

Newsletter No. 976

Friday 9th January 2026

After School Clubs Info

All clubs will start on Monday 12th January and run until Friday 27th March.

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to an exciting spring term at SRG. Please keep checking the newsletter and Google classrooms for information about trips and residentials – the first of 2026 being next month!

Pantomime... 'Oh yes it was!'

The children in KS2 had a wonderful time at the Theatre Royal Plymouth pantomime *Dick Whittington* on Wednesday this week. 130 of us enjoyed seeing this professional performance and this group outing really did further brighten up this first week back. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting your children to attend and to the staff for staying late to help it happen.

Cake Sale

Our next cake sale will be next **Tuesday 13th January**. If you're able to, please bring in either homemade or shop bought nut-free cakes on that morning for us to sell at break time. Cakes cost 30p each and all the money raised will go to Hillside Ikona School in Uganda.

Ambitious Vocabulary

In RE lessons this week, children in Years 5 and 6 were learning some very ambitious vocabulary and explaining the difference between omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. Mr O'Hara was very impressed when he visited Year 5 who were keen to teach him too.

Enjoying a Good Book

These wintry days and nights are a great time to continue to enjoy a good book! Thank you to all adults at home for supporting your child enjoy their daily read. Reading 10-20 minutes or more each evening at home gives your child such a boost in their reading practice and makes all the difference... to both their progress and attainment in reading, but also their confidence and enjoyment of this and all subjects. Reading really does open a world of opportunities. [More information about SRG's approach to reading on our website here.](#)

World Book Day this year is Thursday 5th March... more information to come.

Next Week:

Monday 12th

- Clubs start

Tuesday 13th

- Cake Sale 
- Yr 4: Zero Gravity

Wednesday 14th

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Thursday 15th

- Last date for school admissions for Reception starters Sept 26

Friday 16th

- League Run 3

Class Attendance

The class with the best attendance for week of 15th – 19th December is **Year 5**. Mr O'Hara will be visiting soon to pop some marbles in your jar!

Farm Rota

We have a couple of spaces left on our farm rota for January. If you're able to spend an hour or so one morning visiting and feeding the animals on the school farm, please book yourself in here: www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
Code: gsu3v

Class News

EYFS have enjoyed a fun-filled week of learning, as we begin our exciting new overarching topic of 'Amazing Animals' by immersing ourselves in our animal safari role play area. In addition, we have been working hard in our Phonics lessons, as we build upon our knowledge of key words and explore the concept of zero in our Maths sessions.

This week in Maths, **Year 1** have been looking at place value within 20 and have enjoyed exploring each of the numbers, including ten, using manipulatives to identify correct representations.



In **KS1**, children have been excited by the start of their Pole to Pole topic, with Year 1 enjoying beginning to learn about polar animals and Year 2 engaging with the adventures of Ernest Shackleton. 'On Safari' is the role play area of Reception class has been popular already!

Year 3 visited Zero Gravity during their PE lesson on Tuesday to develop their gymnastics skills, which will be their PE focus this term. The children explored a range of gymnastic shapes and practised key skills such as rolls and balances. They had the opportunity to apply these skills by completing another fun and challenging course.

To finish the session, they used up the rest of their energy in the popular Ninja Run!



School Nursing Service

Each month the School Nursing Service share health promotion topics with us – these are January's.

Dry January: The challenge supports people across the country to change their relationship with alcohol through stopping drinking for one month.

Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January):

There are many different and meaningful ways you can get involved and play your part.

Saltash Family Hub

Attached with this newsletter is information from the Family Hub about an Understanding your Child workshop.



Flu Vaccination Drop-in Clinic

There is a flu vaccination drop-in clinic on Saturday 10th January if your child missed out in school.



Friends and Farm News

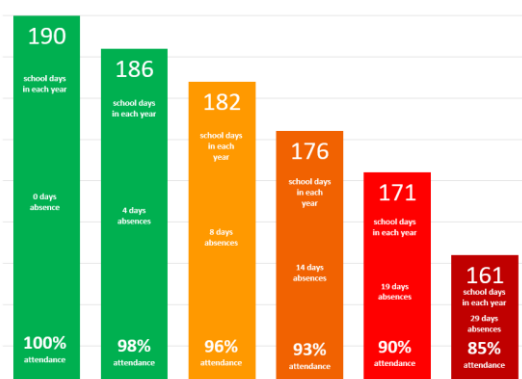
Thank you to everyone who put their names down on the farm rota over the Christmas holidays – it is very much appreciated, by the Farm Committee and most of all by Polly and friends.



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.

Diary Dates

Tue 20 Jan	Yr 1: Hearing Screening
	Yr 5: Zero Gravity
Tue 27 Jan	Yr 6: Zero Gravity
2 – 4 Feb	Book Fair
Tue 3 Feb	Yr 1: Zero Gravity
Fri 6 Feb	League Run 4
Tue 10 Feb	Yr 2: Zero Gravity
12-13 Feb	Yr 3: Residential
16-20 Feb	Half Term
Mon 23 Feb	Back to School
Tue 3 Mar	Cake Sale
Fri 6 Mar	League Run 5
Fri 20 Mar	Landrake Run
16-27 Mar	Yr 3: Swimming Lessons
3-17 Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 20 Apr	Back to School
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday
6-8 May	Yr 5: Residential
7-8 May	Yr 4: Residential
25-29 May	Half Term
Mon 1 Jun	Back to School
Tue 2 Jun	Cake Sale
Fri 5 Jun	Inset Day
Mon 8 Jun	Inset Day
22-26 Jun	Yr 6: Residential
Thu 23 Jul	Last day of term