

Newsletter 14th November 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





This week, we've shone a light on Anti-Bullying, joining schools across the country in promoting kindness and respect. Children took part in a Random Act of Kindness Bingo

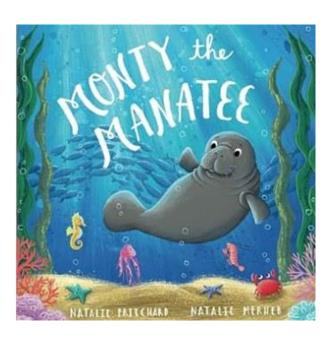
Challenge, aiming to complete thoughtful tasks throughout the week. Those who filled their bingo cards were awarded a special sticker on Friday to celebrate their efforts.

In class, we explored the theme of kindness more deeply, discussing how our words and actions can impact others. The children showed great empathy and understanding, making us very proud.

We also marked Remembrance Day with a respectful two-minute silence across the school. Pupils listened to *The Last Post* and reflected quietly on the sacrifices made by others. It was a moving moment, and the children showed great maturity and thoughtfulness.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Bradbury



## **Assembly**

Children listened to the story of Monty the Manatee, which helped children reflect on how it feels when others are unkind, how we can respond with empathy, and how important it is not to join in with negativity. This story beautifully reinforced our school values of respect and kindness, and linked closely with the British Values of mutual respect and tolerance.

### Fistral Class Trip to the Acron Theatre

Fistral Class had a wonderful outing to the Acorn Theatre to see the delightful performance of *Grandma on the Moon*. The children behaved excellently throughout the afternoon, representing our school with pride and maturity.

Although we got very wet during our time in Penzance, spirits remained high and the experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A very special thank you goes to Alex, who kindly drove the second minibus, making it possible for us all to travel together and share the afternoon as one group.



## Thank You for Taking Part in the Bean Boost Challenge!

This week, we've been encouraging children to give their brains a boost by taking part in the Bean Boost Challenge, a fun and healthy initiative to promote brain-friendly eating. The challenge involved trying more bean-based dishes both at school and at home, helping children learn about the nutritional benefits of beans and how they support concentration, energy, and overall wellbeing.

In school, we've enjoyed a variety of bean-inspired meals, and we've loved hearing from children who've been adventurous with their food choices at home too! From bean burritos to chickpea salads and lentil stews, it's been fantastic to see so many pupils embracing the challenge.

A big well done to all the children who took part and gave their brains a boost this week, you've earned your stickers with pride!







## **Parking Safety Reminder**

We all want to keep our school community safe, and recently the car park has become very busy again since the scaffolding was taken down. The wet weather hasn't helped, as everyone understandably wants to park closer to school. To support us, our local neighbourhood policing officer will visit on Wednesday to deliver a road safety session and share advice on next steps.

In the meantime, please help us by following these simple rules:

- Drive slowly and carefully at all times around the area.
- Do not block access routes or emergency exits or park on the pavements
- Be mindful of pedestrians, especially children.
- Please do not park directly in front of school this makes the road very narrow and causes queuing.
- Only enter the car park if you have a blue badge and have registered this with school.
- Parents should only pick up at home time from one side of the gate (even if you have parked in the car park) this is to keep children safe.
- Please only drive off the car park once all children have been dismissed, we are limited on space and ensure children have gone before any vehicles move.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep everyone safe.

## Important Update Regarding Emails

At present we are having issues with our system and many parents are reporting that emails are being sent to Junk folders. Please check you Junk emails for communications. This may have been happening since half term. We are working to resolve this issue and would appreciate you spreading the word amongst the St Erth School community.



1 - Congratulations to Isobel who enjoyed her first taste of a kidney bean this week- well done Isobel!



2 - This week we did our cake test. We used cake mixes from Sainsbury's ,Mr Kipling and Betty Crocker and one group made a homemade Victoria sponge. We looked the differences in taste,texture,rise etc.









