

Newsletter No. 1001

Friday 4th September 2026

After School Clubs Info

- Only Homework club will run until Friday 11th September
There will be limited space in homework club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.
- Other clubs will start Monday 14th September.

Welcome back to a fresh, new school year!

A warm welcome back to school to all children and their families from all of the staff and governors team here at SRG. Whatever you got up to over the last few weeks, we hope you have enjoyed a good summer break, maybe made the most of the sunny weather and enjoyed some quality family and friends time.

As a staff team, we have been working hard on getting everything ready for this new year. We have shared a huge thank you to Ellen and Trish for all their hard work ensuring that the school is clean and refreshed and to Matt in the office for coordinating other repair and improvement work. Also, thank you to Adrian (TA Claire's husband) and sons and ex-pupils Henry and Alfie for finishing off the PE shed refurbishment and to Kate (from the Farm Committee) and Brian for their earlier help and support on the project. The shed is looking new and ready for the older Sports Leaders children to be in charge of the PE equipment's use and storage.

We hope all of the children of SRG have enjoyed their one day back this week and look forward to a full 5-day week next week

Clubs

Due to staff training, we have very limited space in Homework Club next week on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th.

Please email the office at admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk to book your child/ren in if you are unable to pick up at 3.30pm.

Please keep an eye out for the clubs list – it will be sent out via email to all.

Farm & Friends News

Farm Rota

Please consider putting your name down on our school farm rota, coming along one morning over a weekend or a school holiday
To book yourself in, please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Code: 4ngut (Sept26)

There will be a different code for October/November in next week's newsletter.

Farm Committee Meeting

We're holding a family-friendly farm committee meeting on Thursday 10th September at 5pm here in school. All welcome.

Next Week:

Monday 7th

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Tuesday 8th

- Limited space in homework club

Wednesday 9th

- Limited space in homework club

Thursday 10th

- Limited space in homework club

Friday 11th

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Class Attendance

Keep an eye out here for the class attendance award – the class with the highest attendance percentage for the previous week will receive a few marbles from Mr O'Hara

School Dinners

From September 2026, the cost of a school lunch will be £2.95.

A reminder for current Year 3 parents that you will need to pay for school dinners from now via ParentPay.

Request

When completing forms, *please* write both first and last names for children (and parents!) as it makes working through lists of names a lot easier and smoother.

Thank you

Class Information 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:	Thursday 17 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 2:	Thursday 17 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 3:	Monday 14 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 4:	Tuesday 22 nd Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 5:	Tuesday 15 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm
Year 6:	Tuesday 15 th Sept	3.45 – 4.25pm

School Trips

We pride ourselves on offering educational visits for pupils here at SRG and we try to keep costs down as much as we can for parents (including but not, in the use of our own school minibus).

We're excited to already announced educational visits linked to the computing curriculum for the Year 5 and Year 6 classes this term. Half a class at a time will be visiting the Apple store in Plymouth to engage with their free workshops and travelling there in our minibus. Dates and more information to come.

Residential experiences are being offered again to all children in Key Stage 2 - these are so important to our offer for children's personal development and wellbeing - and we are very thankful to both parents/carers for supporting their children to attend and to the staff who give their time and expertise to enable us to offer this 'extra' and to help children enjoy the experience.

The first residential is coming up fast... with Year 6 going on their Dartmoor Adventure on Thursday 8th to Friday 9th October.

Separate information was shared to parents last year along with the ability to pay in increments on Parent Pay.

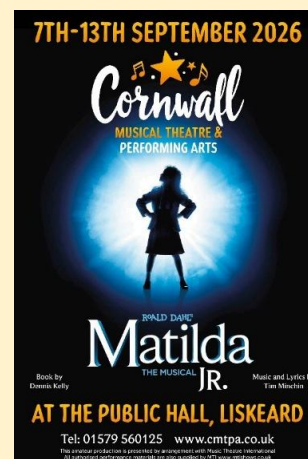
Residentials will be discussed in the teacher parent sessions explained above.

Diary Dates

Fri 25 Sep	Yr 6 (grp A) – Apple
Fri 2 Oct	Yr 6 (grp B) – Apple
Mon 5 Oct	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wed 7 Oct	Open Morning (prospective Yr R parents)
Fri 9 Oct	Yr 5 (grp A) – Apple
Fri 16 Oct	Yr 5 (grp B) – Apple
Wed 21 Oct	Parents Evening
Thu 22 Oct	Parents Evening
26 – 30 Oct	Half Term
Mon 2 Nov	Inset Day
Tue 3 Nov	Back to School
Wed 11 Nov	Individual School Photos
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
Wed 16 Jun	Sports Day
Fri 16 Jul	Speech Day
Fri 23 Jul	Leavers Service
Mon 26 Jul	Summer Holidays

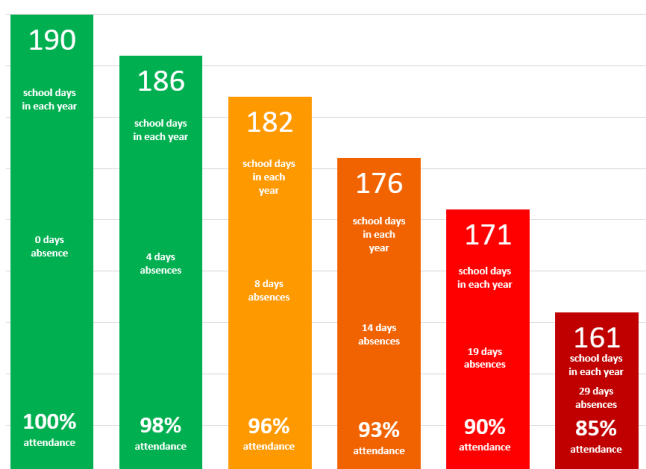
Matilda

Cornwall Musical Theatre and Performing Arts present... Matilda!
Opening on Monday 7th up to Saturday 12th September – come and see this (literally) all-singing, all-dancing show at Liskeard Public Hall – not to be missed!
Click on the image below for the link to book your tickets.



Attendance

Thank you for helping your child to have very strong attendance - it really does support their overall outcomes now and in the future.



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.