

Newsletter 12th September 2025

Welcome to this week's newsletter, packed with the latest updates, celebrations, and important dates from around our school. We're proud to share the fantastic learning and achievements happening across our community.

## Whole School Updates



The children have had another lovely week in school. Thank you for returning club letters, the staff are looking forward to running clubs from next week. Some clubs were oversubscribed, please check your child's bag for their allocation slot.

#### Pastures new...

You might notice a new face in the school office on Thursdays and Fridays over the next four weeks. We're delighted to welcome Claire Carter, who will be shadowing Nancy (Mrs Barrows) during this time.

Nancy has secured a secondment post at Kehelland Primary School, which she will begin fulltime after the October half term, all being well. While it's certainly a loss for St Erth, it's a wonderful opportunity for Nancy and a real gain for Kehelland!

Claire is already familiar with our Trust, as she currently works in the office at a neighbouring TPAT school. Please do pop in and say hello if you get the chance, we know she'll appreciate a warm St Erth welcome.

#### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 26th September at 9:00am in The Cabin

Join us for a warm drink, a slice of cake, and a chance to support Macmillan Cancer Support. Children are invited to wear green for the day and bring a cake donation (homemade or shop-bought) in exchange for non-uniform, please could you send the donated cake in the day before (Thursday 25th) so that we can set up the cabin. Please don't worry about baking anything fancy, it can be a simple fairy cake or packaged single cake bar. They'll also enjoy a special assembly earlier on in the week to learn about Macmillan's work and the impact that raising money for charity can have.

Cakes will be available for donations throughout the morning, with a lunchtime stall for children (they are welcome to bring a coin in) and any leftovers offered at home time. Every penny raised will go to Macmillan.

We have just one ask, if you could bring a mug/cup along with you, it would save us lots of staff time sourcing them and washing up :-)

We look forward to seeing you there, if you are available to help us with serving tea, coffee and cake that would be fantastic! Please speak to Mrs Bradbury on the gate if you can spare an hour. Thanks to members of the FOSS who have volunteered to help too.



# Free school meals eligibility criteria if you receive benefits

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16.190
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

There are different <u>eligibility criteria for families who are not entitled to benefits</u> (NRPF - No Recourse to Public Funds)

We believe that some of our families, especially those with children in Key Stage One, might not have applied for benefits-related free school meals, as all children in KS1 currently receive meals through a government initiative.

Even if you're unsure whether you're eligible, we kindly ask all parents to apply using the simple link below. It only takes a few minutes, and your application could help the school access additional funding to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

We'd be extremely grateful for your support. Without these applications the school may miss out on vital resources.

Thank you so much for helping us make the most of every opportunity for our children.

#### Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative and regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. Children in this group are also eligible for Pupil Premium – additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning. It is important to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think your child may be eligible. This is so that your child's school can receive this funding.

Your child will be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals if you meet the eligibility criteria.

#### Children in Year 3 and above

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves, meet the eligibility criteria.

If eligible for Free School Meals, your child will also be eligible for pupil premium. This is additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning.

Please see the criteria below and the link to apply- School meals - Cornwall Council

#### Assembly

This week in assembly we introduced the School Council and what this entails. We are excited to be holding our School Council elections on Thursday 18th September. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to take on a leadership role, share ideas on behalf of their classmates, and help make our school an even better place.

Every child will have the chance to put themselves forward if they would like to. To do this, children are asked to prepare a short speech to share with their class. In their speech, they

might talk about why they would like to be a councillor, what skills they have, and some realistic ideas they would like to bring to the council.

We have provided a child-friendly guide to help them structure their speech in a simple way. Please feel free to look through this with your child and support them if they would like to practise at home. Each class member will vote for their chosen candidate and our new school council will be announced in Celebration Assembly next Friday.

Encourage your child to have a go – it's about confidence, not perfection.

