



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is that time of year that is characterised by the beginning of autumn and winter festivals, whether that is Halloween, Bonfire night or, dare I say it, the beginning of the Christmas season (!) As you know, our local community marks this time of year with our annual Feast Day celebrations and then Remembrance Sunday a week later. I was proud to be able to represent both Cape Cornwall School and St Just Primary last Sunday morning as I joined Miss Downing to participate in the Feast Day procession to St Just Church and then celebrated the impact of local people in the local awards ceremony.

This year, the awards had a distinctly 'Cape' and 'St Just Primary' feel: the 'Young Person's Award' went to Kitty from Year 3 for an amazing act of bravery; the 'Sportsperson' of the Year went to Jack from Cape for his incredible success in darts; the 'Community Award' went to the Pendeen Silver Band and then the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' went to Chris Goninan, who has done so much for the community, not least as a teacher of science at Cape Cornwall School.

This Sunday, along with Mrs Bird from St Just Primary, I will join students from both schools on both Sunday and Monday as we pay our respects as part of the annual Remembrance events. This helps us all reflect on our role within our community and to appreciate the contribution so many have made, whether that is in our immediate community or as wider members of society.

As well as being a week to mark Remembrance, next week is also Anti-bullying Week. This is apt, given that conflict nearly always starts with intolerance around difference. Next week, we will be holding some events to get our young people thinking about this awful issue that affects not only school but life outside and online. The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Choose Respect' and we will be focusing on this message with the children.

While I am talking about community, I wanted to say how great it was to see so many of our parents in school for the hugely positive parent meetings this week. There was a very positive atmosphere in school and it was nice for me personally to meet more of our parents. I was also thrilled to see so many members of the community in school for our Cancer Research coffee morning first thing this morning. It was another opportunity to touch base whilst raising funds for such an important cause. We will continue to update you on your children's progress and to give you regular updates about your children's learning through this newsletter.

Attendance remains a key focus across all schools up and down the country. You will see an update from Mrs Burlton later on in the newsletter. It is important that we all work together to maintain the high levels of attendance that we have established so far this year. You can find additional guidance on attendance on the school website.

I hope that all our families have a relaxing weekend after what has been a very busy start to term!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Down', with a flourish at the end.





STAR OF THE WEEK - KINDNESS

Tater Du	Stanley - for showing kindness to all his friends, as well as being so helpful to the grown-ups this week
Longships	Mason- for always showing kindness to his friends
Round Island	Merryn for showing such bravery this week but also for being so kind and caring towards her peers.
Sevenstones	Nelly - for showing kindness to her peers but also to members of staff around the school
Bishops Rock	Jamie, for displaying kindness to all around him.
Godrevy	Aidan - For showing great care for a friend in need this week, demonstrating your kind nature and desire to help others feel better.
Wolf Rock	Skye - for consistently showing kindness to her peers and the grown-ups in Wolf Rock.

Lunchtime Legends

Key Stage 1	Erin - for being kind, compassionate and kind mannered, and for always checking in on us!
Key Stage 2	Ava L - for showing kindness to her peers and sharing.



Maths Wizard of the Week

Tater Du	Freddie - for demonstrating super subitising skills this week and wowing us with what he can do.
Longships	Elijah, great knowledge of his bonds to ten
Round Island	Eloise has grown in confidence and is flourishing with her number work- well done!
Sevenstones	Lucas - for showing a good sense of knowledge in subtraction this week
Bishops Rock	Alyssa, for understanding that area is the amount of space inside a 2D shape and for drawing shapes accurately.
Godrevy	Abbie - For showing a real determination in completing her morning number bonds (working on finding the percentage of any given number) and demonstrating a strong desire to improve.
Wolf Rock	George - for improved focus, determination and desire to achieve.