### **Reminders:**

- Flu immunisations Monday 17th November. A letter has gone out, please remember to follow the link to opt your child in
- Treen Vision screening Wednesday 26th November
- FOSS Christmas Fair is fast approaching- Saturday 6th December
- School Photos For those parents who are yet to order online, you have until Sunday 23rd November 2025 to take advantage of free delivery back to school.
- The church fayre is on this Saturday 15th November, 2:30pm in the Church Hall. Various stalls, crafts, cakes and refreshments plus Father Christmas.



## **A Note on Outstanding Payments**

As part of our commitment to transparency and fairness, we are currently reviewing outstanding payments from the previous academic year, this includes breakfast club and lunch money from this term too. We understand that circumstances vary, and we're here to support families wherever needed.

Letters with arrears were sent out this week for payments that are still due.

A letter will be sent out in the near future with new arrangements detailing upfront payment for all services such as breakfast club and lunches to ensure that our budget is balanced. Thank you for your support with this.

We need empty toilet rolls......If anyone has cardboard loo rolls at home please can we have them for our KS1 christmas project. You can drop them to the office or at drop off.



We raised £79 for Children in Need today. Thank you to everyone for donating.



## Treen Class Updates



We have started Phase 3 this week with new sounds - j, v, w and x. These are tricky letters to write and the children have done so well. They are using lots of sounds to write their own words independently. Fantastic job Treen!

We have also done some incredible number work finding parts of 3 and 4 using the + and = symbols to show how the parts add up to make the whole number.

The children created a lovely display for Remembrance Day, they really thought carefully about making their poppies special.

Thank you for a lovely week Treen Class!



3 - w w w w w w weather!



4 - Fantastic writing in Treen this week!



5 - Can you wrap the goat in wool to give him a woolly coat?



6 - Fantastic writing in Treen this week!



7 - Wrap up the goats to make them warm.



8 - x-ray time!



9 - w w w w weather



10 - j j j j j jolly, jiggling jellyfish!



11 - What a beautiful display for Remembrance Day.

## **Mousehole Class Updates**



This week we began by learning about Remembrance Day and explored why the poppy is such an important symbol. The children wrote thoughtfully about symbols that help them remember and shared what they feel and think when they wear or see a poppy.

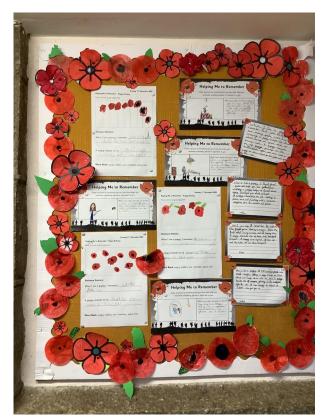
Our new science topic, Everyday Materials, is off to a great start! We investigated how different materials can change shape, there were lots of curious questions and hands-on fun.

We've also been continuing our History of Toys topic. A big thank you to everyone who filled in the homework sheet and talked to the children about the toys you had as a child. The children loved hearing your stories! We'll be discussing these next week, so if you haven't had a chance yet, there's still time, the children would really enjoy it.

And the festive spirit has arrived! The children have received their parts for the Nativity and have already started learning the songs. The classroom is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for a wonderful performance.









## **Numbots**

Most Improved in Number Bonds to 5: 1st Zennor, Finn

Most Improved in Number Bonds to 10: Finn

Most Improved in Number Bonds to 20: Finn

Most Improved in Number Bonds to 100: Mia

BIGGEST INCREASE IN LEVELS PASSED WITH 3 STARS: 1st Zennor, 2nd Ruan Y, 3rd Mia

HIGHEST IMPROVEMENT IN ACCURACY: 1st Millie, 2nd Jessica, 3rd Zennor

## Moving up!

Iron: Charlotte, Dougal, Ethan, Milie, Mina

Tin: Teddie-Coco, Theo, Bebe-Bear

**Brass: Archie** 

**Copper: Harrison R, Winter** 

Steel: Mia, Zennor

**Chrome: Stanley** 

Glass:

Tungsten:

