



Newsletter No. 969 7th November 2025

Next Week:

After School Clubs <u>NEXT WEEK:</u>		School Trips		
All trip info is sent out by email – there will be a link to a google form, which we need <u>everyone</u> to complete...				
Monday 10 th	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th
- Nasal Flu Immunisations - Odd Socks Day 	Girls Football match 	- Open Morning (Sept26 starters) - Boys football match	- Individual photos - Parent Café 10am - Football match - Farm AGM	- Children in Need - League Run 2

Class Attendance

The class with the best attendance for week 20th – 24th October is **Year 6**.

Mr O'Hara will be visiting soon to pop some marbles in your jar!



Farm Rota

We have a new farm rota for November – January.

If you are able to spend an hour or so one morning on a weekend or during school holidays visiting and feeding the animals on the school farm, please book yourselves in:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk **Code:** gsu3v



Odd Socks Day - Monday 10th Nov

At SRG, we will be marking the start of our new Jigsaw theme 'Celebrating Difference', and the beginning of National Anti-Bullying Week', by wearing odd socks. The odder the better!

The message behind this is that it is good to stand out and be different if you choose to.

Please feel free to join in our celebration on Monday. No donation is necessary.

Children will be learning more about what

bullying is and how it can be stopped, if it should happen,

within their class PSHE

lessons and whole school

worship sessions.

Mrs Becky Cunningham - PSHE lead



Come Along to Our Parent Café!

You're warmly invited to our Parent Café, with the Cognition and Learning Team. We'll be chatting about some of the barriers children can face when learning and sharing helpful ideas on how to support them at home.

It's a relaxed space to meet other parents, ask questions, and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, while talking about ways we can help every child thrive.

When: Thursday 13th November at 10am

Mrs Zoe Ennor, SENDCo

Christmas Cards

Christmas card proofs with order information came home earlier in the week.

The online shop to order from closes at midday on Thursday 13th November.

If you haven't received your order/proof please email the office and we'll find the code for you.

Children in Need - Friday 14th Nov

To mark this national event, next Friday, children can come into school wearing something yellow or spotty additional to their normal uniform - e.g. hair band, hat, socks ... Any donations on the day that families are happy to give will go straight to Children in Need.

Class teachers will be putting a 'Challenge 25' optional homework on their Google Classroom. If children would like to challenge themselves to do something 25-themed, they could do this and pop a message or photo on the Classroom page.

Examples could include a baking challenge of 25 cupcakes, learning 25 new words, swimming 25m or 25 widths, completing 25 acts of kindness over the week etc.

More ideas can be found on the Children in Need website [here](http://www.childreninneed.org.uk).

Class News

EYFS had the best trip to Cotehele on Tuesday and despite the bad weather the children thoroughly enjoyed completing the scarecrow trail and hunting for our very own Captain Strawbeard in his wheelbarrow ship with Polly the Donkey!

They were all amazing roles models and represented our school like shining stars! To begin our topic, 'Let's Celebrate', children have had lots of fun explore festivals and celebrations this week, such as: bonfire night and Diwali.

They have created their own rangoli patterns outside using chalk mark making, created their own firework silhouette art and have sequences key events within the story of Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot.

In English, **Year 1** are beginning to look at Newspaper Reports, picking out the key features such as Headlines, Images and Subtitles - which will eventually lead to them creating their own newspaper reports.



In English, the children in **Year 3** have begun exploring narrative writing. They have been thinking about what makes a good story and using *Talk Tactics* to share their ideas. It's been great to see them using their oracy skills to build confidence in their discussions.



In **Year 4/3** maths we have looked at area and been using manipulatives to create shapes with the same area but look very different.



In **Year 6**, children have been exploring circuits. We have learned the symbols for drawing these in a scientific manner, and then created and tested the circuits by introducing different components. Great teamwork!

SATS information session

On Tuesday 18th November, Mrs Cunningham and Mr O'Hara will be hosting a SATs information session for current Year 6 parents. The meeting will be from 3:45 and last until 4:20 to allow for clubs pick up. The children have plenty of time to prepare as SATs week commences on Monday 11th May. We would, however, like to share with you how we prepare children in school, how learning can be supported at home, how the assessments are conducted and what the timetable for the assessment week looks like. Additionally, there will also be an opportunity to view/try some past papers and ask any further questions that you may have. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the year.

Friends and Farm News

Wreath Making

There are still a few spaces available at our wreath making session on Tuesday 2nd December. Book your space [here](#).

Christmas Fair – Friday 5th December

We are excited to announce the return of the Christmas Fair – bigger and better than ever! More information to follow, but save the date!

School Disco

Thank you so much for supporting our recent plastic-free disco. We raised a brilliant £416, which has been spent on comfy beanbags and easy-read clocks for the KS2 library.

No-Dig Success

We were thrilled to be featured in Charles Dowding's recent newsletter, Future Gardeners, highlighting the success of our no-dig allotment. You can read the full article by clicking on the image to the right.



School Band Auditions

Children from the SRG Band, 'Polly Rockers', were supported by Mr O'Hara this week in holding auditions for KS2 children interested to join this year.

Instrumentalists and singers from across Years 3 to 6 came along and gave great mini-performances in front of the band 'panel'. Thank you and well done to all of those who came along and showed courage and skill to perform. The children of the band have been in touch with everyone involved to let them if they were successful this time in gaining some of the limited places. Practices are starting asap!

Health Promotion Topic

Each month the School Nursing service shares health promotion topics – here are November's:

November: The leading charity changing the face of Men's Health.

