



This Week:

Mon 22 Mar French Day
Tue 23 Mar Yr 6: Zero Gravity
 Languages Day
Fri 26 Mar Yr 3: Zero Gravity

Exciting Opportunities this term

Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 all have forest school sessions with Amanda on either a Thursday or Friday. This is an opportunity to spend time outside and learn many skills including problem solving and collaboration.

Years 1 and 2 have Jane from Zero Gravity coming in to deliver Gymnastics on a Monday afternoon, while Years 6 and 3 are visiting Zero Gravity on Tuesday or Friday to experience parkour.

This is all part of our planned return to school and develop social interaction with others.

Illness

If your child is ill and won't be coming into school, please make sure you contact the office either by telephone 01752 851362 or by email to admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk

Book Amnesty

Please have a look around at home and bring back any school books – shared reading books need to be returned as soon as they're finished so another class can read.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Thank you to all who donated for our mufti day last Friday, we raised £379!



Where we 'live life in its fullness' (John 10.10)
Knowing that God is our Strength and with His help we will be the best we can

Social Media

I hope you all received the email we sent out last Tuesday as I was deeply concerned that children were being named on social media. In case you did not, please read below...

Dear Parents

It has been brought to our attention that some people are making specific comments about other people's children on social media pages set up by parents. As you know, we actively discourage negativity in general and when children are all settling back into school it is important that concerns are brought to our attention.

It has been a very strange time and children will take time to adjust. Nic and Susan are providing TIS sessions, all classes have a freer timetable and extra PHSME. We know with all children back in a room, the noise levels will be higher than before. There will be over excitement, children will be less tolerant, and children will need support to rebuild relationships.

It is certainly not appropriate to point a finger at individual children as on a day to day, minute to minute basis we are supporting children to think before they act and speak, and we are promoting kindness. There are always two viewpoints and sometimes children will fall out and make up within minutes.

Please rest assured that if we have concerns you will be informed as we prefer to work with parents to support children. If you have concerns or your child is upset please email or speak to a teacher. Upset at this time will be more normal and expected as children will be very tired from the sensory overload that being in a room surrounded by people will create.

From my experience as a teacher for many years, it is never a good idea to make comments about other people's children or put your child on a pedestal, as you never know when they may make a wrong decision and others will comment. The perfect child does not exist! Children learn through making mistakes and having support to put them right. Please do think before you use social media inappropriately.

Evaluations and Accreditations

Over the years we have always welcomed external evaluations and visits as we want to continually improve. We will have an Ofsted visit now that outstanding schools are going to be re-inspected. Until this point they have been monitoring our data and scrutinising other information and would have inspected if there had been a downward trend at any point. Fortunately, our standards have remained high and we have always looked at ways to move forward - complacent is not a word in our dictionary.

We had our third Outstanding SIAMS inspection in 2017 which looked at us as a Church School and we look forward to a return visit in 2022. We have a working party reviewing this and preparing the new paperwork that will be required.

Over the years, we have held a range of national accreditations that are re-awarded following external validation. We have always felt that because we were not having Ofsted, having other specialists in specific areas to audit and look at our provision was essential so that we could continually move forward.

As with most things, Covid had delayed some of the processes but we have continued to update and work on action plans. As a result, you received the news that we were reaccredited with the Quality Mark that looks at learning in English and maths. This award we first gained in 2004, the current award will be valid until 2024.

Because of the work of our Eco Committee, we've held the Eco Green Flag since 2005. In October 2020 we were re-inspected and now hold it until 2022. Mrs Cunningham also led the Healthy Schools Plus Reaccreditation and this was assessed last term as well - this will be valid until October 2023.

This week we received the news that the HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) who visited and assessed us for the prestigious afPE award had put us forward to receive it with distinction. We are currently awaiting our final report, but we received notification after the panel met to endorse the recommendations. Again, the staff are committed to both school sport and outdoor education and the opportunities the children have were recognised as outstanding. During the visits she talked to staff, past and present pupils, governors and parents, making it a long but comprehensive assessment.

Mr Crudge is in the final stages of the accreditation for the International Schools Award as this had lapsed. The action plans were all passed last year and it was then delayed due to Covid. The final documents will be submitted for validation in June.

Mrs James is now leading the application for the Arts Mark that we have held at gold level previously. We hope that we will meet the new platinum level as it covers music and drama alongside art. Mr Hambly had been actively involved during the planning process. Again, in the summer we hope to submit the final paperwork having had the action plans approved before Covid!

The final new accreditation that we are aiming to achieve is the Right's Respecting School that we registered for in 2008 and different staff have taken a lead, but we have never submitted even though we have worked in this way. Miss Appleby is taking the lead and this time we will be submitting our form for accreditation.

I hope that this gives you the reassurance that we are fully committed to making sure that when you choose to send your child to Sir Robert Geffery's they are receiving high quality learning in all areas and that external organisations have recognised this.

