



Newsletter No. 961 5th September 2025

Next Week:

After School Clubs

These will start Monday 15th September. The clubs list will be sent out early next week – we will let you all know in advance what day and time it will be emailed out to you all.

Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
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Welcome Back

I hope all parents/carers, children and wider families had a good summer break. I know the children have come back looking well rested, with some great stories to tell and ready for an exciting new school year. Thank you, as ever, for helping your child to be so ready for their start back in their new classes.

In our school worship we cover a theme of one of our eight SRG Values and this autumn term we are learning more about and practising THANKFULNESS. I've told the children that being and showing thanks and appreciation - whether through prayer, our words, and/or our actions - is a great way to help yourself and those around you to feel happy. Please ask them a little about how they have shown their thanks each day.

Thank you 😊

Year 3 parents

A reminder that from this school year you will need to pay for children's school lunches on ParentPay as they are no longer in receipt of KS1 free school meals.

Request for safe driving and parking

When dropping children off or picking up at the end of the day, *please* be respectful of both the local residents and our school pupils and parents.

This would include not parking on pavements, road corners or across driveways. Visibility is impaired for both drivers and pedestrians when cars are parked at junctions and on pavements and therefore puts people at risk.

Please be safe and respectful. Thank you.

Class Teacher Parent Info Sessions

Feedback from last year's start of year information sessions was good, so we are doing these again this year.

To address this, if possible please could at least **one parent/carer attend the class information session** for your child's class as listed below:

YR - there was an information evening prior to starting. Other early learning support meetings to follow.

Year 1:	Monday 22 nd Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 2:	Tuesday 16 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 3:	Thursday 18 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 4:	Thursday 18 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 5:	Tuesday 16 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 6:	Monday 15 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm

Friends and Farm News

Landrake Duck Race - We are supporting the return of the Landrake Carnival Committee's 'Duck Race', at the Notter Bridge Inn, 1pm, Sunday 7th September. Buy your ducks (£2 each) in advance at the Bullers Arms, the Notter Bridge Inn or on the day.

New School Year Drinks - Come and meet the volunteer teams, have a catch up and see how you can get involved this year! Friday 12th September, 6.30pm onwards at the Geffery Hall Bar.

Thank you to the O'Reilly family for helping to ensure the safety of the Forest School area by kindly removing dead trees over the holidays.

Support for Families

In the current economic climate, we appreciate that many families here and around the country could be struggling. This can happen to anyone and there is no shame in asking for support.

Free School Meals could help your child (they are free up until the end of Year 2) - please follow the link below to see if you could be eligible (the school also receives additional funds with this to help provide children with things like extra support in class and clubs and it can also help reduce the cost of trips).

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

There are also local **Family Hubs** which can help direct families to all kinds of support and help: [Homepage | Best Start in Life](#).

We work with the excellent **Landrake Foodbank** - please chat to one of us in the office if this is of interest - we are discrete and sensitive in offering help.

The Government have shared information for parents on the 'Best Start in Life' programme - [Homepage | Best Start in Life](#) - there are links here to helpful information for parents, particularly towards babies, toddlers, and Reception aged children.

Talk to us... we see working with you as the partnership that is crucial to helping your child enjoy their time here, reach their potential and to 'be the best they can' (from our Vision statement).

Accelerated Reader – Summer Update

Whole school word count: 3,848,330

Total books read: 177

Equals 41 min per day – indiv. student average

Class Totals

Year 3 310,027

Year 4 1,749,221

Year 5 585,345

Year 6 1,203,737

Good Progress

Year 3 Amelia D, Rupert E

Year 4 Imogen B, Bethany C

Year 5 Leo C, Juno S

Year 6 Imogen P, Elodie C

Church News

Join us for a warm and welcoming family service on Sunday 7th September at 10am at St Stephen's by Saltash Church. We'll be celebrating the start of the new school year!

This non-communion service lasts around 45 minutes and is designed to be interactive and engaging for all ages. After the service, stick around for refreshments and a friendly chat with your church community.

There's no dress code — just come as you are!

We also welcome children who would like to take part by reading the Bible at future services — a lovely way for young voices to be heard and celebrated as well as helping children develop important oracy skills.

Everyone is invited, and everyone belongs. We can't wait to see you there!

Are you thinking about Confirmation, or simply curious about what it means to live as a Christian today?

Join us for a four-week journey through Rowan Williams' book *Being Christian*, exploring the heart of Christian life through four key themes: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and Prayer.

- Sunday 14 September, 3pm at St Stephen's
- Sunday 21 September, 3pm at St Stephen's
- Sunday 28 September, 3pm at St Stephen's
- Sunday 23 November, 3pm at St Stephen's

The Confirmation Service takes place on Wednesday 26 November at 7pm

This is for those in year 5 all the way through to 100yrs old! Come as you are, bring your curiosity, and let's explore what it means to be Christian in today's world.

Email RevLauraBH@gmail.com to book a space

Secondary School Admissions

Closing date for secondary school admissions for our current Year 6 to start next September is 31st October 2025.

[Apply to start school or transfer to junior, secondary or KS4 school in September 2026 - Cornwall Council](#)

Farm Rota

Thank you to everyone who has booked in to visit and feed our beloved animals on the farm over the summer holidays – the welfare of the animals depends on your visits and it is very much appreciated.



To book yourself in to visit and feed the animals one morning at a weekend or over the October half term, please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Code: 7xg8q

School Nursing Service

Each month the School Nursing Service shares a health promotion topic – September's are:

World Patient Safety day, 17th September: Every child has the right to safe quality health care from the very beginning.

Sepsis Awareness Month: Sepsis is responsible for some 50'000 deaths in the UK every year. Tens of thousands who survive frequently experience major ongoing health issues.

ICON week 22-26th September: Learning, sharing and fundraising to help keep babies safe.

Macmillan coffee morning, 26th September: Donations from thousands of coffee mornings, big and small help raise vital funds to support the almost 3.5 million people in the UK living with cancer from the moment they are diagnosed , throughout treatment and beyond .

International day of sign language, 23 Sept: The international day of sign language is a unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.

Migraine Awareness Week, 22-28th September: Migraine means much more than just a headache, join us to change the perception this Migraine awareness week.

Piano and Singing Lessons

Mrs Suckling will be starting back with lessons the week beginning 15th September.

KS2 Residentials

Our exciting residentials are a key part of the children's journey in school. We will send out emailed letters to each year group soon, but the dates are as follows:

Year 3	Winter One Nighter	12-13 Feb 2026
Year 4	Dittisham	7-8 May 2026
Year 5	PGL, Barton Hall	6-8 May 2026
Year 6	Dartmoor	9-10 October 2025
Year 6	London	22 nd – 26 th June 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 7 Sep	Landrake Duck Race
Fri 12 Sep	New Year Drinks
Tue 23 Sep	Friends AGM
27-31 Oct	Half Term
Fri 31 Oct	Closing date for Secondary School Admissions
Mon 3 Nov	Inset Day
Tue 4 Nov	Back to School
4 – 7 Nov	Booster Swimming
22Dec-4Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 Jan	Inset Day
Tue 6 Jan	Back to School
16-20 Feb	Half Term
Mon 23 Feb	Back to School
16-27 Mar	Yr 3: Swimming Lessons
3-17 April	Easter Holidays
Mon 20 Apr	Back to School
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday
25-29May	Half Term
Mon 1 Jun	Back to School
Fri 5 Jun	Inset Day
Mon 8 Jun	Inset Day
Thu 23 Jul	Last day of term

I will go through the school calendar and add dates in for league runs, cake sales etc. for next Friday's newsletter.