Remembrance Sunday: A National opportunity to remember the service and Sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Anti-Bullying Week 10-14th November: 'Power for Good' The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique.

National Self Care Week 17-23 November: Self-care week is an annual national awareness week that focuses on embedding support self-care across communities, families and generations.

International Men's Day 19th November: Making a positive difference to the well-being and lives of Men and boys. Promoting a positive conversation about men, manhood and masculinity.

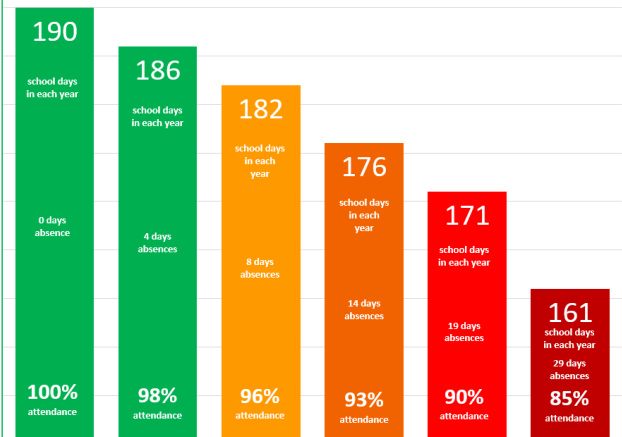
Safer Cornwall:

16 Days of Action 25th Nov - 10th Dec

This is an annual, international campaign which raises awareness and calls for an end to gender based violence. The Campaign runs for 16 days and ends on the 10th December, Human Rights Day.

Attendance

We are reminding families of the importance of great attendance at school. Missing days can really affect learning and confidence in class. Please remember that term-time holidays are actively discouraged for this reason. If you have an exceptional request for term-time absence, please follow the procedure outlined in the school attendance policy on the website.



Absence for holidays is very rarely authorised and can come with a penalty fine as outlined in the following (also previously shared).

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation, within a 3-year period you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160 if paid within 28 days.

In each case, failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action.

Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444 (1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

If your child is further absent from school in a 3-year period, this may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 17 Nov	Yr 2: Liskeard Museum
Tue 18 Nov	SATs Info Session 3.45pm NEW
Tue 25 Nov	Yr 1: Liskeard Museum
Thu 4 Dec	Yr R: Father Christmas – theatre
Mon 8 Dec	Yr 1/2: Soapbox theatre
Mon 10 Dec	Yr R: Vision Screening
Thu 11 Dec	Yr 1/2: 5.45pm Christmas Show
Fri 12 Dec	Yr 1/2: 9.15am Christmas Show
Mon 15 Dec	Yr Rec: 5.45pm Christmas Show
Tue 16 Dec	Yr Rec: 9.15am Christmas Show
	Yr 3/4: 5.45pm Christmas Show
Wed 17 Dec	Yr 3/4: 9.15am Christmas Show
	School Christmas dinner
	Yr 5/6: 5.45pm Christmas Show
Thu 18 Dec	Yr 5/6: 9.15am Christmas Show
	Christmas Parties etc.
Fri 19 Dec	Christingle
	Last day of term
22Dec-4Jan	<i>Christmas Holidays</i>
Mon 5 Jan	<i>Inset Day</i>
Tue 6 Jan	Back to School
Wed 7 Jan	KS2: Panto – Theatre Royal
Fri 16 Jan	League Run 3
Tue 20 Jan	Yr 1: Hearing Screening
2-4 Feb	Book Fair (in school hall) NEW
Fri 6 Feb	League Run 4
12-13 Feb	Yr 3: Residential
16-20 Feb	<i>Half Term</i>
Mon 23 Feb	Back to School
Fri 6 Mar	League Run 5
Fri 20 Mar	Landrake Run
16-27 Mar	Yr 3: Swimming Lessons
3-17 April	<i>Easter Holidays</i>
Mon 20 Apr	Back to School
Mon 4 May	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
6-8 May	Yr 5: Residential
7-8 May	Yr 4: Residential
25-29May	<i>Half Term</i>
Mon 1 Jun	Back to School
Fri 5 Jun	<i>Inset Day</i>
Mon 8 Jun	<i>Inset Day</i>
22-26 Jun	Yr 6: Residential - London
Thu 23 Jul	<i>Last day of term</i>

Christmas in a Shoebox

If you'd like to put a shoebox together for the Lighthouse Community Centre, Liskeard either with items in, or would just like to contribute some items towards a shoebox, please bring in to the school by Thursday 4th December.

Suggested items:

For warmth

- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Socks

Toiletries for men and women

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deoderant
- Hand sanitizer
- Baby wipes
- Comb
- small brush
- female sanitary items
- small chocolate bars

Children

- small book
- small toys
- any items as listed above, but as appropriate/smaller sizes

Pets

- dog food
- dog treats/toy
- cat food
- cat treats/toys

Pre-Club Swim Squad

Spaces are now available in Caradon Swimming Club Pre-Club squad, designed for swimmers ready to progress beyond learn-to-swim lessons. Pre-Club provides a supportive environment to build technique, stamina, and confidence while introducing the structure of club training. Many of our current Development Squad swimmers began in this group — it's a great foundation for future success. The sessions are 5-6pm on a Friday at Saltash Leisure Centre. Suitable for swimmers who have completed Stage 6 or 7 (or equivalent) and can swim lengths confidently using front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke.

To arrange a trial session, please email headcoach@caradonsc.co.uk.