

Newsletter No. 988

Friday 24th April 2026

After School Clubs Info

- Cross Country Club starts today
- All other clubs start next week
- Due to residentials, there will be no cross country on 8th May.

Class Photos

Links were emailed out this morning for you to access the class photos that were taken before the Easter break. If you've not received it, please contact the office and we'll forward the link on.

Year 6 London – Information Meeting

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

Monday 27th April at 3.45 – 4.30pm.

Please note that we only offer an information session for this, a 5-day trip to the capital, and the Year 3 residential, which is the children's first overnight trip.

Online Safety – Let's talk about our kids and their tech

An email was sent out to all parents this morning about a free online session for parents hosted by a charity called Papaya.

The interactive talk will focus on parenting in the digital age and help parents find solutions that work for their family, in an age of increasing concerns about the potential impact that screen time, social media, gaming, amongst other things, has on children and young people's mental health, at primary age and as they proceed on to secondary school.

Friends and Farm News

Thank you to those of you who came along over the Easter holidays to visit and feed our animals on the farm, it is very much appreciated.

It could be You... !

The Friends are seeking a new Chair from September - an exciting opportunity to help shape school events, support our wonderful SRG community and make a real difference for our children.

For more information, please email Claire at:
cbrown@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk.

Next Week:

Monday 27th April

- 3.45pm: London info meeting

Tuesday 28th

- Yr 2: Zero Gravity

Wednesday 29th

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Thursday 30th

- Football match

Friday 1st May

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Monday 4th May

- Bank Holiday

PAPAYA

Let's talk about our kids and their tech

ONLINE PARENT TALK WITH NICOLA

CORNWALL SCHOOLS PARENT TALK
MONDAY 8th JUNE 2026 – 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM

GOING LINK:
[ACCESS VIA THE TEAMS LINK HERE](#)



Nicola MacDonald

Nicola MacDonald is a Resilience Coach and Author of the non-fiction book, *Resilient Teen*. She is the Founder of My Resilient Mind and Co-Founder of The Digital Detox Club. She runs resilience workshops and talks for schools, parents, and adults in the workplace. She specialises in resilience, tech addiction, youth mental health and conscious parenting.

Nicola is an empowering and uplifting speaker who shares her knowledge in a non-judgemental way linking to her own experiences of parenthood and her own previous struggles with teen anxiety.

Class Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the week of 23rd – 27th March is **Year 3**.

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



Request

When completing any form – a google form or the clubs bookings – please ensure you write your child's first **and** last name. It makes things easier when processing a lot of information. Thank you.



The Farm had a brand new section of fencing completed over the Easter holidays, thanks to generous investment from the school and Ironmongers, which all goes towards safeguarding the future of our brilliant farm and ensuring we can continue to keep animals. We also welcomed three new chickens - Opal, Pearl and Vera!

Class News

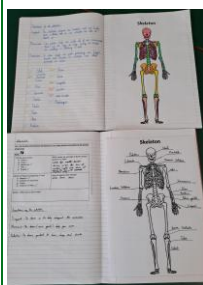
Year 1 enjoyed another trip to Zero Gravity this week, practicing a range of gymnastic stretches, movements and balancing skills before completing an obstacle course.



This week in **Year 3** we have been enjoying learning outside, using our senses to explore the world around us. The children gathered inspiration and key vocabulary, which they will use to create their own poems next week.

In Maths, we have just completed our unit on mass, and the children have worked hard to develop their understanding. We are now looking forward to beginning our new topic on capacity and volume next week.

This week in **KS2**, we have begun our athletics block in preparation for Sports Day. Our focus has been on running, where the children had the opportunity to explore, analyse and reflect on their running techniques. They then applied these skills in a range of sprint and relay races.



As part of our new 'Staying Alive' topic, **Years 5 and 6** have been learning about the structure and function of the human skeleton, as well as the names of many bones!

Fun at lunchtime Farm Worship Club

A mix of children from across Key Stage 2 enjoyed a range of exploration and activities on the sun-drenched farm on Wednesday lunchtime - from watching the guinea pigs run around in their outdoor cages, to spotting the different coloured bluebells, to making hanging baskets for the sheds. A huge thank you to Sharna, a parent volunteer, for helping the children and bringing in all the materials for the hanging baskets.



Diary Dates

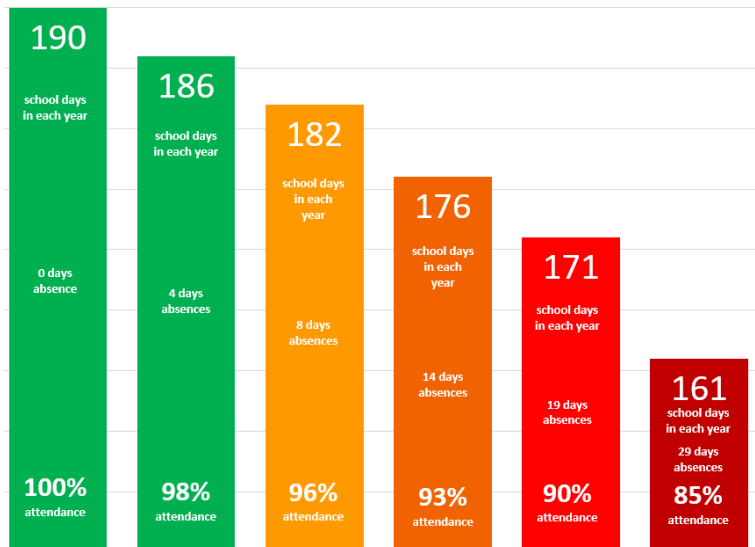
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday
Tue 5 May	Yr 3: Zero Gravity NEW
6-8 May	Yr 5: Residential
7-8 May	Yr 4: Residential
11-15 May	SATs Week
Tue 12 May	Yr 4: Zero Gravity NEW
Tue 19 May	Yr 5: Zero Gravity NEW
25-29 May	Half Term
Mon 1 Jun	Back to School
Tue 2 Jun	Cake Sale
Thu 4 Jun	Hockey Festival
	Pre-School close 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

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.