right and wrong. Additionally, your child could become desensitised to similar situations, reinforcing the fact they would find it hard to differentiate between right/wrong and good/bad.

### THE RISK - ONLINE HACKERS

Hackers can make money by helping users cheat in the game. They can do a number of inappropriate things, including killing people, stealing weapons, spawning money into the game, and even raping other characters. Spawning money tends to be a gamer's most popular choice, being able to buy \$100,000,000 (of in-game currency) for as little as five US dollars.

#### What parents can do

Actively monitor your child's online activity. These websites are very easy to find, meaning children and young people can easily navigate their way to these websites and pay for hacks. Not only is this an illegal activity, but you have the risk of giving your personal information to someone who may misuse it.

### THE RISK - ADDICTION

Addiction is a risk with any game. Game developers use persuasive design techniques to force users to invest their time, and often money, in a game. Within GTA, your character is able to progress through the game for completing missions within a certain time frame, encouraging children to keep returning to the game. Gaming addiction is now a recognised health condition and the side effects are concerning. Including sleep deprivation, decreased attention span and erratic emotional behaviour.

#### What parents can do

There are a number of things you can do if you are concerned about your child's screen time, including setting time limits within the home, especially during meal times and before bedtime. Talk to your child and ask why they are spending so much time on the game, and encourage healthy alternatives such as outdoor activities and spending quality time with friends and family.

### THE RISK - LIVE CHAT

When playing GTA online, players have the option to use a microphone to broadcast their voice live to other players involved in the session. These live voice chats are not moderated, meaning anything could be said, including inappropriate language, as well as verbal forms of bullying.

#### What parents can do

Talk openly with your child about not giving away personal information. Also remind them that conversations can be recorded, which could damage their online reputation. Depending on the device/platform, there will be ways to mute conversations. Make yourself aware of the device's/platform's individual settings and ensure that your child knows how to block and report.

### THE RISK - MICROTRANSACTIONS

By completing missions and partaking in certain activities you earn in-game currency. This allows you to buy things such as prostitutes, vehicles, weapons, ammo, new outfits, cars, apartments and more. However, the items that are available to buy often have a high price that require a lot of game time, meaning the items are pretty unrealistic to buy.

#### What parents can do

If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest purchasing a pre-paid gift card for your child. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and remove the need for a credit or debit card to be used with their account.

#### SOURCES:

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2103188/parentalguide>  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/gaming/news/grand-theft-auto-v-has-made-money-film-history/>  
<http://www.techaddiction.ca/addiction-to-video-games.html>



**National Online Safety**

A whole school community approach to online safety  
**www.nationalonlinesafety.com**  
Email us at [hello@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:hello@nationalonlinesafety.com) or call us on 0800 368 8061



# School emergency closures

## A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (e.g. snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the three local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools should have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (e.g. via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

### Useful websites

Cornwall Snow Advice  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)

Met Office  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)

Environment Agency  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

Devon & Cornwall Police  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

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](mailto:equality@cornwall.gov.uk) Telephone: 0300 1234 100



**CORNWALL**  
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Unless your child is entitled to free school meals, Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 hot cooked lunches cost is £2.40 each day or you can book for the whole week and get the **5 for 4 offer for £9.60 for the week**. Please pay for any lunches in advance. **Parent Pay coming soon!**

The average packed lunch contains...

OVER <b>4x</b> 	OVER <b>3x</b> 
the saturated fat;	the salt;
NEARLY <b>3x</b> 	NEARLY <b>DOUBLE</b> 
the sugar;	the calories

When compared to a Chartwells school meal

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*How to pay and further information*


School meals currently cost **£2.40** per day in your school. Pupils can choose to eat every day or pick their favourite days to eat with us.

You can pay for your school meals daily or weekly;

- Bring cash on the day, correct change if possible, in a named purse, wallet or small container


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Stay up to date with all the important news on your school meals service by visiting [www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk)




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## Passionate About Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

**Need some friendly advice but don't know  
who to ask?**

We are offering a course for parents/carers and families with children aged 5-12 years who may have been experiencing difficulties in managing their concentration, energy levels and/or challenging behaviour, the course will run over **6 sessions**.

