St Just Primary School:
Enriching Education Beyond the Classroom

At St Just Primary School, enriching learning experiences sit at the heart of school life. Through an extensive programme of sport, residential visits, arts, music, curriculum enrichment and leadership opportunities, pupils are encouraged to develop confidence, resilience, creativity and ambition. Throughout the year, children have benefited from a wide range of experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom and create lasting memories.

Sporting Excellence and Healthy Lifestyles

St Just Primary continues to build a strong reputation for sporting achievement and participation. This year, the school was recognised nationally after being awarded **Table Tennis England School of the Year**, a remarkable accolade which reflects the commitment of pupils and staff alike. The school's success was further celebrated through both the boys' and girls' teams reaching the **National School Table Tennis Finals in Wolverhampton**, alongside two pupils qualifying as **Individual National Finalists**. Physical activity and healthy lifestyles have been promoted through a rich programme of events and experiences, including:

* Years 5 and 6 Safe Surf Days with Global Boarders.
* Participation in the inaugural TPAT Penwith Football League, with 12 fixtures taking place across the autumn and winter seasons.
* TPAT Penwith Girls' Football Festival.
* Penwith Netball League
* Penwith Cross-Country league
* A Healthy Active Lifestyles Week featuring first aid and resuscitation training, activity sessions delivered by DT Coaching, a community Colour Run and Play Leader led activities for KS1 children.
* Pudsey Sponsored Fun Run and Whole School Big Walk.
* A visit from professional footballer and ex-pupil, **Mari Ward** of Liverpool FC and England U23 Lionesses.
* Whole-school Multiskills Festivals.
* Year 5 enrichment experiences including ice skating at the Eden Project and a fun water-slide activity.
* Key Stage Sports Days.
* Golf coaching partnership with the Cornwall Golf Development Officer
* A range of after school sports clubs including: football, cross country, golf, netball, tennis and table tennis.
* Local community sports clubs working in schools including: St Just Cricket Club, Penzance Tennis Club, St Just Table Tennis Club, Cornish Pirates and Cornwall Golf.

These opportunities have enabled pupils to develop teamwork, determination, leadership and a lifelong appreciation of physical activity.



Girls Team National Finalists



Boys Team National Finalists



Mari Ward, former pupil. Now Liverpool & England U23 Lioness

Building Independence Through Residential Experiences



Residential visits remain a key feature of the school's enrichment offer, providing children with opportunities to develop independence, resilience and social confidence. Throughout the year pupils took part in age-appropriate residential experiences:

* Year 2 school sleepover.
* Years 3 and 4 residential visits to Carnyorth OE Centre.
* Three-day, two-night year 5 residential at Porthpean OE Centre.
* Year 6 residential including visits to Plymouth Ski Centre, the National Marine Aquarium, Box Museum and Theatre Royal Plymouth.



These experiences challenge pupils to step outside their comfort zones while strengthening friendships and confidence.

Year 6 Activities Week

As part of their final year, year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting Activities Week designed to celebrate their achievements and prepare them for the transition to secondary school.

Activities included:

* Coasteering at Mullion Harbour.
* Sailing at Stithians Lake.
* Coastal walk between Pendeen & St Just.
* Visit to Tanglewood Wild Garden.
* Visit to Paradise Park.







The week provided memorable opportunities for adventure, teamwork and personal growth.

Bringing Learning to Life

Curriculum enrichment forms an integral part of learning at St Just Primary, enabling pupils to gain first-hand experiences linked to their studies.

Every class participated in curriculum-linked visits and workshops throughout the year, including:

* EYFS visits to Guy's Butterfly House and Penlee Park
* EYFS visits from local Fire Station engine and Community Police officers
* Year 1 visit to St Michael's Mount and Parish Church
* Year 1 and 2 workshops with the Jackson Foundation Gallery.
* Year 2 visits to Land's End Airport and Minack Theatre.
* Year 3 visits to Penlee House Gallery and Geevor Tin Mine.
* Year 4 visits to the Eden Project and Geevor Tin Mine.



