



ST ERTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th March 2025

This Week's Celebrations

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

GODREVVY: Rebecca
 FISTRAL: Silver
 MOUSEHOLE: Ada
 TREEN: Isobel



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



BIRTHDAY WISHES THIS WEEK GO TO:
BODEN AND RILEY
 WE HOPE YOU HAD AN AMAZING DAY!

Assemblies

This week we celebrated St Piran's Day. We looked at the story of St Piran and learnt some Cornish phrases:

Onen Hag Oll means One and All and is the Cornish motto!

In singing assembly Mrs Murgatroyd led us in singing some Cornish songs and the choir gave us a rendition of their songs from their St Pirans Day concert.

The choir performed on Tuesday evening in Penzance as part of an ensemble chorus celebrating St Piran. They were wonderful and St Erth voices rang out proud and true above all others. Thanks to Miss Murgatroyd and to all of you for taxiing your children and supporting the choir. We recieved the following message from the organiser:

Mytten da!!

Thank you all yet again for participating in this year's events and making them such a success. Each year we think they're the best ones ever and this year smashed it again. The children were brilliant.

Reminders

If you haven't already done so please remember to:

- Pay your deposit for the Y5/6 Residential
- Return consent slip for Godrevy trip to Nexus
- Return consent for Y4 trip to Lego League
- Return swimming gala consent form
- Clear your Parent Pay Debts



**GOOL PERAN
LOWEN**

Football Fixtures

The Girls Football Team will be playing Alverton on Tuesday at Mounts Bay. The Boys Football Team will be playing against Mousehole on Thursday at Mousehole.



Awesome!

Match Reports

WONDERFUL!



The girls team lost 2-0 to Mousehole at Mounts Bay on Tuesday. However they really should have won!! They were unlucky that the ball hit the post 3 times! The improvement in the team was clear and we are looking forward to next week's match! Huge shout out to Silver for a wonderful save!!

The Boys team lost also - but kept battling against a very strong team - they should be really proud of their game! Huge shout out to Jack for his excellent hat trick!



World Book Day

We all had a fabulous day yesterday learning about all things Light House, we built lighthouses, read stories about lighthouses, created lighthouse artwork and much more. Thanks so much to FOSS for providing some of the supplies required to make this day a huge success.



DON'T FORGET

Change of date of the Year 5 and 6 Dartmoor Residential Trip - this will now take place on Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th June. Further information to follow at the meeting on Monday 28th April after school.

Look out for a message from Mr Coleman about FOSS - we need your help!!



Upcoming Community Events

- St Erth Community Cafe - Friday's 12-3pm in the Church Hall
- Farmers Market - Saturdays 10 -12 am
- Messy Church - Sunday 2nd March 4-6pm
- Wednesday 12th - Thursday 13th - St Erth Players perform 'Dame Agatha and the Little Point Affair'

NOTICE TO PARENTS /CARERS

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time.

Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of underachievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education no longer allows Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the form attached to this notification. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

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 any 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, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also 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. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

All requests must be completed on this form; letters will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the Reception Office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence.

I hope you will support our efforts in raising attendance and attainment at St Erth School.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



GODREVY: 95.16% FISTRAL: 94.06% MOUSEHOLE: 88.28% TREEN: 92.86%

Wednesday 12th March	Year 1 Swimming
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Tuesday 18th March	Netball Match at Mounts Bay
Wednesday 19th March	Year 1 Swimming
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 1 Swimming
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Spring Term
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 28th April	Y5/6 residential info meeting 3.30pm
Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th June	Year 5/6 Residential

INSET DAYS for 2024/2025 Academic Year

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Additional Items Attached:

Online Safety Newsletter - March

**Join author
Catherine Barr**
at
Hayle Library




Catherine is an award-winning author of children's non-fiction books and is currently walking from Cornwall, to her home in Hay on Wye (244 miles) stopping off at as many libraries and schools as she can along the way! She will be joining us at St Ives Library to share how she gets her ideas and gathers the information for her books. There will also be a chance to purchase books on the day.

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Sat 29th March
10:00 - 11:00



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