Aluminium: Finn, Ruan Y











# Fistral Class Newsletter – Autumn Term Highlights



Fistral Class have had a great week, showing bravery, enthusiasm, and a real eagerness to learn. Our first two swimming lessons were a huge success, with every child demonstrating courage and determination. From excited splashes to focused listening, the progress in swimming has already been remarkable — we're so proud of their efforts

The children have been exploring the fascinating features of a river. They've enjoyed identifying key elements such as the source, meander, and mouth, and have used this knowledge to deepen their understanding of non-fiction texts. Their ability to extract information and use technical vocabulary is growing beautifully

We've begun our journey into drawing by investigating the work of local artist Michelle Calkin. The children have been inspired by her use of colour and texture, and are beginning to experiment with their own techniques. It's been wonderful to see their creativity flourish as they explore different materials and styles.







## **Godrevy Class Updates**



We've had a fantastic week in Godrevy, filled with exciting new challenges and achievements!

On Tuesday, we took part in the **99 Club multiplication test**, which was a great opportunity to sharpen our maths skills. A number of children moved up a group!

We also joined the **Emilie Online Spelling Competition**, showcasing our growing confidence with tricky words.

Another highlight was the **Times Table Rockstars** challenge between Year 5 and Year 6. Year 6 came out on top—well done!

Special congratulations to **Elif**, who was the leading scorer in our class, and to **Jay**, who achieved the highest score in Year 5.

We're already looking forward to repeating these activities next week and building on our successes.

## **Weekly Routine Reminders**

**Tuesday** – Times Tables: 99 Club Test

Wednesday – PE Day: Children should come to school wearing their PE kits

**Friday –** Spelling Test and Maths Homework Due (via https://maths.co.uk)

## Reading

Children should be reading regularly. The amount of reading is recorded on Track My Read, and books read are logged on the app Book Buddy.

Each week, a children's newspaper is also available via Showbie, which provides engaging articles to support reading for pleasure and current awareness.

### **Extra Boost**

To give your child an extra boost with their learning, they can log into:

**Doodle Spellings, Doodle Maths, and Doodle Tables** – These intuitive apps adapt to your child's learning level and offer personalised activities based on previous progress.

**Times Table Rockstars** – We currently subscribe to this platform, and there is an ongoing competition between Year 5 and Year 6 students!

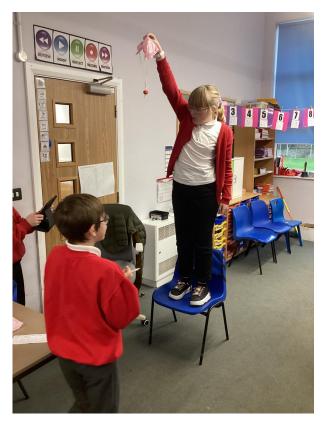
Children who complete extra work linked to our current topic can upload it to the Enrichment Area on Showbie. Some pupils have already produced fantastic work here, and we encourage everyone to get involved. There are rewards for children who engage with these enrichment opportunities at home.



12 - In science this week, we investigated how **air resistance affects parachutes of different sizes**. We discovered that larger parachutes fall more slowly because they create greater resistance, while smaller ones drop faster. It was a fun, hands-on way to see physics in action!









# **Outstanding Awards**



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

**Treen - Sophie** 

Mousehole- Harrison R

Fistral - Rosa

Godrevy - Jago



13 - Treen - 97.55%

Mousehole - 95.72%

Fistral - 97.89%

Godrevy - 97.49%

## **Great News About Attendance!**

We're delighted to share some fantastic attendance news for this term:

## 1. Attendance is improving!

Our current attendance for Years 1–6 is **97.2%**, which is above both the national average (95.7%) and the local authority average (95.5%).

## 2. Persistent absence is very low

Only 4.5% of pupils are persistently absent, which is much better than most similar schools.

## 3. Every small improvement matters

If we meet our attendance target of **95.1%** for the year, pupils will gain at least **71 extra** school days compared to last year.

## 4. Strong days and areas to focus

Attendance is excellent on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons (around **98%**), but we'd like to improve Fridays and Year 1 attendance. Please support us with this by always attending a 'Fun Time Friday!'