English Expert of the Week

Tater Du	Isla - for demonstrating her wonderful phonic knowledge during our independent writing this week.
Longships	Zac - For an excellent description of this half terms artist Chidi Okoye
Round Island	Poppy has always and consistently written beautiful and well thought out sentences- well done!
Sevenstones	Kitty - for participating well when talking about Arctic hares this week
Bishops Rock	Alice - or retelling the story of 'Rama and Sita' with animation and good expression.
Godrevy	Charlie - For demonstrating your knowledge of what shapes a diary entry, presenting this brilliantly using our icons.
Wolf Rock	Hugo - has really impressed with his comprehension responses at the start of our new text - Darwin's Dragons

Attendance Update

As we head into the new term, we want to take a moment to focus on the very important topic of attendance. It is not only a matter of school policy but also a legal obligation. We are required to report attendance figures to our Trust and the Local Authority regularly, and they, in turn, conduct external monitoring to ensure we meet the expected standards.

Starting in August 2024, new guidelines from the Department for Education (DfE) came into effect reinforcing the critical nature of student attendance. The new regulations stipulate that schools must work diligently to monitor and improve attendance rates. This introduces additional responsibilities, not just for the school but also for parents and guardians. Ensuring that your child is attending school regularly is key to their success and learning.

To help us maintain accurate records and meet our reporting obligations, we ask for your support in the following areas:

- Notification of Absences: Please ensure that all absences are reported at the beginning of the school day. This allows us to keep our records up to date and ensures that our teaching staff are informed about who is in attendance.

- Transparency About Absences: We encourage open and honest communication regarding your child's absences. If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any reason, please let us know. Your honesty helps us understand patterns and offer any support that may be helpful to our families.

- Supporting Documentation: If your child has medical or dental appointments, we kindly ask you to provide any documentation to support these absences, such as appointment cards or letters. This not only legitimises the reason for absence but also assists in managing our records accurately.

- Is my child too ill for school? Guidance regarding illness and attendance can be easily accessed on our school website. Please be assured that we will always keep a very close eye on anyone who is feeling a bit under the weather and will contact you when necessary.

The more precise a picture we have of your child's attendance, the better equipped we are to discuss both individual and overall attendance during our external monitoring sessions. This, in turn, helps us to create strategies that support improved attendance for all pupils.

Our dedicated team of staff is always on hand to assist should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's attendance. We approach all attendance issues with a supportive and understanding mindset, aiming to work collaboratively with you to ensure your child receives the best educational experience possible.

We would also like to take a moment to mention the importance of mutual respect when communicating with our team regarding attendance matters. Our hardworking staff are always here to help, and we would appreciate your cooperation and respect as we address any attendance challenges together.

By working together closely, we can enhance attendance rates and support every pupil's educational journey. Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this term a successful one!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



Year 1 - 97.7 %



Year 4 - 97.2%



Year 6 - 96.4%

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



95.1%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



95.6%

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!





SPORTS NEWS



A big WELL DONE to Amber H in year 5, who after a successful trial during the half-term holiday, has been selected to represent West Cornwall Schools U11 Girls Football squad in preparation for their forthcoming matches. We all look forward to hearing of you success.

Children In Need



Cake Sale

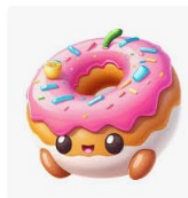
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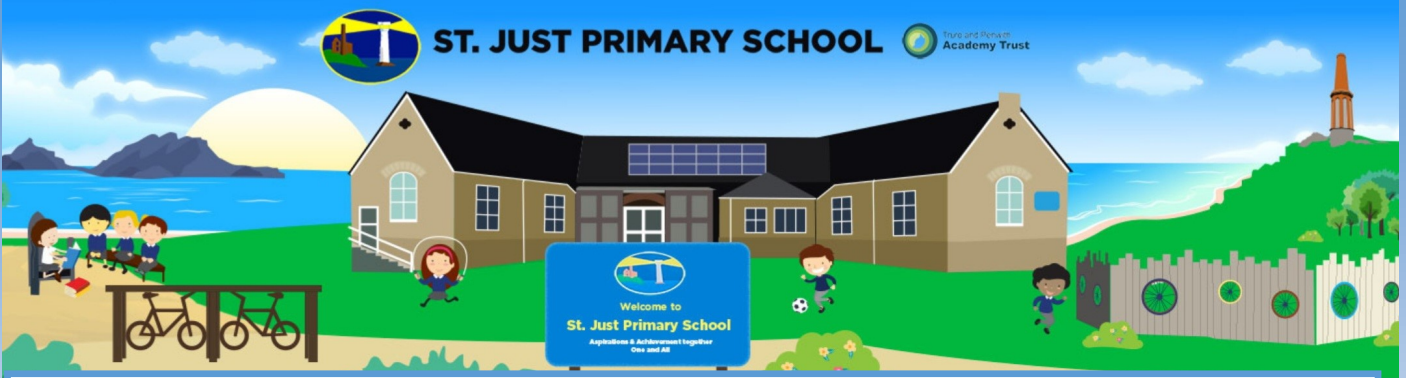