- ✓ Remind them to speak slowly and clearly.
- ✓ Help them to practise in front of family if they would like to.
- ✓ Reassure them that all ideas are valued, and it's about taking part.

Whether or not your child is elected, standing for School Council is a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, develop communication skills, and learn more about democracy in action.

Many thanks for your support

# Why Be a School Councillor?

Qualities of a good councillor:

- Good listener
- Responsible
- Fair and respectful
- Ready to share ideas
- Confident to speak up for others



#### **Healthy Eating at St Erth**

I've been so impressed by the wonderfully healthy packed lunches coming into school and the number of children enjoying their vegetables at lunchtime! With so many processed foods lining the supermarket shelves, it can be tricky to stay on track, but the children of St Erth are showing us how it's done.

To celebrate their brilliant choices, we've introduced a 'Healthy Hero' certificate, awarded each week during our celebration assembly. This special award recognises children who make healthy food choices and inspire others to do the same.

This week's **Healthy Hero** is **Nina**! Her packed lunch was not only super nutritious, but she also took the time to talk to younger children about why eating healthily matters. Well done Nina, you're a fantastic role model!



Next week I will out on training on Wednesday and Thursday. If you have any questions on the gate please call into the office or speak to the class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekemd,

### Mrs Bradbury



1 - St Erth Fantasy Football League

It was great to have both parents and teachers in the St Erth Fantasy Football league last year. Well done to Tim Wright for winning for the second year running!

Joining the league couldn't be easier. Simply use the link below and you'll be added automatically after you've entered the game.

https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/nhzecn

League Code: nhzecn

Week 1 will be on Saturday 19th October, so there's a week to pick your teams.



- 2 For those of you whose children are doing cookery club over the next term please note:
- The total cost will be £15 (needed to buy ingredients please could those of you in the first group bring this in on Monday.
  - 2. Does your child have any allergies or dietary requirements (Vegetarian/vegan!)

#### **Reminders:**

- Godrevy Class don't forget to bring in your Swimming consent slip
- Fistral Class don't forget your music consent slip
- Year 6 parents don't forget to apply for your secondary school places.
- Check your child's bag for your club allocation slips due to oversubscription Cookery and gardening club have been split - please ensure that you know when your child starts. Any questions please don't hesitate to call us.
- Don't forget to let FOSS know if you can make their AGM link to confirm attendance: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/gQZVasS2us">https://forms.office.com/e/gQZVasS2us</a>

## Treen Class Updates



Wow! Treen class (and their adults) have started their phonics journey learning four sounds this week! They even managed to read their first words. Thank you to all the parents who came to Wednesday's meeting.

We have been busy reinforcing routines, practising taking turns and the really tricky task of tidying up after ourselves. Our focus is kindness and we have seen so many children being so kind this week.



3 - Teamwork to complete a puzzle.



4 - Making our hands and fingers strong!



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## Mousehole Class Updates



This week in Mousehole Class, we've been soaring to new heights—literally! The children have been learning all about aerial (bird's-eye) views and how they help us see places from above. We explored an aerial plan of a classroom and then got creative by making our own "messy maps" using a variety of materials to represent key features of our own classroom.

In science, we've been investigating the difference between *objects* and *materials*. The children took on a fun challenge to find three different objects made from more than one material. There was lots of curiosity and clever thinking as they explored the classroom and shared their discoveries.

We've also been getting poetic this week! The children have been learning an Autumn poem and practicing how to recite it using images and actions.

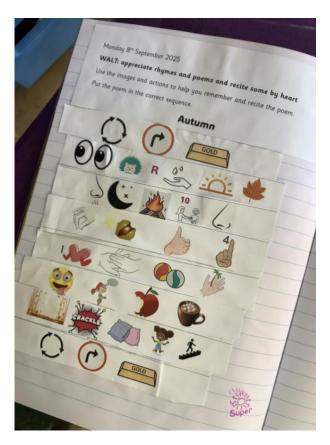
To end each day, we've been diving into the world of Fantastic Mr Fox. The children are absolutely loving the story, especially the mischievous antics of the terrible trio—Farmers Bunce, Boggis, and Bean. There's been plenty of giggles and wide-eyed listening as we follow Mr Fox's clever plans. We can't wait to find out what happens next.