## 5. Working together makes the difference

Good attendance means better learning and wellbeing. Please keep supporting us by ensuring children are in school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.



14 - Happy Birthday to Ethan, Caja, Romilly and Tallulah. We hope that you had a wonderful day!

## Music Lessons with Cornwall Music Service Trust



Did you know you can book affordable music lessons for your child to attend at school. There are lots of instruments to choose from, and there is currently plenty of availability for woodwind instruments, so if your child is interested in learning Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Oboe, Recorder, Dood or Toot or a wide range of other instruments check out the below on how to book.

To book lessons please click on the link below and select 'St Erth Community Primary School' as the school and 'woodwind' as the lesson type. Instruments are available to hire from CMST for a termly fee or the woodwind music teacher can advise on purchasing an instrument - new or second hand. Lessons start from around £6 a week for group lessons but individual lessons are also available. If your child is in receipt of free school meals/ Pupil Premium or you are in receipt of certain benefits then select this in the payment category and lessons are heavily subsidised. This link also allows you to sign your child up for: piano/keyboard, brass, guitar and violin lessons, too.

Sign Up Here

## **Diary Dates**

### Autumn 2

#### **November**

Fistral Class swimming- each Wednesday- 5 week block beginning 5th November 2025

Flu immunisations - Monday 17th November. A letter has gone out, please remember to follow the link to opt your child in

Local Neighbourhood Police visit- Road safety assembly- Wednesday 19th November 2025

Treen - Vision screening Monday 24th November 2025

RNLI Assemblies for both key stages- Tuesday 25th November 2025

Electricity Free Day in school- Thursday 27th November 2025

## **December**

Healthy Cornwall Workshops for children- Physical activity, screen time and sleep- 2nd December 2025

5th December- Whole school trip to St Michaels Mount- 9am-1.00pm (Please volunteer if you can)

5th December- Fistral Sleepover at Cohort St Ives

EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 9th and 10th December 2025 2pm each day

Christmas Jumper/Party and Christmas Lunch Day - Thursday 11th December 2025

Christingle in Church-12th December 2025 2pm-3pm- all welcome

KS2 Carol service - Wednesday 17th December 2025 2pm and 6pm

Friday 19th Decmeber- School Closes 1.30pm

## **Important Information**

How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 324201. If the 21st/28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

## What happens if a Penalty Notice is

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### **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

## Can a Penalty Notice be paid in

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

### Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?





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

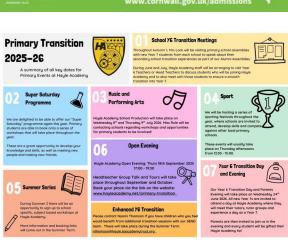
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

## Information and guidance











## **FOSS**



The Friends of St Erth School would like to let you know they now have a Co-Chair for FOSS Marie!

The date has been set for the Christmas Fair - if you know of anyone who would like to have a stall please get them to contact FOSS - details below - fingers crossed that the weather is on our side this year!

# St Erth Chapel invites you to their Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Service



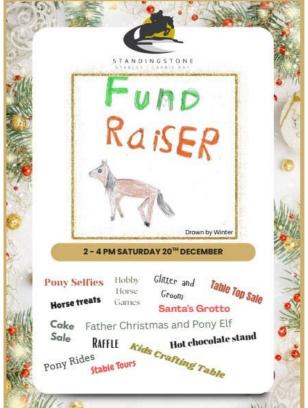






# Community





Check out this fundraiser at Standing Stone Stables on Saturday 20th December, as advertised by our very own Zennor and Winter with their amazing posters.









## 15 - <u>Sign up for street cricket here</u>

#### DARTMOUTH SUMMER COACH OUTING

Provisional Details 
Saturday 27 June 2026
Coach only (return trip to Dartmouth): £27

Coach only internal trip to Lattmouth; additional E24 Total for full package: 49 (Prices to be confirmed)

Pickup points would include Pensance at 8am, Goldsithney, St Erth, and various Email Francolan I 8 gmail to 10 (Prices to 10 (Prices to 10 (Prices))

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Mobile or What Shapp, 07919 473555 if interested.





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