Friday, 15th November

If you could donate any cakes, buns or pastries that would be great!

All items will be 50p





DON'T FORGET!

Year 4 Swimming
Musical Instruments (Thursdays)
Coats/Hats/Gloves

NOVEMBER

12th Odd Sock Day
12th Cross Country @ Hayle (4 till 5pm)
13th Open Afternoon
22nd Non-Uniform Day (bring an item for our Tombola stall)
28th Christmas Jumper Sale (Longships Class)
29th Non-Uniform (bring in Jingle Jars)

IN Crowd meeting - 28th Nov

DECEMBER

2nd onships trip to St Michael's Mount
5th Christmas Fayre 2 pm - 4 pm
6th Choir Singing - Light Switch
10th KS2 Nativity 6 pm
School Choir singing at the Commercial
(for memory Café @ 2pm)
11th KS2 Nativity 1.30
12th Nativity 6pm
13th Nativity
18th Christmas Dinner Day
19th Carol Concert 1.30 pm
20th End of Term 1.30pm

**Return to School
Monday 6th January 2025**





Welcome to St. Just Primary School

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Resilience Workshop

Monday 20th January - 9.30am & 4pm
Tuesday 21st January - 11am & 2pm
Wednesday 22nd January - 11.30am & 4pm
Thursday 23rd January - 9.30am & 1.30pm



This workshop aims to talk about the meaning of resilience, explore building resilience and look at how and when a young person should ask for help.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK) <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Worry Workshop

Monday 13th January - 9:30am & 2pm
Tuesday 14th January - 11am & 4pm
Wednesday 15th January - 09:30am & 1:30pm
Thursday 16th January - 11am & 4pm



This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF) <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF> or scan the QR code



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IT'S FREE!



SIGN UP HERE!



- TAPE BALL CRICKET
- FREE CRICKET COACHING
- NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED
- WEAR WHAT YOU WANT
- ALL GENDERS WELCOME
- PLAYER LED SESSIONS
- DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS

AGE 8-15 | EVERY TUESDAY | 7.15PM - 8.30PM
HUMPHRY DAVY SCHOOL SPORTS HALL PENZANCE TR18 2TG

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT KELLIE WILLIAMS:
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ST. JUST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome to St. Just Primary School

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust



Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40) <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40> or scan the QR code



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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust



Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 6th February - 11am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc) <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code



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Penwith Landscape Recovery Project

Cake and Collaboration Tour

Join Cornwall Wildlife Trust to eat cake and discuss with local experts your hopes and dreams for the management of West Penwith over the next 20 years.

Give us your vision of how the area could be managed for food production, wildlife habitats, easier public access and more. All welcome.



DO YOU USE THE PENWITH LANDSCAPE?



ARE YOU WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE?



DO YOU OWN LAND IN PENWITH?



DO YOU CYCLE, WALK, HIKE, EXPLORE, PAINT PENWITH?



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



TELL US HOW THE EXPERIENCE COULD BE IMPROVED FOR YOU, YOUR GROUP AND THE WILDLIFE

FIND OUT MORE HERE:



Upcoming Events

- 24** October Zennor Village Hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 26** October Sancreed Village Hall 12:30pm - 2:30pm
- 26** October Sancreed Village Hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 08** November Madron Landithy Hall 12:30pm - 2:30pm
- 08** November Madron Landithy Hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 13** November St Just WI Hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 15** November Nancledra Gilbert Hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 21** November Centre of Pendeen 6:30pm - 8:30pm