



There was great excitement among the children last week when we announced that elections for the school and eco council would be held. The school council was relaunched last year, with Miss Singh at the helm. Our school council provides children with a platform to share and discuss their views on how to improve school life.

The school council achieved [great success](#) last year. They offered suggestions for our centre courtyard (although we loved the bouncy castle idea, Health and Safety were firmly against it), planted wildflowers around the site, and even kickstarted a campaign to 'Save Water'. They collaborated with Mevagissey Climate Action Group to raise the profile of the school's impact on the environment and identified how we could become a 'greener' school.

The council also had a direct impact on teaching and learning in the classroom. As a staff team, we had questioned whether 99 club was having a positive impact on our pupils. Feedback from the school council highlighted that 99 club was a source of anxiety and discomfort – so we removed it from our curriculum. We believe we have now found a more inclusive approach to the teaching of times tables. This may not have been possible without the direct and clear feedback from the council and the pupils in their classes who they represent.

Democracy is one of the 5 British Values that we focus on in school. Schools are responsible for the teaching of British Values. The hope is that through teaching British Values, children will feel prepared for life in modern Britain as they grow older and leave school.

The other four British Values we teach children are:

- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Through instating a pupil-elected council, every child can put themselves forward for a council position, or directly influence who the successful candidates will be with their vote.

I am sure we can all agree that it takes a huge amount of courage to stand in front of your peers and explain why you would make a great candidate. We must therefore say a massive well done to every child who prepared and delivered a speech in class last week. We hope that those who unfortunately did not get voted in this year try again next year. They will have developed some key skills in writing their speeches and presenting their ideas in front of the class – these skills will undoubtedly help them in the future!

We also want these children to remember that they have a voice and should still actively contribute to the school council. If they are passionate about some improvements they would like to see around the school, they should share this with the school/eco councillors who were voted in by their classmates. This will then be discussed at the next meeting.

And that brings me on to those who will sit on the school council this year. Well done to you all. I am excited to see the magnificent work you do this year to improve our school.

What do the school and eco councillors do?

The school council is a vital part of our school community, ensuring that our pupils have the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about their school and the decisions made regarding their learning, school environment and wellbeing at school. We hope to empower every child to feel part of the decision-making process and to create a community feeling in which all pupils feel valued and heard.

Each week our school councillors and eco-councillors will attend a council meeting and will be given the opportunity to speak with their peers during class assembly time. During this time, the school and eco-councillors will feed back the items discussed during the meetings and will also gather the thoughts and ideas from their classmates to be discussed at the next council meeting.

I am excited to hear all of the brilliant thoughts and ideas that our students have this year and look forward to our first council meeting next week.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to our previous school and eco councillors for giving up their time to come to meetings and for doing a fantastic job representing their school last year!



Quotes from our new School and Eco-Councillors

I am excited to help our school and to make people respect it more – Maya, School Councillor, Year 5.

I like to help the planet and I would like to encourage others to feel the same – Evie, Eco councillor, Year 5.

I'm excited to be an eco-councillor so that I can help everyone – Merryn, Eco Councillor, Year 1.

I'm excited to be an eco-councillor and I love the gold and green badge – Leo, Eco Councillor, Year 1.

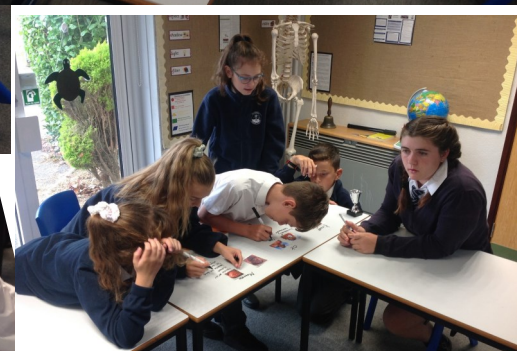
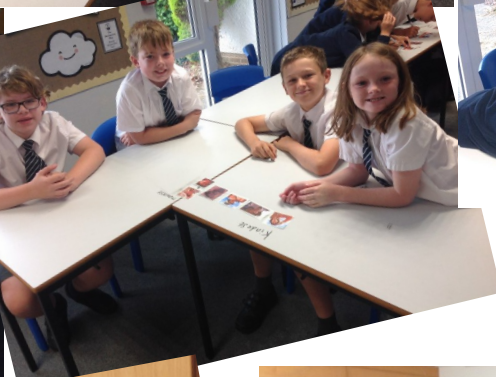
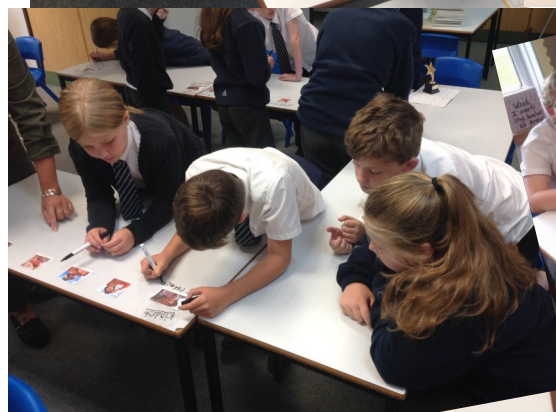
I'm really excited to be on the school council. I would like to get more play equipment – Claudia, School Council, Year 4.