6 - Geography: Messy Maps



7 - Geography: Messy Maps



8 - Literacy: Autumn Poem



9 - Science: Finding objects made from different materials

# Fistral Class Updates



We have had a great week in Fistral. Monday was our first PE lesson of the year and it was great to see everyone ready and raring to go in their PE kits. The whole class really enjoyed our first netball lesson, we learnt how to throw the ball accurately using a chest pass and then played a mini game of 4v4. There was some super teamwork and also some amazing passes. It was so lovely to see all the smiles and enjoyment. We also enjoyed learning 'This Little Light of Mine' in Music this week. We learnt how to sing the song and thought about how to move to the music. There was some very enthusiastic singing and dancing!



10 - Enjoying singing 'This Little Light of Mine'.



11 - Standing up tall to perform our song in our Music lesson.



12 - It was hard to capture the enthusiastic dancing whilst we sang but there was plenty!

# Godrevy Class Updates





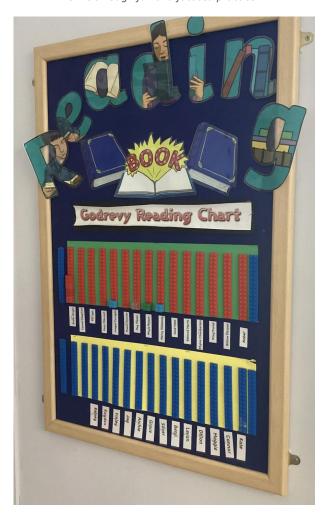
13 - **Science** 

This week, we began exploring our new science topic: the circulatory system. We've been learning all about the different parts of the heart and how they work together to keep our bodies functioning. One of the highlights has been using a variety of technologies to support and enhance our learning, which made the experience even more engaging and fun.



14 - **PE** 

This week, we successfully dodged the rain on Wednesday and made the most of our time outdoors, sharpening our netball skills through fun and focused practice.



15 - Reading

Each child has now chosen a reading book, which they should bring into school every day. Year 6 pupils are already familiar with our reading log routines, but this serves as a helpful reminder—and an introduction for our new Year 5 children. Please encourage regular reading at home to support both enjoyment and continued learning. We have a wide selection of books available in school for the children to choose from. To celebrate their reading progress, children add a Lego block to our class chart each time they finish a book. Completed books are also recorded on the Book Buddy App, and pages read are logged on the Track My Read website. These updates will be done during school time and help me monitor reading habits and offer encouragement where needed.



16 - Pots please!

Calling all plastic pot rescuers! For our science experiment on Tuesday, we need lots of clean plastic pots. If you spot any hiding in your recycling at home, please send them in with your child on Monday. Every pot helps!

# **Outstanding Awards**



Well done to the following children who have been chosen to win the 'Outstanding' achievement this week. A huge well done!

- Treen Larkin
- Mousehole Stanley
- Fistral Wilf
- Godrevy Dillon



17 - Treen: 100%

Mousehole: 92.07%

Fistral: 97.42%

Godrevy: 98.21



## **Diary Dates**

#### Autumn 1

#### September

Clubs begin - 15th September weekly until the 12th December 2025

Godrevy Class swimming - Wednesday 17th September morning session (5 week block)

School Council voting day - Thursday 18th September 2025

New school council announced - Friday 19th September 2025

Hayle Academy Open Evening 17:00 - 19.30 - Thursday 18th September 2025

Y1 Hearing Screening - Thursday 25th September 2025

Harvest Festival - date TBC next week

MacMillan Coffee Morning- 9am (in the Cabin) Friday 26th September - see the information above

