SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL
A School for Enthusiasts

'We live life in its fullness' (John 10:10)
Knowing that with God's help we will be the best we can

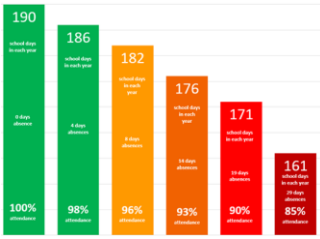
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After School Clubs Next Week

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Every Moment of Every Day Counts: The Power of Punctuality and Attendance



Dear Parents and Carers,

Regular school attendance is not just a parental legal requirement—it is the single most important factor in ensuring your child reaches their full potential. Attending school every day helps children build strong friendships, master foundational skills, and develop essential routines.

Even small amounts of absence add up significantly over time. Being just 10 minutes late every day equates to almost an entire week of lost learning across the academic year.

Please prioritise being on time and in school. By establishing these excellent habits now, you are giving your child the best possible start for future academic success and improved life chances.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the Friends for their continued support in funding additional resources that help enrich the children's experiences and opportunities whilst at school. Recent purchases include lunchtime play equipment, outdoor learning resources, music stands and a very exciting Science opportunity for later in the Spring term - watch this space!

All of this would not be possible without the generosity and support of our parents and families who give their time, attend events and support the fundraising activities throughout the year. Every contribution, big or small, really does make a difference. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive school community.

Farm and Friends News

Good Luck to everyone going to the Quiz night tonight!

Farm Christmas Felting evening only 4 spaces left – book now!

Save the Date - Friends Christmas Fair – Friday 4th December

The children will be hearing more about our 30-year-old farm in worship assembly on Monday. Thank you, as always for signing up and coming in at the weekend or over a school holiday to enjoy feeding the animals.

There are still a number of spaces on the farm rota for December and January – to sign up, please go to:
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Code: x62uz

Next Week:

Monday 23rd
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Tuesday 24th
- Yr 6: SATs meeting – 3.45-4.25pm
- Friends mtg – 7pm, village library

Wednesday 25th
- Yr R: Saltram visit

Thursday 26th
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Friday 27th
- Farm: Christmas Felting, 7pm

Class Attendance



The class with the best attendance for the week of 9th – 13th November is **Year 6**. Mr O'Hara will be visiting soon to put some marbles in your jar!

Class News



Year 1 have enjoyed innovating their story maps in English this week, practicing actions with partners before performing the story to the class.





Awards

Piano Milo G
Singing Mia G

Governors and Surveys

Our termly 'main governor' meeting was held at school yesterday and include the new parent governors. Thank you again to them and to all those who voted. One area of discussion and challenge offered related to the summer 2026 parent, pupil and staff surveys. All three were overwhelmingly positive, but all views and comments were listened to. Examples of changes implemented include:

→ Continuing to do our very best to give as much notice as possible for events/trips etc. (with knowledge that some things are beyond our control eg. weather, awaiting transport/venue confirmations).
→ Sports Day provisional dates have been shared (see the date for your diary section).
→ Flexibility on tailored shorts allowed into winter uniform.
→ Employment of additional staff in the form of lunchtime supervisor, aiding the wider team.
→ The pupil school council and worship committees are making suggestions for how to help make worship assembly sessions more interesting.

We're Recruiting – Lunchtime Supervisor

Join our friendly team at Sir Robert Gefferys Primary School!
We are looking for a caring, enthusiastic and reliable Lunchtime Supervisor to help make lunchtimes happy, safe and enjoyable for our children.
The role involves supporting pupils in the dining hall and playground, encouraging positive behaviour and helping to create a fun and welcoming lunchtime environment.
Hours: 10 hours per week **Contract:** Term time only
Working pattern: Monday - Friday, 11:30am–1:30pm
Full details can be found on our school website, with details on how to apply.

Sports Update

Year 5 & 6 Touch Rugby Success!

A huge well done to the group of Years 5 and 6 pupils who recently represented the school at a local morning touch rugby tournament. From the first whistle, the team worked brilliantly together, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship, and resilience throughout the morning. Their hard work paid off on the pitch with some superb attacking play—scoring an impressive 18 tries across five matches whilst conceding just five. After a series of strong performances and only one narrow defeat, the team finished in a well-deserved **2nd place overall** out of the five competing teams.
Beyond their results, the children were an absolute credit to the school. Staff from other competing schools even took the time to praise our players for their positive attitude and how well they supported one another on and off the pitch.

School Photos

Proofs for school photos were sent home in bags on Monday. The closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 29th November. Order through the Tempest website using the codes under the photos on the proof copies – www.tempest-orders.co.uk.
If you need any help in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest directly – customerservice@htempest.co.uk.
If you did not receive a hard copy of the photo proof, please contact the school office – admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Sun 29 Nov	Photos-last order date
Fri 4 Dec	Christmas Fair
Wed 9 Dec	KS2: Theatre panto trip
Thu 10 Dec	Yrs 1/2: Show 5.45pm
Fri 11 Dec	Yrs 1/2: Show 9.15am
Mon 14 Dec	Yr R: Nativity 5.45pm
Tue 15 Dec	Yr R: Nativity 9.15am
	Yr 1/2: Saltram trip **NEW**
	Yrs 3/4: Show 5.45pm
Wed 16 Dec	Yrs 3/4: Show 9.15am
	School Christmas lunch
	Yrs 5/6: Show 5.45pm
Thu 17 Dec	Yrs 5/6: Show 9.15am
Fri 18 Dec	Christingle
	KS1: 9.15am in school
	KS2: 1.30pm at church
	Last day of school
	School closes at 3.30pm
21Dec – 1Jan	*Christmas Holidays*
Mon 4 Jan	*Inset Day*
Tue 5 Jan	Back to School
Fri 29 Jan	Yr 1: Hearing Screening
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
Wed 30 Jun	Sports Day reserve date
Fri 16 Jul	Speech Day
Fri 23 Jul	Leavers Service
Mon 26 Jul	Summer Holidays