I like being an eco-councillor. I'd like people to think about the environment and litter picking – Iris, Eco Councillor, Year 4,

I feel happy to be a school councillor and I would like to make sure that everyone is safe at school and following 'The Mevagissey Way' – Jessie, School Council, Year 3.

Again, thank you to Miss Singh for leading the school council and ensuring that pupil voice is at the heart of what we do.

School Council Voting



Stars and Citizens of the week



Class Attendance this week

Starfish	93.2%
Dolphins	98.2%
Lobsters	90%
Jellyfish	97.9%
Seals	100%
Sea Turtles	98.5%

Attendance Cup Winners

this week were:

Seal Class with

100% attendance!

Well Done!



Autumn Diary Dates

Monday 25th September	Individual School Photos— Siblings who do not all attend school can arrive for photos from 8.30am, all other photos will be taken during the school day.
Tuesday 26th September	Yr 6 Bikeability Level Two
Friday 29th September	Yr5 visit to St Peter's Church
Thursday 5th October	Early Help Drop In Session 2pm—3.30pm
Tuesday 10th October	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Fowey
Friday 13th October	Harvest Festival assembly
Monday 16th - 20th October	Inset Week
Monday 23rd - 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Start of Term
Monday 30th October	PTFA Halloween Disco
Tuesday 7th November	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Lostwithiel
Thursday 9th November	Early Help Drop In Session 2—3.30pm
Wednesday 22nd November	Yr1 Hearing Screening
Tuesday 28th November	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Gorran
Monday 4th December	Last week of Clubs
Friday 15th December	Last day of term 1.30pm finish
Monday 18th Dec—Friday 5th Jan	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Start of term
Monday 15th January	Start of clubs
Tuesday 16th January	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Bishop Bronescombe
Tuesday 30th January	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Pondhu
Tuesday 6th February	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Tywardreath
Monday 12th —Friday 16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	Start of Term
Monday 19th—23rd February	Yr3 swimming
Monday 4th—8th March	Yr1 and Yr2 swimming
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—come dressed as your favourite book character
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd March	Yr4 and Yr5 swimming
Monday 18th March	Last week of clubs
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term 1.30pm finish
Thurs 28th Mar—Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	Start of Term
Monday 22nd April	Start of Clubs

Term Dates

2023—2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 1 2023: Tuesday 5th September— Friday 13th October

Autumn Term 2 2023: Monday 30th October —Friday 15th December

Spring Term 1 2024: Monday 8th January—Friday 9th February

Spring Term 2 2024: Monday 19th February—Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 1 2024: Monday 15th April—Friday 24th May

Summer Term 2 2024: Monday 3rd June—Friday 26th July

INSET DAYS

Friday 1st and Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 16th Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October 2023

Term Dates

2024- 2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 1 2024: Wednesday 4th September— Thursday 17th October

Autumn Term 2 2024: Monday 4th November —Friday 20th December

Spring Term 1 2025: Monday 6th January—Friday 7th February

Spring Term 2 2025: Monday 17th February—Friday 4th April

Summer Term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April —Friday 23rd May

Summer Term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June—Friday 25th July

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 18th October 2024

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November 2024



Join Mevagissey PTFA's
50/50 Lottery Club
YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Simply fill in an application form and pay by cash/cheque/BACS transfer
- Each lottery number is £1 per month, so it only costs £12 for the whole year
- You can buy as many numbers as you like!
- 50% of the money generated goes into funds for Mevagissey Primary School
- And 50% makes up the monthly cash prizes
- Draws take place on the last Sunday of the month from October 2023-September 2024 inclusive

THE MORE NUMBERS SOLD, THE MORE MONEY RAISED FOR OUR SCHOOL AND THE GREATER THE CASH PRIZES

For more details, please contact us on: Facebook @mevagisseyschoolPTFA or email: mevagisseyschoolpta@yahoo.com



**50/50
Lottery Club**

£1 PER NUMBER PER MONTH
MULTIPLE NUMBER ALLOWED

EASY TO TAKE PART!
MONTHLY CASH PRIZE!
RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

FACEBOOK: @MEVAGISSEYSCHOOLPTFA
EMAIL: MEVAGISSEYSCHOOLPTFA@YAHOO.COM

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Invitation to Mevagissey PTFA's 50/50 Lottery Club 2023/24

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for our fundraising efforts. All the money raised goes directly to helping our children with new equipment, exciting resources and enriching experiences. Your support is vital, thank you!

