

Newsletter No. 986

Friday 27th March 2026

After School Clubs Info

- NO Cross Country club today.
- Only Homework club will run Monday - Wednesday next week.
- There are no clubs on Thurs 2nd April. School closes at 3.30pm.

Please remember...

If your child is ill or not coming in to school for any reason – you need to contact the office either by telephone, or by email to admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk **before 8.45am** each day, so that we can update the register.

If you're not sure whether to send your child in to school or not, please see this website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

Please remember, strong attendance is proven to have a huge impact on your child's outcomes and chances in life.

School Disco tonight!

£1.50 entry (cash on door) | KS1: 5.30 – 6pm | KS2: 6.30 – 7.30pm
Free drinks station, small value tuck shop, UV face painting.



Easter Church Service – Wednesday 1st April 9.30 - 11am

As in previous years, all classes have been preparing short worship sessions to re-tell the Easter story at St Michael's Church on Wednesday 1st April. If any parent/carers would like to join us in the limited seats available at the back, the church will be open from 9am.

Farm Rota



The farm rota for April – May 2026 has plenty of spaces, including over the Easter holidays.

If you're able to sign up for an hour one morning:
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Code: mx8du

School Lunch Menu

There is a new menu which runs from after the Easter holidays up until the October half-term. It is attached to the email with the newsletter and will also be uploaded to the school website.

Thank you

A huge thank you to Cat for running the Scholastic Book Fair earlier this term. Thanks to Cat and parents and children's kind support, we raised an amazing £963 in commission which will be spent directly on adding to our rich offer of book titles for children here at school.

After School Clubs

The new clubs list will be sent out after the Easter holidays and clubs will start on Monday 27th April. Homework club only will start from Monday 20th April.

Next Week:

Monday 30th March

- Yr 4: Plymouth College - BATB

Tuesday 31st

- Eco reps - Workshop, Truro

Wednesday 1st April

- Easter Church Service 9.30am

Thursday 2nd

- NO clubs
- School closes at 3.30pm
- Doughnut Sale 3.30pm
- Pre-School closes at 4.30pm

Friday 3rd – Friday 17th April

- Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April

- Back to School

Class Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the week of 16th – 20th March is **Year 3**.



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

Uniform Reminder

After the Easter holidays, children are able to wear summer school uniform.

This consists of:

- Green and white checked dress, bottle green skirt, grey trousers or tailored shorts
- White polo shirt (optional with SRG logo)
- Bottle green (optional SRG logo) sweatshirt or cardigan
- White ankle/knee length socks – if worn with dress or skirt or grey socks if worn with shorts or trousers
- Black shoes – no trainers and not heeled or pointed.

Thank you for the music...

After more than 20 incredible years, we are saying a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Steve, who is retiring from teaching woodwind to pupils here at SRG.

Steve hasn't just been a woodwind teacher - he has been the heartbeat of music within our school community. From inspiring children to play their very first notes in Year 1, to leading vibrant orchestras at concerts and Speech Days, his impact has been extraordinary.

While we will miss the music drifting from the meeting room and his presence in school life, we are so grateful for the legacy he leaves behind - a thriving, joyful musical community.

Thank you, Steve, for 20+ years of inspiration, dedication, and unforgettable music. We wish you all the very best as you begin this new chapter focusing on your family - but you will always be part of the SRG family.

Friends and Farm News

Doughnut sale - There will be an end of term doughnut sale on Thursday 2nd April at 3.30pm. More info on Google classrooms.

Thank you - to the mystery shoppers who sent some More items from our Amazon wish list this week, your generosity is very much appreciated!

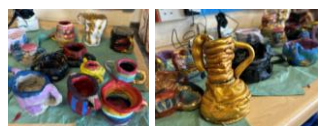


Class News

This week, **Year 1** have been busy exploring the concepts of mass and volume! The children got completely hands-on with their learning, experimenting with scales to measure and compare the weight of everyday objects found in the classroom. After their investigations, they put their brilliant oracy skills to work. Gathering in small groups, they discussed their experiments and confidently summarised their findings together. It was wonderful to hear them articulating their mathematical thinking!



We are extremely pleased with the effort, determination and progress shown over the last two weeks as the **Year 3** children have been going swimming every afternoon at Saltash Leisure Centre as part of the KS2 national curriculum. Well done Year 3!



In DT, **Year 4** have finished their clay pots inspired by the Romans.

Thank you for all of your support with our **Year 6** charity stalls. We are still counting the pennies but have raised a good deal of money for our chosen charities. We have made good use of our budgeting, baking, teamwork, maths and entrepreneurial skills! We will publish the final total when it's finalised.

Year 6 London – Info Meeting

Mrs Cunningham will be hosting an information session for parents of Year 6 children going on the London residential.

Monday 27th April
3.45 – 4.30pm

Residentials

A reminder for Years 4, 5 and 6 that residentials can be paid by instalment on ParentPay. Please note that all residentials should be paid for in full two weeks before the start of the trip.

