



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fabulous first term as Headteacher of St Just primary School, crowned off by an incredible Christmas season. It was lovely to see so many (now familiar) faces yesterday at the Carol concert at the Methodist Chapel, which for me epitomised so much about the school, our families and the wider community. The children did absolutely fantastically, singing the songs and reading their lines with gusto! The support given to them was brilliant from families and friends, making the event feel really special. I know the Methodist Chapel would want me to thank you for your kind donations. The money raised on Wednesday night at the Community Concerts and yesterday was nearing £600, one step closer to the Chapel's first milestone of £50 000.

As Headteacher of both schools, it has been exciting to plan for all our future collaborations, beginning on Wednesday night, where over 50 students from St Just Primary joined students from Cape Cornwall School as part of the concert. In total, nearly 100 students performed. It was been brilliant to receive such positive feedback from parents. Colleagues from St Just primary School commented on how nice it was to see their St Just primary 'alumni' now performing so confidently as they have got older. We are making plans for the senior students to support more of these events moving forwards as part of their BTEC in Performing Arts. We will also be coming together as two teaching teams to discuss curriculum and pedagogy across different subjects as part of our developing relationships. It really is an exciting time for education in St Just.

I have one notice from a group of parents who I am working with to consider the impact of smartphones on our children. We are holding an event on 17 January from 2pm – 3pm, which will be a parent-led session exploring the topic of children and smartphones. More information will follow in the new year. Many parents have spoken to me about this concerning issue over recent months.

I want to finish by thanking all of our families for the incredible support you give the school and for the welcome you have given me personally. I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break with your families and friends and I will look forward to seeing you all again in 2025!

