



**Looe Community
Academy
Challenge Week
2026**

Surf & Skate : Board Sports Challenge

Mr Thorpe

£150

This three-day challenge focuses on developing technical skills across both surf and skate disciplines. Students will progress from the controlled, consistent waves of an artificial lake to the open ocean, concluding with a session at a premier indoor skatepark to build balance and physical confidence.

The Itinerary

- **Whitsand Bay, Cornwall** – Applying skills to the Atlantic coast. Surfing lesson - the focus shifts to ocean safety, wave selection, and adapting to a natural marine environment.
 - **The Wave, Bristol** – A world-class inland surfing lake. This session allows students to learn the mechanics of surfing in a safe, predictable environment with expert coaching. Equipment included.
 - **Prime Skatepark, Plymouth** – Transitioning to 'dry land' board skills. A private 2 hour session skating or scooting at a high quality skatepark.
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Key Information

- **Requirements:** No prior experience is necessary; all abilities are catered for. Helmet and scooter/skateboard required for Prime Skatepark.
- Focus:** Resilience, physical coordination and water safety.



Adventure Addicts

Mrs Owen

£165

Three Days with Cornish Adventure:
Kayaking, Surfing and Coasteering.

Get ready for an unforgettable kayaking adventure, where you will experience the local wildlife in the Camel Estuary, all whilst being challenged with games to help improve your paddling skills. Learn the essential kayak skills under the watchful eyes of experienced guides and enjoy the adventure and fun on the sea.

Depending on the surf, you will start your surfing or standup paddle boarding odyssey with expert coaches who will help you learn all the essential skills from catching the waves, paddling and of course standing up. Before you know it, you'll be riding the waves of Polzeath beach like a legend!

Coasteering involves scrambling, sea swimming, climbing and cliff jumping your way around a section of the North Cornwall coastline.

For all these activities, students must be fairly competent and confident swimmers. All equipment is provided, students will need swimwear, towel, sunscreen, water bottles and a packed lunch.



"On-your-hike!"

Mr Saberton

£20

An introduction to the plain joy of walking in the beautiful Cornish countryside. Each day will take our group on a ramble along foot-paths, by-ways and moorland, through some of the most stunning scenery in the South-West.

Why? Because it is there! I hope to get you hooked on the buzz of just being in nature, talking, thinking, laughing and eating!!

We will walk the coast path to Talland or even Polperro, the river valleys to Liskeard and the high moors of Bodmin. All the time we will be taking in the scenery, getting to know each other, taking photos and chilling out!

Some walks will go straight out of the Academy, some will need us dropping off and walking back or vice-versa!



FastTrack Dance Tour

Mrs Day

£50

Experience what it's like to be part of a dance company. Spend two full days working closely with a professional dance artist, collaborating to choreograph an original piece inspired by your own ideas and creativity. Over the course of the workshop, students will work together to create a brand-new performance piece, which they will then showcase to a live audience on the Thursday of Challenge Week.

This piece will then go on tour, visiting local primary schools and welcoming audiences to watch the performance. Along the way, you'll share in the energy, excitement, and connection that live dance brings.

Enjoy three days immersed in movement, expression, and creativity, and become part of something truly special.

The workshop takes place during normal school hours in the dance studio.

Students will need to come to school in their dance kit, and bring plenty of food and drink to keep them fuelled throughout the day.

More details will follow, but this is a fantastic opportunity for students to work with a professional, build confidence, and be part of a high-energy performance project.



Food Challenge

Mrs Gardner

£25

Get ready for our exciting FOOD Challenge Week!

During the week, you'll be taking on a real food challenge, cooking throughout the day and working as a team in the kitchen.

You'll plan and prepare three course meals inspired by food from around the world, and we may even try out some popular food trends you've seen online.

This challenge is all about creativity and teamwork, building confidence in the kitchen, real life learning and employability skills.

You'll also work together to clean and tidy up like a professional kitchen team.

You'll need to bring in suitable containers so you can take your food home and share it with your family — and show off what you've learned!

It's fast paced, hands on, and definitely a challenge — but a fun one!

Are you up for it?



Film Making

Mrs Jarman, Mr Howe & Mr Collins

£20

Step into a full week of creativity, storytelling and hands-on filmmaking with the Drama team. This immersive experience is designed for anyone who wants to explore the magic of cinema...from the first spark of an idea to the final screening!

Throughout the week, you'll watch a range of inspiring short films, dive into scriptwriting and collaborate with others to bring your own original story to life. You'll experiment with face paints, music and scenemaking.

As your project develops, you'll also learn how to promote your film, creating buzz and excitement ahead of a special end-of-week screening event where all the films will be showcased. There may even be an opportunity to submit your work to the BBC short film competition, giving your creativity a wider audience.

To top it all off, the week includes a trip to the cinema—an opportunity to relax, be inspired, and see storytelling on the big screen.

This is your chance to collaborate, experiment and express yourself in a fun and supportive environment. Come along and be part of something imaginative, exciting and truly creative.



Football

Plymouth Argyle

£15

Join a coach from Plymouth Argyle for a fun filled three days of playing football!

Join a professional coach from Plymouth Argyle for an exciting **3-day football camp** packed with energy, skill-building and fun! Whether you're looking to sharpen your technique or simply enjoy the game you love, this is the perfect opportunity to learn from the best in a supportive and dynamic environment.

Over the three days, you'll take part in:

- High-quality training sessions focused on skills, teamwork and match play
- Engaging drills designed to boost confidence and performance
- Expert coaching tips straight from a professional club environment
- Fun games and challenges that bring out your competitive spirit

No matter your level, this experience is all about improving, making friends, and enjoying every moment on the pitch.



Watersports

Mr Thompson

£220

A 3-day activity trip to Mount Batten Watersports Centre, designed to build confidence, teamwork and outdoor skills through a variety of engaging water-based activities.

Raft Building & Kayaking

Students will begin their adventure with either raft building or kayaking. In the raft-building session, groups will work collaboratively to design and construct their own floating rafts using provided materials, testing both their creativity and teamwork on the water.

During kayaking, students will learn essential paddling techniques, water safety skills, manoeuvring and gaining confidence as they explore the water.

Dinghy Sailing

Students will take part in dinghy sailing. They will be introduced to the basics of sailing, including understanding wind direction, controlling the sail and steering. Under instructor guidance, students will have the opportunity to take an active role in sailing the boat, developing communication, coordination and problem-solving skills while on the water.

Canoeing / Paddleboarding / Giant Paddleboarding

A mix of canoeing, paddleboarding and the exciting giant paddleboard activity. Students will practice balance, coordination and teamwork as they navigate the water. The giant paddleboard, in particular, encourages group cooperation, as students must work together to stay balanced and move effectively.



Art Makes Children Powerful

Lesa Welch

£25

Three days of guided painting classes at school can be a perfect blend of fun, relaxation, and creativity - a chance for students to slow down, explore their imagination and enjoy making something with their own hands whilst learning valuable skills to develop the quality of the work .

The students will create 2 or 3 painted pieces which will be presented on canvas and exhibited in school, with parents invited in for a special private view event. The students will start each class with structured support allowing all students with an interest in creativity to achieve an outcome. They can receive as much or as little support as they desire. During the class they will learn colour mixing paint techniques and perfect practice for working at an easel with confidence .

On the final day they will be able to develop the piece independently adding their own flare and personality. This is an ideal activity for any student who is thinking about taking art at GCSE as the work they produce can be included in their coursework portfolio.

Please wear old clothes as we will be using acrylic paint .