#### October

FOSS AGM - Monday 6th October 2025 at 2pm

Parent Meetings- 14th and 15th October 2025 - appointments to be released at the end of September

#### November

School Photographs (Individual) - Wednesday 5th November 2025

Flu Immunisations - Monday 17th November 2025

#### December

5th December- Fistral Sleepover at Cohort St Ives

EYFS/KS1 Nativity - coming soon

KS2 Carol service - coming soon

Christmas Jumper/Party and Christmas Lunch Day - coming soon

## **Important Information**

#### How is a Penalty Notice paid?

## What happens if a Penalty Notice is





CORNWALL Together of for Families

**Penalty Notices** A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers



#### What is a Penalty Notice?

#### Who can be issued with a Penalty

#### How much is a Penalty Notice fine?

#### Penalty Notices are issued per

parent, per child.

Therefore, If there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £300 if paid within 22 days or £840 if paid at the 21 days but within 28 days (or for a second offence).

#### Can a Penalty Notice be paid in

#### Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

#### Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?





## Online Safety Newsletter

#### Coverstar

#### Test your knowledge: Online Scams

#### **Online Safety Act**

What is the Online Safety Act?

The Online Safety Act 2023 is a set of laws introduced to protect children and adults online. Ofcom is the regulator for online safety in the UK, responsible for ensuring companies follow the new rules. As part of this role, Ofcom have designed the Children Codes of practice, which came into force in July 2025. The codes outline what all online services likely to be accessed by children must do to protect children online, for example:

- Protect children from accessing harmful or age-inappropriate content. This includes content relating to self-harm and eating disorders.
   Ensure users can easily report harmful content.

Ofcom has the power to enforce the rules as well as issue fines if companies fail to comply. You can find out more here: https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/new-rules-for-

a-safer-generation-of-children-online

How will it help to protect my child?

One of the main purposes of the Act is to protect children online. Ofcom has published information on how they are helping children to be safer online.

The first link is a guide for parents, which also includes a section on what you can do as a parent. You can access this information here:

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/online-safety/online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-safety-online-sa

Further information
Online Safety Act: explainer:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act

# this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version:

### Artificial Intelligence (AI)

What is AI?

Al is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity continues to grow, and examples include:

Search engines such as Google now include an Algenerated overview as part of their results.

Virtual assistants like Alexa, Meta AI and Siri.

Chatbots such as ChatGPT and My AI from Sna

Opportunities

Al can be an effective tool when used correctly, for instance:

• Homework – children can use Al to support and assist their learning.

• Advice – Al can be used to provide information and suggestions on a variety of topics.

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  Risks and concerns

  Misinformation ensure your child understands that AI can sometimes provide incorrect or misleading information.

  Privacy issues read any privacy policies before using.

  Chat apps a simple search of "AI Chat" within the App store highlights the number of apps already available that are not suitable for children as many are rated as 17+.

  Image manipulation there are AI tools that can be used to digitally remove citothes from photos, which clearly raises serious safeguarding and privacy concerns.

  Deepfakes— there are also AI tools that create realistic, fake videos that can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

- How can I protect my child?

  To help keep your child sale online, it is important to:

  Check age ratings of any apps or websites that your child accesses.

  Develop your child's digital literacy by highlighting the risks of Al and showing them how important it is to verify what they see online.

  Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.

  Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

#### Further information

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  Overview: <a href="https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/">https://aga-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/</a>

  Should you worry if your child has an Af friend?

  https://arentone.org.uk/article/should-you-worry-if-your-child-has-ai-friend</a>

#### Roblox: Grow a Garden

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#### **Grooming online**





for Families

deadline for 15 January

# Starting school

## September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between

- 1 September 2021 and
- 31 August 2022



#### Attending a nursery or pre-school

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions Telephone: 0300 1234 101







Do you have a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2026 for your child by the deadline of 15 January 2026.