Jon Hall

Headteacher

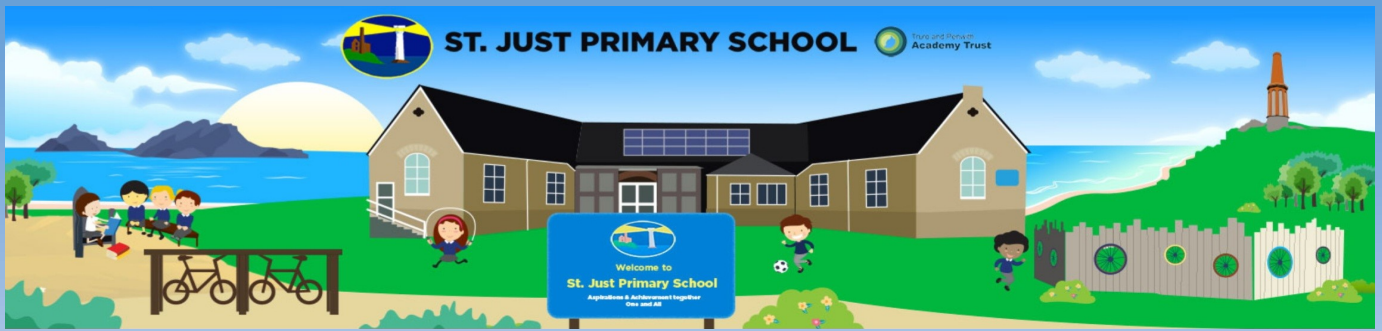


STARS OF THE TERM

Tater Du	<p>Billie - For the progress that she has made in all areas of her learning this term. Billie is developing into a confident and enthusiastic learner and we are so proud of her.</p> <p>Leighton - For the astounding progress he is making in all areas of his learning - particularly communication and language. Keep it up Leighton, we are so proud of you!</p>
Longships	<p>Armandas - for just being perfect.</p> <p>Ivy-Ann being a shining star all term and making the us laugh daily</p>
Round Island	<p>Maisie U for being a fantastic role model especially for resilience - well done!</p> <p>Rupert for being a fantastic role model in Year 2 this term.</p>
Sevenstones	<p>Isla - for always giving 100%, gaining confidence through the Autumn Term and producing work of an excellent standard.</p> <p>Rupert - for making fantastic progress in his reading and for always making superb contributions to class discussions.</p>
Bishops Rock	<p>Georgiana - for doubling her weekly arithmetic score since the beginning of the term.</p> <p>Freddie - for great progress in reading as reflected in his autumn assessments.</p>
Godrevy	<p>Odin - for being someone who spends each day helping others, giving his best effort and making incredible progress - especially in reading and writing, where he continues to impress us every day.</p> <p>Amber - for being someone who simply gets things done. She never complains, consistently produces work of the highest standard, and is a friend to everyone.</p>
Wolf Rock	<p>Karen's attitude to all her learning and school life has been excellent this term, from her contributions in class to her enthusiasm throughout Beth Leigh FM, we have been continuously impressed. Well done, Karen, keep it up!</p> <p>Harry is an excellent example of someone who quietly, but determinedly, just gets on. We have all been impressed with the work he has produced across the curriculum. A great start to Year 6, Harry. Well done!</p>

LUNCHTIME LEGENDS OF THE TERM

Ellis and Phoebe	For being absolute superstars this term!
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As we wrap up this term at St Just Primary, we can hardly contain our excitement about all the wonderful things that have happened over the past few weeks!

A Christmas Mystery: A mystery visitor came into our classroom overnight and left an awful mess - There was glitter absolutely everywhere! However, they did also leave us a couple of presents, including a Story Advent Calendar, full of traditional tales from around the world. We have really loved sharing these stories each day.

Looking for Clues: We spent the day looking for clues on who our mystery visitor could be. We searched high and low and even used magnifying glasses to explore. Our communication and language skills were absolutely awesome as we tried to uncover the culprit.

Christmassy Activities: We've been diving into the festive spirit with an array of Christmas-themed activities in the classroom, all helping us to build key skills across all areas of learning.

Drawing Club Sessions: Our Drawing Club has kicked off! Each session is not only enhancing our creativity and supporting our fine motor development, but also introducing new vocabulary through fun actions. It's truly amazing to see how much our drawing and writing have progressed this term.

Secret Christmas Creations: The children have been busy creating special Christmas cards and calendars to bring home for their families. (Psst... let's keep this a surprise!)

Nativity Stars: We were all blown away by their wonderful singing and dancing during their first nativity performance. What a talented bunch of stars we have!

This week marks the conclusion of our first full term at St Just Primary, and what an absolutely fabulous term it's been. It's been a sheer pleasure to support the children in-school, watching them develop as learners, readers, writers, mathematicians, musicians, explorers, investigators, creators, and, most importantly, friends! We couldn't be prouder of the personal progress that they have all made along the way and we can't wait to watch them continue to grow and learn in the Spring Term.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs Burlton, Miss Downing, Mrs Snelson and Mrs Tregear.



LONGSHIPS

What a fantastic end to the term. We have had such fun, firstly, with our amazing Christmas fayre where we were able to sell all our cookies we made. Then it was the turn of the animals and angels to shine in our nativity production. We were very proud of their singing and there were a few tears shed by all.



We continued our Christmas festivities with our Christmas dinner day, always a great hit and our whole school carol concert.

On top of the wonderful Christmas activities we still continued with our daily learning. We have completed our geography and enjoyed comparing our town with London. Our final art pieces were amazing and the children enjoyed using their skills learnt at the Jackson Foundation to complete these.



Our daily Guess Who has proved to be a great success to see who has made each day into the class advent calendar.

We wish everyone a merry Christmas and hope Father Christmas brings everything on the list. From The Longships Team





ROUND ISLAND

What a fantastic term it has been and what an incredibly busy one! All of the children in Round Island have been working hard to learn the routines in Year 2 and become more independent in their learning. As Year 2's value is 'Responsibility', we have been encouraging the children to take more responsibility for their belongings and to organise themselves.