### Sessions include:

- Increased understanding
- How ADHD affects the individual
- Practical suggestions to try at home
- Support and advice
- Includes rewards, routines and rules that work and much more!

### Further information

For more details please contact your local Family Hub

**Mondays 28<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30-12.00**

**Camborne Family Hub, Cliff View  
Road, Camborne, TR14 8QH**

**For referrals and booking please  
contact the Early Help Hub – 01872  
322277**





Free  
Play and Learn  
Sessions

# Incredible Years

For parents and their babies aged 0-5/6-12 months



## Sessions include:

- Getting to know your baby
- Babies as intelligent learners
- Providing physical, tactile and visual stimulation
- Parents learning to read babies' minds
- Gaining support
- Babies emerging sense of self (6-12 months)

## Further information

Fridays 1<sup>st</sup> February – 15<sup>th</sup> March (excluding half term)  
9.30-11.30

Troon Family Hub, New Road, Troon, Camborne, TR14 9ED

To book your place, please call 01872 322277





## Teaching Vacancy

Penponds School are looking to appoint a competent **key stage 2 teacher** to work as part of their dedicated team.

We are looking for a committed, enthusiastic and approachable team member who can help continue to raise standards and improve our school. The successful candidate will be an excellent teacher who is passionate about developing lifelong learning skills for all children within the class.

Penponds School is part of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust, working in partnership with Troon School, St Meriadoc Infant Academy and St Meriadoc Junior Academy where we believe that together, we are building a brighter future for our children. We are looking for a new member of staff to embrace and support our schools in creating an environment where the children have the opportunity to aim high and achieve their best every day.

### Job Details:

Location	Penponds School
Post	Key stage 2 teacher
Grade/salary	MPS
Hours per week	Full time
Contract	Permanent
Application closing date	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 at midnight
Interview date	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Other information	Start date: September 2019

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding the safeguarding of our students and the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Visits to our school are welcome by appointment. For an application pack or to make an appointment please contact Mrs Jo Wood by telephone 01209 713929 or email [secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk)



The Jam opens at 10 o'clock and is free to all. There is plenty of free parking right outside and the best entrance is via Trevenson Road. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at the Tech Jams.

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CAMBORNE

10am - 1pm

# TECH JAM

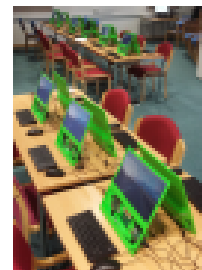
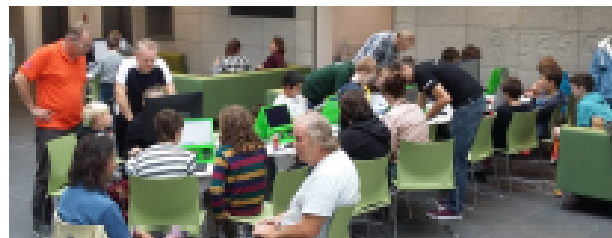
For anyone interested in technology,  
for all ages and abilities

Cornwall's Tech Jams are run by volunteers working in IT and education throughout the Duchy, in association with Software Cornwall and local businesses. The Jams run from 10am to 1pm on the second Saturday of the month, alternating between venues in the Pool/Camborne area, Bodmin and Penzance. They are free to attend, you can turn up whenever you've got time and stay for as long as you like.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult though.

We have 20 Raspberry Pi computers enabling you to experiment with and learn how to:

Program Robots, Code into Minecraft, Compose Music with Sonic-Pi, Launch Rockets, Control Traffic Lights, MeArm Robotic Arms, BBC MicroBits and more.



for directions see [cornwalltechjam.uk](http://cornwalltechjam.uk)





ADULT  
EDUCATION

# Your local link into learning



Develop your career, learn a new skill, gain a qualification or simply enjoy learning.

Come along to: **Internet Safety Workshop** to help you  
keep your family safe online

Being held at: **Roskear Link into Learning** next to  
Roskear Primary School, Camborne

On: **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 9:15am – 11:45am**  
Safer Internet Day

**All parents/carers welcome!**

Places are limited

For more information and to reserve a place, contact your **Family Learning** tutor  
Vicki Salvidge on 07968 992495 or [vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk](mailto:vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk)

It's easy to apply online today!

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning)  
Call 0300 1231 117

