



Gulval School

Welcome to our School

Thank you for your interest in joining our team at Gulval School. Nestled in the heart of the Cornish countryside, just moments from the stunning coastline of Penzance and the iconic St Michael's Mount, our school is a unique and inspiring place to learn. Gulval School is a happy, vibrant community where education is an adventure, and our dedicated team of professionals work tirelessly to make learning exciting, challenging, and meaningful. We strive to ensure that every child's time with us is filled with joy, growth, and lasting memories.

As the first Thrive Approach 'School of Excellence' in the country, we place a strong emphasis on personal development, mental health, wellbeing, and positive relationships—key foundations for academic success.

Our Responsibilities Program nurtures a deep sense of belonging, encouraging children to take ownership of their learning and their role within our school community.

Our vision is simple: we are passionate about delivering an exceptional, adventurous education that empowers pupils to feel safe, valued, and inspired. We want every child to realise their potential and leave Gulval equipped for a fulfilling, purposeful, and happy life.

While academic success is important, we recognise that every child is unique, and we are committed to providing the skills, experiences, and choices that will enable them to thrive beyond the classroom and into their future.





Our Curriculum

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At Gulval, our curriculum is:

- **Adventurous** – We believe in hands-on learning, problem-solving, and real-world exploration that makes education meaningful and exciting.
- **Inspiring** – We nurture motivation from within, encouraging children to push their boundaries, embrace challenges, and develop a passion for learning.
- **Empowering** – We instil confidence, kindness, and enthusiasm, fostering positive relationships and a deep sense of belonging within our school community.
- **Rooted in Heritage & Global Awareness** – Our curriculum celebrates Cornwall's rich history while encouraging a broad, outward-looking perspective that connects children to the wider world.
- **Progressive & Purposeful** – Carefully structured to build on previous knowledge, we create meaningful connections between subjects, helping children make sense of their learning in a way that feels relevant and real.

Above all, we want every child to leave Gulval with a sense of purpose, a thirst for knowledge, and the confidence to take on the world. Through community events, real responsibility, and immersive experiences, we ensure that learning is not just something that happens in a classroom, in with our goats or the summit of Snowdon—but a lifelong adventure.

Our School Structure

Gulval School caters for children aged 2 to 11, with a nursery and seven classes set within spacious grounds. Outdoor learning is at the heart of our school, with a school farm where children care for animals and climbing 'tangle' frames that promote confidence and adventure. Our field hosts football, rounders, gymnastics, and more, ensuring plenty of opportunities for active play. We are especially proud of our Early Years space, designed to spark curiosity and independence. At Gulval, learning extends beyond the classroom—encouraging exploration, resilience, and a love of discovery.

OFSTED

Our school was inspected by OFSTED on 15th and 16th November 2022 and was graded GOOD in all aspects. Our report can be viewed on OFSTED's website: [Gulval Primary School OFSTED Report](#)

TPAT

Gulval School is proud to be part of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust. TPAT work alongside our ethos of every child deserving the opportunity to succeed regardless of location or circumstance. Likewise, every school, regardless of size or level of geographical isolation, deserves the support necessary to make this happen.



Safeguarding

TPAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, workers, volunteers, governors and trustees to share this commitment.

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