

Newsletter No. 1002

Friday 11th September 2026

After School Clubs Info

- Clubs will start Monday 14th September.

Illness

If your child is ill or won't be in school for any reason, please ensure that you contact the school office, either by telephone or by email by 9.00am to let us know the reason.

If you're unsure, please see this NHS web page:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Parent Governor vacancies

Information on applying for the role of parent governor has been emailed to all parent/carers and is also available on the school website. If you have not received this email, please contact the office at admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk. If you have any queries on the role of application process, please contact the Clerk to Governors at clerk@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk.

Please note that the closing date for applications is close of play on Monday 28th September.

Class Information Sessions

Feedback from last year's start of year information sessions was excellent, so we are doing them again.

The session includes key information regarding your child's learning and routines this year and therefore, at least **one parent/carer is expected to attend the class information session** for each child, 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

We look forward to seeing you at the sessions.

Free school meals

You may have heard in the news over the summer that the eligibility criteria for free school meals has changed – enabling more families to qualify.

If you have not been contacted by Cornwall Council, but believe that your child/ren qualify for free school meals (and are in receipt of Universal Credit), you can apply using the [Parent Portal](#).

For more information, please see this [webpage](#).

Next Week:

Monday 14th

- Yr 3: Parent Info session 3.45pm

Tuesday 15th

- Yr 5: Parent Info session 3.45pm
- Yr 6: Parent Info session 3.45pm

Wednesday 16th

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Thursday 17th

- Yr 1: Parent Info session 3.45pm
- Yr 2: Parent Info session 3.45pm

Friday 18th

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Class Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the week of 7th – 11th September is ... we'll tell you next Friday!



Packed Lunches

We ask that you please do not supply children with chocolate bars as part of their packed lunch.

Class News

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the year learning and performing the story map for their class book, The Gingerbread Man!

The children have loved bringing the tale to life with actions, expressive voices, and great enthusiasm.



Important Safety Reminder

In the interest of safety and to help ensure the wellbeing of everyone in and around the school, we kindly ask all families to be mindful of where they park during drop off and pick up times. If dropping children off in the staff car park at the top of the school, or in the surrounding school vicinity, please ensure that you do not block any vacant parking spaces or obstruct the entrance or exit to the car park. Keeping these areas clear is essential to maintaining safe and accessible access for everyone and keeps children safe.

Additionally, from next week, we kindly ask that all families leave the playground promptly at the end of the school day. As a school, we have a responsibility to safeguard all children and ensure that the school premises are secured and locked as quickly and safely as possible. Clearing the playground promptly allows staff to carry out these essential safeguarding procedures without delay.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe, secure and accessible environment for all members of our school community.

School Office News

Over the summer holidays, Lauren in the school office decided to take up a new role away from SRG.

We are very excited for Lauren in this new start, but will of course miss her. I know you will join us in passing on our thanks for all that she has done for SRG over her time working here and share our best wishes and wish her good luck in her new role.

Whilst this is disappointing, it has opened up an exciting opportunity to join our hardworking office team. Full details can be found on our [website](#).

Farm & Friends News

Friends AGM – Tuesday 6th October

A reminder that our Friends AGM will take place on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm - in the village hall and via Teams. We'd love to see as many of our Friends and supporters as possible, so please do come along and find out more about the work we've been doing and our plans for the year ahead. Online link to follow.

Celebrating 30 years of SRG Farm!

This academic year marks a very special milestone as we celebrate 30 years of the Farm! We're incredibly proud of our Farm and all that it brings to our school community, and we have lots of exciting plans in store to celebrate this fantastic achievement. Keep an eye out for more news and details throughout the year - it's going to be a special one!

Online Safety

As part of the inset whole staff safeguarding update training last week, we were reminded of the significant risks of children using the internet and social media. We will share advice and pointers as previously over the years, but please do check that you have all the necessary parental controls on any online device (phones, tablets, laptops, TVs) and monitor their use.



September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

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: cej97 (Oct-Nov 26)

Year 6 are currently the class with the school-day responsibility of the farm, but our animals need support every day.



'6 Inches of Soil' and LEAF Gold

As part of our celebrations, we are excited to welcome Ben from Treveddoe Farm to SRG on **Wednesday 14th October**. He will spend some time doing soil health workshops on our Farm grounds with class groups during the day, before welcoming parents/carers and members of the wider community back to host a special evening screening of the award-winning documentary '6 Inches of Soil'.

The film follows British farmers working to transform the way we farm, exploring regenerative agriculture, healthy soils, biodiversity and the future of food. This will all help us in our application for LEAF Gold demonstration school status.

More details to follow soon.

Church News

The Bible Course — Thursdays, 7pm at St Stephen's

Whether you're brand new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, *The Bible Course* is a brilliant way to grow in confidence and understanding. Over eight sessions we'll explore the big story of Scripture, how the books fit together, and how it speaks into our lives today. Everyone is welcome — whatever your level of knowledge or experience. Come with curiosity, come with questions, or simply come and listen.

Please do share this invitation and encourage others to join us. It's a great opportunity to deepen faith, build community, and discover the Bible in a fresh and engaging way.

Reverend Laura

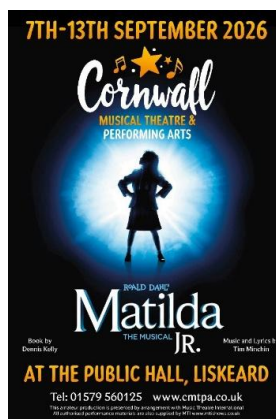
Matilda

The reviews are in and they're all great! Cornwall Musical Theatre and Performing Arts present... Matilda!

Running until Saturday 12th September — come and see this all-singing, all-dancing show at Liskeard Public Hall — not to be missed!

Click on the image for the link to book your tickets.

(There is limited availability for the remaining performances.)



Diary Dates

Tue 22 Sep	Yr 4: Parent info 3.45pm Football matches
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)
8-9 Oct	Yr 6: Residential
Fri 9 Oct	Yr 5 (grp A) — Apple
Wed 14 Oct	Farm film screening
Fri 16 Oct	Yr 5 (grp B) — Apple School Disco League Run 1
Wed 21 Oct	Harvest Festival Parents Evening
Thu 22 Oct	Parents Evening
26 – 30 Oct	Half Term
Mon 2 Nov	Inset Day
Tue 3 Nov	Back to School
3-6 Oct	Booster swim lessons
Wed 11 Nov	Individual School Photos
Wed 18 Nov	Rugby tournament
Fri 20 Nov	Children in Need
Fri 4 Dec	Christmas Fair
Wed 9 Dec	KS2: Theatre panto trip
Fri 18 Dec	Christingle
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