Accelerated Reader

Word Count	47,092,750
Book Count	3,546

Class Word Count

Year 2	803,657
Year 3	3,993,353
Year 4	11,392,006
Year 5	14,291,195
Year 6	16,612,539

Good Progress

Year 2	Alba W-P, Archie L
Year 3	Ruairidh G, Ezra W
Year 4	Beauden S, Imogen B
Year 5	Amber P, Melody W
Year 6	Oscar L, Shanjanah S



A big 'thank you' celebration message for the Farm Big Dig Great SRG Community Celebration - the big 50!

Over 50 children, parents, staff and relatives enjoying the opportunity on a sunny Sunday to roll sleeves up and look after our cherished farm and its plants and animals. So great to see - even previous staff, pupils and families.



KS2 children in Farm Lunch Club

Some children chose to enjoy exploring the school farm and appreciating Creation in the lunch club on Wednesday. As well as caring for the guinea pigs, a group watered the young strawberry plants and re-planted primroses while some adventurous Year 5 boys discovered the power of pulleys and teamwork!



Songfest

On Wednesday 14 SRG pupils travelled to Sterts Theatre near Liskeard, to take part in the annual Songfest celebration.

Sterts was a new venue for the event, which, because of its capacity, enabled more children in the area to take part and raise the roof with their voices. Pupils were treated to great interval



performances by pupils from Callington secondary school, and as always, were accompanied by the very able band of Asone Hub musicians, led by Patrick Bailey who visited SRG earlier in the year for a workshop with our pupils.

As you can see from the photos, it was quite cold in the theatre, but our pupils had come prepared with fleeces and picnic blankets! The SRG children sounded amazing as always and were fantastic ambassadors for our lovely school.

Mrs Suckling and Mrs Mullen were very proud of them all.



Music Awards

Piano Brooke G
Singing Isobel R

Easter Day Baptisms - St Stephen's

We are offering baptism within the 10am Easter Day service at St Stephen's. If you are thinking about baptism for yourself or your child, please email RevLauraBH@gmail.com.

You will then receive the forms to complete and return.

The 10am service will be an informal teaching Holy Communion, with our children helping to lead and parts of the service explained as we go.

For those who prefer a more traditional Easter Day service, these will be available at other churches within our benefice.

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Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday, 29 March
10.30am SS Nicholas & Faith
United Service, followed by Annual Meetings

Spy Wednesday, 1 April
10am Holy Communion, St Stephens

Maundy Thursday, 2 April
6pm Holy Communion, Landrake
7.30pm Holy Communion, SS Nicholas & Faith

Good Friday, 3 April
10am Saltash Churches Together, starting at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church
2pm Stations of the Cross, Landulph



Parenting a child
aged 4-11

Understanding your child with traits of Autism

A 10-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length. This face to face programme gives you the option to attend at the venue stated below.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- Communication and tuning in
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Looking back and looking forwards
- Responding to how your child is feeling

When?

Thursdays, 9:30am-11:30am
starting 21st May 2026

Where?

Callington Family Hub

To book visit
[parentbooking.cornwall.gov.uk/
book/autism/](https://parentbooking.cornwall.gov.uk/book/autism/)

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk
Phone: 01872 324323



[www.cornwall.gov.uk/
parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

Sports Updates

Yesterday, the East Cornwall Primary Schools Cross Country presentation evening was held at St Mellion, where many of our children proudly represented SRG.

After another successful year, with so many children attending cross country club and representing SRG in league races, we want to say how proud we are of everyone's effort, commitment and hard work.

Many children stood out and achieved some fantastic results this year, but a special mention must go to Bodhi M, who consistently finished in the top eight across all four races – an outstanding achievement.

At the presentation evening, SRG had the highest number of children from any school qualifying for medals, with an impressive 35 pupils earning awards for taking part in at least three races.

The evening concluded on a high note, with the Year 3/4 boys' team crowned overall winners in their category – a huge well done to the boys.



A special thank you to Helen for her time and dedication as a volunteer, to all staff at Sir Robert Geffery's who have supported the children throughout the year at cross-country, and to parents who have helped by signing children up and supporting them at cross country events. Well done to all of our runners—you have represented SRG brilliantly this year!



Football Focus...

In the first of a double header away to Dobwalls last Friday, the girls team showed fantastic discipline and poise on the ball, working hard to create chances. Nori's excellent throw-ins were causing trouble for the home team, but the greens just couldn't get the ball past the in-form Dobwalls keeper.

After a tactical reshuffle from Mr Yeoman and a motivating team talk from Claire, the team came out for the second half with renewed determination. It took just 20 seconds for the breakthrough, as Lowenna charged down the ball and buried a strike into the top corner! Lowenna soon added a second after some lovely team passing, while Rosie H and Rosie S kept the pressure on with confident runs and shots at goal.