So what have been the highlights in the Autumn Term?:

- In Maths, all children now have the strategies they need to add and subtract whilst also using exchange. They have begun looking at multiplication but will do more of this in the Spring Term.
- In English, we have been working hard on embedding the children's learning from Year 1 whilst also becoming more confident with our handwriting and letter formation. We have also come up with a neat little song to help us to remember nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs– please do ask your child/ren to sing it to you!
- We introduced the new 'Reading Rungs' to encourage the children to read at home– this has been a massive success and we are already seeing their enthusiasm for changing their books in the wonderful Library!
- And finally!!! I know I speak for all of the Year 2 team when I say how proud we all are of the children and their amazing performance at the Nativity. They really sung their hearts out– well done, Round Island!

Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy the break.

Here's to another fantastic term!

Team Round Island.





SEVENSTONES

Wow Year 3! What an amazing term we've had. We have all settled into Year 3 life and the growing independence of KS2 fantastically well. We've been so proud to see you grow together as a class as well as individually.

What have we been up to? It's been such a busy half term!

- In English, we have read the 'The Tin Forest' and 'The Iron Man', completing reading comprehensions for both and having some wonderful writing opportunities.
- In maths, we have all been securing our addition and subtraction column methods and looking at times tables. We've been blown away by how many people have taken off from Club 33 at the start of term. Children are developing their times tables facts each week with our class average score going from 22 to 39! Amazing.
- The highlight this week in particular has been making our magnetic games in DT. Everyone was excited, and the children have created games to be proud of. Have a look below!

Finally, we want to say a BIG THANK YOU, for being such supportive families. It always helps when the children feel supported both in and out of school with not only their academic successes, but personal ones as well.

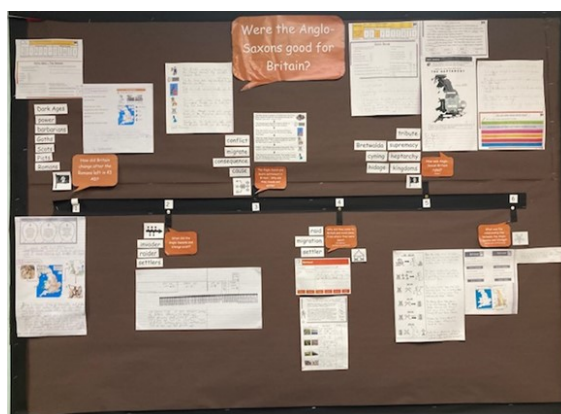
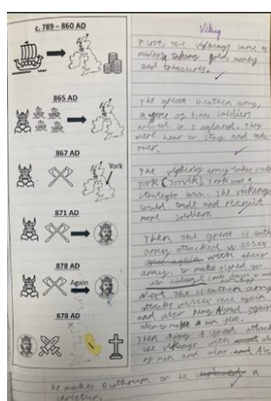
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

Best Wishes, Mrs Bird, Mr Matthews and Mrs Denley.



BISHOP ROCK

Over the past two weeks, we have concluded our sequence of six history lessons by learning about how Anglo-Saxon Britain was ruled and the seven main Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms known as heptarchy. The children learnt about the formation of these kingdoms from smaller tribes by looking at historical documents such as the Tribal Hideage and Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. These helped them draw conclusions and understand how they eventually led to the formation of England as the country we know today. We concluded our topic by learning about King Alfred the Great and his battles against the invading Great Heathen Army.



Next term in history, we will be focussing primarily on the Vikings in Britain and answering the enquiry: Were the Vikings really brutal invaders?

Within lessons, pupils have not only been developing their chronological understanding of British History, but also their recall of historical facts and knowledge whilst developing key historical skills.

In DT, pupils have been using the Bayeux Tapestry as inspiration for designing and making a textile that depicts an aspect of their own life. Through this topic, pupils have been learning various sewing skills and how to applique. I think you'll agree, they look fantastic!



GODREVVY

Wow! What an epic end to the Autumn Term we've had! The past few weeks have been packed full of incredible achievements and exciting experiences.