Awards

Reception

Eddie S	Maths superstar
Henry M	Kindness
Iona P	Amazing class role model
Sam R	Phonics progress
Teddy S-J	Resilience

Year 1

Ella W	Resilience
Francesca	Perseverance
Joseph P	Writer of the week
Shanjanah	Effort in English
Tommy C	Breaktime buddy

Year 2

Alex H	Excellent spelling
Charlie T	Superb science knowledge
Grace D	Brilliant collaboration
Max B	Fantastic independence
Ryan P	Amazing handwriting
Samuel G	Superb learning confidence

Year 3

Alice G	Reading (1 Million Words in AR)
Archie H	Resilience
Ashton B	Enthusiasm in science
Ayla G	Determination with a smile and beautiful manners
Bonnie B	Kindness
Callum C	Enthusiasm
Charlie O	Resilience
Ethan H	Positive attitude
Freddie M	Positivity
Gracie N	Kindness
Gwen H	Excellence in drama (Shakespeare)
Jaida K	Kindness
Katie P	Excellence in home learning
Mollie Y	Enthusiasm with a smile
Nina M	Friendship and demonstrating school values
Olivia B	Maths – data handling
Oscar M	Grit and determination in gymnastics
Poppy T	Improvement in handwriting
Rafferty J	Enthusiastic persuasive writing
Ruan H	Super Science – futuristic farm design
Seb H	Super space science
Sidney W	Maths – data handling

Year 4

Bob T	Kindness
Dougie B	Persistence in maths
Ethan F	Fabulous script writing
Finley S	Excellent effort in maths
Hazel E	Brilliant performance in drama
Jacob T	Skipping
Lois G	Perseverance in maths
Penny B	Skipping
Rebecca J	Making up for lost time
Ruby C	Kindness
William B	Brilliant performance in drama

Year 5

Gracie O	Showing a really positive attitude towards learning
Joseph A	Joining into class discussions in science
Joshua G	Confidently sharing ideas in class
Keira B	Being wonderfully reflective in her self-assessments
Molly T	Reaching her 1-million-word count
Samuel M	Working hard and producing great handwriting

Year 6

Charlie V	Leading the class with enthusiastic dance
David Br	Farm of the future design
Finley S	Leading the class with enthusiastic dance
George K	Reasoning about 'Bugs, a food for the future?'
Jasper	Maths
Matthew S	Kindness
Melody E	Enthusiasm
Millie J	Friendship
Zak C	Creativity in science

Accelerated Reader Weekly Round Up

Our whole school wordcount for this academic year to date is: 78,520,318

Whole school total books read to date: 8,189

Good Progress

Year 2	Cai C	Year 3	Nyana E
Year 4	Sophie D	Year 5	Edie C
Year 6	Megan D		

Top 5 wordcounts (last week)

Year 2	Emily F	Year 3	Evie T
Year 4	Eris B-T	Year 5	Molly T
Year 6	Taylan M		

Class wordcount (year to date)

Year 2	5,139,417
Year 3	6,722,504
Year 4	18,442,083
Year 5	23,006,925
Year 6	25,209,389

¼ Million Bea T, Tom W, Ewan G, Isla S-H

½ Million Kensa A, Florence W, Lacey B, Seb Y, Lucas C, Megan D, David Br

¾ Million Evie T, Stanley D, Zac J, Eliza F

1 Million Alice G, Molly T

Dates for your Diary

Tue 23 Mar	Languages Day
Mon 29 Mar	Reception: Vision Screening
Tue 30 Mar	Uganda Day/Jeruselema Dance
2 – 16 Apr	Easter Holidays
17-19 May	Bikeability L2 (Yr 6)
24-25 May	Bikeability L2 (Yr 6)
31May-4Jun	Half Term
Tue 8 Jun	Yrs 3/4: Tamar Bridge visit
Wed 9 Jun	Yrs 2/5: Tamar Bridge visit
Thu 17 Jun	Yr 5: Duchy College visit
Wed 23 Jun	Sports Day (afternoon)
Thu 24 Jun	Sports Day Reserve date
28-29 Jun	Yr 6: Dewerstone
29-30 Jun	Yr 5: Dewerstone
30Jun-1Jul	Yr 4: Dewerstone
1-2 Jul	Yr 3: Dewerstone
Tue 6 Jul	Yr 5: Lynher Expedition
Wed 7 Jul	Yr 6: Lynher Expedition
8-9 Jul	Yr 6: JTT Experience
Fri 16 Jul	Speech Day
Thu 22 Jul	Yr 6: Leavers Play
Fri 23 Jul	Inset Day
	Summer Holidays

Sports Roundup

Brewer skip their way to success in school skipping challenges

Last week we enjoyed the latest of our inter-class sporting competitions, as we took part in a series of skipping challenges as part of our PE sessions. As always these competitions were keenly contested by each class. There were some extremely high scores in the individual speed skipping challenges and some tremendous teamwork shown in the long rope challenge.

The Year 3 winners were Tamblyn with Poppy T and Nyana standing out for their team. Brewer 2nd, Hawes 3rd and Kinvig 4th.

The Year 4 winners were Kinvig with both Bodhi and Leyla posting the highest scores in the speed skip. Brewer were 2nd, Tamblyn 3rd and Hawes 4th.

In Year 5 Brewer were 1st thanks to tremendous scores from William B, Eddie and Lola. Hawes were 2nd with Sienna scoring the highest overall score in the competition. Kinvig were 3rd and Tamblyn were 4th.

Finally, in Year 6 Kinvig took the spoils thanks to Theo and Isabella's top scores. Brewer continued their consistent run finishing 2nd, Hawes were 3rd and Tamblyn were 4th.

So when all the points were totted up, Brewer had amassed the most points, Kinvig were 2nd, Hawes 3rd and Tamblyn 4th. Well done to all those who took part and thanks to Mr Yeoman who had a busy week!

2021/22 Term Dates

Mon 6 Sep	Inset Day
Tue 7 Sep	Back to School
25-29 Oct	Half Term
Mon 1 Nov	Inset Day
20Dec – 3Jan	Christmas Holidays
Tue 4 Jan	Inset Day
Wed 5 Jan	Inset Day
21 – 25 Feb	Half Term
11-22 Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 2 May	Bank Holiday
30May-3Jun	Half Term
Fri 10 Jun	Inset Day
Tue 26 Jul	Last day of term
Wed 27 Jul	Summer Holidays