Abigail nearly made it three with a great cross to Lowenna, only to be denied by a point-blank save. At the back, Brooke provided reliable clearances while Ella showed great awareness and movement on the wing. It was such a dominant team display that Lacey in goal was almost a spectator.

Player of the Match went to Nori.

Diary Dates

Mon 20 Apr	Back to School
Tue 21 Apr	Yr 1: Zero Gravity NEW
Wed 22 Apr	NO CLUBS
Mon 27 Apr	London Info mtg NEW
Tue 28 Apr	Yr 2: Zero Gravity NEW
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday
Tue 5 May	Yr 3: Zero Gravity NEW
6-8 May	Yr 5: Residential
7-8 May	Yr 4: Residential
11-15 May	SATs Week
Tue 12 May	Yr 4: Zero Gravity NEW
Tue 19 May	Yr 5: Zero Gravity NEW
25-29 May	Half Term
Mon 1 Jun	Back to School
Tue 2 Jun	Cake Sale
Thu 4 Jun	Hockey Festival
	Pre-School close 4.30pm
Fri 5 Jun	Inset Day
Mon 8 Jun	Inset Day
Wed 17 Jun	Sports Day
Fri 19 Jun	Landrake Run NEW DATE
22-26 Jun	Yr 6: Residential
Fri 3 Jul	Summer Fair
Fri 17 Jul	Speech Day
Thu 23 Jul	Last day of term
	Pre-School close 4.30pm

2026-27 Term Dates

Thu 3 Sept	Inset Day
Fri 4 Sept	Back to School
26 – 30 Oct	Half Term
Mon 2 Nov	Inset Day
Tue 3 Nov	Back to School
21Dec – 1Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4 Jan	Inset Day
Tue 5 Jan	Back to School
15 – 19 Feb	Half Term
26Mar – 9Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 12 Apr	Inset Day
Tue 13 Apr	Back to School
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday
31May – 4Jun	Half Term
Mon 7 Jun	Inset Day
Tue 8 Jun	Back to School
Mon 26 Jul	Summer Holidays

Next up were the boys, whose game kicked off at a blistering pace, with Sam and George leading the charge while Phoenix worked hard at the back to feed Freddie on the wing. Despite a tireless performance from Henry B in midfield and solid defending from Henry M, Dobwalls took an early lead through a quick breakaway that gave keeper Henry T no chance.

SRG fought back when Henry M's throw-in was flicked on by Sam to Freddie, who tucked home a rebound at the far post. We soon took the lead after a pinpoint corner from Henry B found George, who finished brilliantly. Dobwalls equalised shortly after, but a heroic goal-line clearance from Henry M kept it level at 2-2 going into halftime.

The second half was a real battle of stamina, with Reggie doing his best to squeeze the play high, providing some entertaining end to end football. The breakthrough came when Freddie pounced on a loose ball in the box to reclaim the lead! Every player showed fantastic composure and teamwork to hold on for the win.

A brilliant effort from the whole squad but Player of the Match went to Sam.

SRG Stun Brunel

On Monday, SRG faced Brunel in a league fixture, fielding a mixed Year 5/6 team of boys and girls. The squad included some regular players alongside others who were given the opportunity to represent the school—and they certainly made the most of it.

Brunel started strongly, taking an early lead by breaking through the middle of SRG's defence and finishing past Frankie. However, SRG quickly responded, showing resilience and determination. A series of excellent through balls down the wing to Freddie and centrally to Alfie created chances, but Brunel's goalkeeper made several impressive saves to keep them ahead.

Freddie then stepped up for a free kick from distance near the touchline, only to see another superb save deny him. Undeterred, he had a second attempt from a similar position—this time finding the top corner in stunning fashion to level the score. Brunel responded quickly to make it 2-1, but SRG continued to push forward. A well-delivered corner found George, whose header brought the game back to 2-2. Just before half-time, Freddie struck again to give SRG a 3-2 lead.

The second half brought even more excitement, with Frankie making some excellent low saves to keep Brunel's goal tally down. SRG showed great teamwork and defensive strength, with Henry M, Lyra, and Piran making crucial tackles, blocks and clearances to limit Brunel's attacking threat. In midfield, George, Zelah, Oscar and Freddie controlled the game well, creating further opportunities for the forwards, with Alfie continuing to threaten. SRG's attacking pressure paid off, and the team added further goals through Alfie, George, and Freddie, who completed a superb hat-trick. It was a fantastic all-round performance, with SRG running out deserved 6-3 winners.

SRG Progress in the Cup

Yesterday the SRG girls faced Bishop Cornish in the Chloe Williams Shield (Round 1). The game began nervously, with SRG struggling to connect passes and find their rhythm, and they fell behind early on.

However, this setback sparked the team into action, and they soon began performing to their usual high standards. Lowenna led the comeback with an incredible six goals, while Rosie H added two of her own and earned Player of the Match for her outstanding performance.

This victory means SRG will face Biscovary in the next round, which will be played at SRG.