A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Snacking is a big part of children's daily routine, but many popular snack choices are high in saturated fat, salt and sugars, and low in important nutrients like fibre and vitamins and minerals.

Over time, eating too many of these types of snacks can lead to health issues like too much weight gain and dental problems.

Snacking isn't necessarily bad, it's just about choosing the right snacks





#### HEALTHY SNACKS CAN:

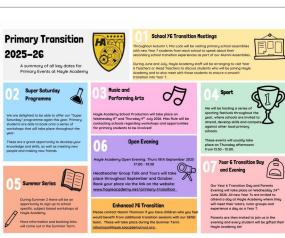
- · Provide important nutrients to support
- children's growth and development.

  Be an opportunity to have a drink to stay hydrated (water or milk are best).
- Help children feel less hungry so they don't overeat at mealtimes.

Better snacking. One bite at a time.







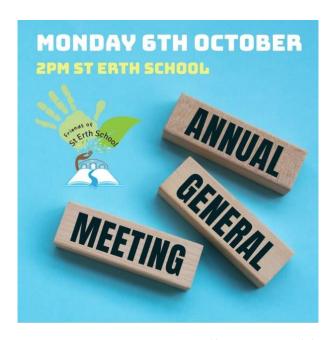




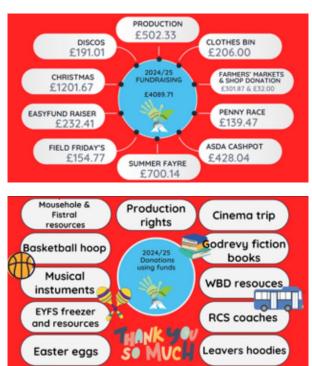
#### **FOSS**



The Friends of St Erth School would like to thank you for attending events, helping out and donating throughout the school year. They are pleased to announce that they hit their target of raising £4000 and below is an overview of how this benefitted the children in school. Foss are also on the lookout for a new chair to allow this amazing fundraising to continue. Please see the poster below to see if you would be able to help. The FOSS AGM will take place on Monday 6th October at 2pm and all parents and carers are welcome to attend.



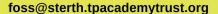
19 - link to confirm attendance to the AGM: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/qQZVasS2us">https://forms.office.com/e/qQZVasS2us</a>





The chair leads meetings and steers the committee towards its aims. Sitting in the driver's seat, you should be highly enthusiastic, full of bright ideas and demonstrate good leadership skills.

If you are interested in applying please email Friends of St Erth School:







The secretary ensures that the PTA's activities run smoothly. You'll use your excellent communication and organisational skills to organise meetings, take minutes and keep records.

If you are interested in applying please email Friends of St Erth School:

foss@sterth.tpacademytrust.org



## Community





20 - More information can be found here - <u>Minack Academy Auditions 2025 | Minack Theatre</u> - Age 11-18 only. The Musical Theatre and Acting Academy students spend one intense day a month working with professional practitioners and visiting speakers, such as directors, actors and West End stars, in practical workshops and talks. Both Academies help talented young people develop advanced theatre skills.





21 - This is a great event for all the family to explore Cornwall's unique heritage. See Bronze Age axe-making in action, explore an Early Medieval encampment, try your hand at Cornish wrestling or sit back and enjoy traditional sea shanties that have been sung across the centuries. You can even let 'The Comish Caretakers' take you on a fun-filled adventure through Cornwall's history or cheer on our warriors in an exciting battle at the end of the day! Children and adults alike will love this engaging exploration into historical and contemporary Cornish culture.

Online advance tickets are £5 for Cornwall Heritage Trust and Enys Gardens adult members and under 18s go free. Online advance tickets for adults who aren't members are priced at £10.

Book your tickets via this link:  $\frac{https://www.cornwallheritagetrust.org/event/awenek-the-great-cornish-heritage-festival-2025/$ 





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