The children have been busy putting the finishing touches on their amazing diaries, written from the perspective of important historical explorers such as Captain Scott and Ernest Shackleton. They've also explored other time periods of interest, including World War II, Cornish miners, and Greek mythology. Styled to look "old", the children took great care to make them appear as though they had been battered by the Antarctic elements. A real testament to their creativity and understanding of these historical figures, as well as the Antarctic Polar Region.



We also wrapped up our learning about the Polar Regions in style! To celebrate both the completion of our topic and the end of the term, we enjoyed a special trip to the Ice Skating Rink at the Eden Project. There were plenty of giggles, some expert glides and a few tumbles (particularly made by me!). It was the perfect treat for all their hard work and enthusiasm this term!



Next term promises even more exciting learning! We will be exploring the fascinating world of the Ancient Greeks, diving into *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, and starting our involvement in the *Schools Across the Ocean Project*, which is sure to be an engaging and unique experience.

As we head into the Christmas break, we want to say a huge thank you to our children, families and staff for helping make this term so special. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



WOLF ROCK

Wolf Rock Class have completed their first full term as Year 6 and the faces of the school with numerous public facing events in which they have done themselves and the school proud.

In November they represented St. Just Primary School at the Remembrance events in the town, and throughout December they have excelled themselves through their participation in our nativity, Beth Leigh FM, they have led the way in our carol service, getting it underway with their candle-lit procession and through their readings. Many of the children have also been involved in the numerous events out and about with the school choir, including the Community Carol Service where they also recreated a scene from their Christmas play.

In the classroom we have been chipping away at our learning. We have completed our Christmas book study of *The Clockwork Crow* which concludes with a Victorian Christmas. It is a spectacularly well written novel by Catherine Fisher and has evoked fantastic book talk from the whole cohort with ingenious inferences and thought-provoking predictions flowing feverishly throughout.

In maths the children have been grappling with long division and focusing on fractions, developing their own ways of remembering what to do when with fraction problems by writing and performing their own plays about them.

The children's use of the iPads in their learning goes from strength to strength as they showcased with their own adverts as part of Beth Leigh FM.

We wish all the children of Wolf Rock and their families a happy and restful Christmas, we know they will come back ready to take 2025 in their stride.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



BISHOP ROCK 97.5%



LONGSHIPS 95%



**ROUND ISLAND
& SEVENSTONES = 93.7%**

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



95.7%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



95.5%

THE WORLD IS RUN BY THOSE WHO TURN UP.

ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY = 100% ATTENDANCE.

ATTENDING 4½ DAYS A WEEK = 90% ATTENDANCE = 4 WEEKS MISSED PER YEAR.

ATTENDING 4 DAYS A WEEK = 80% ATTENDANCE = MORE THAN HALF A TERM MISSED PER YEAR.

ATTENDING 3½ DAYS EACH WEEK = 70% ATTENDANCE = MORE THAN A QUARTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MISSED.

AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 80% OR LESS ACROSS A CHILD'S SCHOOL CAREER ADDS UP TO MISSING A WHOLE 2 YEARS FROM SCHOOL.

BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL REDUCES LEARNING TIME.

IF YOUR CHILD IS 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY THEY WILL MISS THREE DAYS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR

IF YOUR CHILD IS 15 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY THEY WILL MISS 2 WEEKS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR.

MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!





Christmas Diary Dates



20th December	End of Term 1.30 pm
21st Dec -	Christmas Holidays
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY	RETURN TO SCHOOL



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Behaviour management and remaining calm Bitesize session	Thursday 21st January 9.30 till 11.00
Routines and Boundaries Bitesize Session	Thursday 13th February 13.30 -15.00
Praise and Rewards and Sibling Rivalry Bistesize Session	Tuesday 11th March 9.30 - 11.00

**** PARKING ON THE ROAD ****

We kindly request that parents and carers exercise consideration when dropping off or picking up children from school. Obstructing pavements on Bosorne Road is causing safety concerns, as it forces children to step off the pavement. Your co-operation is vital in ensuring the safety of our children.

Thank you.



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No Stopping



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