Guy's Butterfly House

In addition, all classes worked alongside specialist staff from **Cape Cornwall School** to complete curriculum-linked art workshops, while all Key Stage 2 pupils experienced an immersive **Space Dome** visit that brought science and astronomy vividly to life.



Y4 @ Eden Project





Y4 @ Geevor Mine



Art workshops at Cape School

Enterprise and Global Citizenship

Pupils have also developed entrepreneurial and global awareness through a range of innovative projects.

Year 5 pupils took part in the **Fiver Challenge Enterprise Project**, raising more than **£1,000** through their business ventures. They also participated in the **Schools Across the Ocean Project**, delivered in partnership with Falmouth and Exeter Universities, broadening their understanding of global communities and international collaboration.



Y5 Enterprise Fair

Celebrating Creativity Through the Arts

The arts continue to flourish at St Just Primary, with pupils accessing a wide variety of creative opportunities.
Highlights included:

* Jackson Foundation – 'Bringing Art to Life' project with years 1 & 2
* Shakespeare "Play-in-a-Day" project with the Minack Theatre Education Team for year 5
* Cinema visit – year 5
* An author visit from acclaimed children's writer Onjali Q. Raúf.
* *The Boy at the Back of the Class* transition and oracy project organised by Peter Curnow. This involved a visit to the **Hall for Cornwall** for all years 5 & 6 pupils at St Just, Sennen Pendeen, St Buryan and St Leven schools, plus year 7 pupils from Cape School.
* Participation in Falmouth University's 'Junior Arts Award in Film Making' project with a team of Y6 pupils winning an award.
* Into Film project with years 5 & 6
* Success in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, where pupils reached both District and Area Finals.
* Year 6 visit to the Tate Gallery and Barbara Hepworth Museum.
* Performance of '*Bal Govenek'* at the Minack Theatre.
* The much-loved Year 6 Christmas production, '*NaTwitity'*, performed at St Just Town Hall and written and composed by teachers, Mr Curnow and Mr Matthews.
* Whole school Glitterbeats Silent Disco

These experiences nurture creativity, communication and confidence while exposing pupils to high-quality cultural opportunities.



Author visit by Onjali Q. Rauf



Bringing Art to Life Jackson Foundation



Junior Arts in Film Making with Falmouth University



Hepworth Museum

Developing Musical Talent

Music enrichment has provided pupils with opportunities to perform, create and appreciate music from a range of traditions.
During the year pupils enjoyed:
* A performance from the Elmore String Quartet.
* Whole-class brass tuition for Year 3.
* A Cornish Folk Music project for Year 4.
* A series of electronic dance music workshops led by Cape School music department

These experiences support pupils in developing musical skills while fostering an appreciation of Cornwall's rich cultural heritage.



Whole school Brass tuition with CMST



Performing 'Bal Govenek' at the Minack Theatre



School Choir at Christmas

Just Beginnings

As part of our **Cradle 2 Career project**, Just Beginnings provides a welcoming and supportive space for families with young children in St Just and the surrounding communities. We aim to build strong foundations for children's learning, development and wellbeing, while helping families feel supported, connected and confident from the very start.

We are proud to work in partnership with a range of professionals who share our commitment to supporting local families. So far, we have welcomed support from our **Health Visiting Team, Feeding Support Workers, Family Support Workers, Foundation for Life Team, Family Information Service and Autism Advisors**.

By bringing together knowledge, advice and practical support, we hope to strengthen family relationships, connect parents and carers with services, and ensure every child has the best possible start in life.

A School Rich in Opportunity

The breadth and quality of enrichment available at St Just Primary School ensures that every child can discover new interests, develop essential life skills and create memorable experiences throughout their primary education. From national sporting success and adventurous residentials to creative arts projects and curriculum-enhancing visits, the school's commitment to providing exceptional opportunities beyond the classroom continues to make a profound difference to pupils' personal development and wellbeing.