With lots of important projects to support, for example; the Coach Fund for school transport, class trips and Christmas activities to name just a few, we are keen to get fundraising with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

We are very excited to continue our 50/50 Lottery Club and would like to invite you to join in for the opportunity to win a cash prize every month! 50% of the money raised goes to our funds for school and the other 50% makes up the prize money. The more numbers sold, the more money raised and the greater the prize money every month!

This year's 50/50 Lottery Club will run from October 2023 to September 2024 with a draw on the last Sunday of each month. Each number is £1 per month, so it will only cost you £12 for the whole year! Multiple numbers are allowed. *In order for us to process the paperwork in good time, we politely request that all forms and payments are returned by Friday 30th September 2022.*

Please find attached further information, but if you have any questions at all or would like to join in, please do not hesitate to contact us via our Facebook page/Messenger or you can email us at mevagisseyschoolpta@yahoo.com

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards

Lucy Wright
PTFA Chair

50/50 Club Frequently Asked Questions

What is the "50 / 50 club"? - The 50/50 club is a monthly prize draw run by the PTFA where 50% of cash generated makes up the monthly prizes and 50% goes to the PTFA funds towards essential resources for our school children.

How does it work? - Each member pays £12 for a 50/50 club number for the year, equivalent to £1.00 per month, giving you the chance to win cash in our monthly prize draw. There is no limit to the amount of numbers you can buy and no maximum or minimum number of participants; it is just £12 a year for each membership number.

Who can join? - Membership is open to all parents, carers, staff and supporters of the organisation. Anyone age 16 or over can join.

What do I have to do to enter? - Please complete the attached 50/50 club entry form together with your payment of £12.00, for 12 months. Payment can be made by BACS transfer, annual standing order, cash or cheque. Please return the completed entry form (and payment where appropriate) to a member of the PTFA or the school office by Friday 13th October 2023.

How do I get my number(s)? - Numbers will be allocated once full payment and correctly completed entry forms are received. Your number will be notified by email or text.

When will the prize be drawn? - The prize will be drawn on the last Sunday of each month from October 2023 through to September 2024 at a monthly Facebook live post via the PTFA Facebook page @mevagisseyschoolPTFA. The lucky winner whose number is picked out in the monthly prize draw will win 1/12th of the 50/50 Club prize draw fund. The amount that you will win depends on how many numbers are sold - **the more who enter the greater the monthly prize!**

We really hope that we can reach a target of 100 members this year. If we did, then that would mean a total income of £1,200.00, so £600.00 would go to the prize fund meaning a monthly prize of £50.00! And equally importantly, £600.00 would go to the PTFA funds, which would go towards essential resources and equipment for our school and children.

To join in simply ...

- Complete and sign the attached membership form and pay by BACS transfer, cash or cheque.
- This buys you one membership number (that we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw. All participants must be over 16. There is no limit on how many numbers you can buy.
- The draw will take place on the last Sunday of each month via Facebook Live.
- If you win, a cheque will be posted to your home address and the number of the winner published on the PTFA Facebook page and in the school newsletter.
- The prize money will be 50% of the membership fee taken that month. The remaining 50% goes to the PTFA funds to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.
- Any queries, please contact Lucy Wright or email: mevagisseyschoolpta@yahoo.com

Join our 50/50 club today and you could be our next winner!

50/50 Club Membership Form

How many numbers you would like to buy (multiple numbers are allowed) _____

Name (to which cheque will be made out should you win) _____

Telephone no. _____ (daytime) _____ (evening)

Email address _____

Postal address (to which winnings will be sent) _____

Payment details – please complete and tick as appropriate.

I enclose payment of (£12.00 per number) £ _____

☐ Cash (please make sure cash is securely enclosed and labelled with name and amount)

☐ Cheque (made payable to Mevagissey School PTFA)

☐ BACS Transfer

I/we agree that if we wish to cancel this order I/we will also inform Mevagissey PTFA of this decision.

I/we have read and understood the rules of the 50/50 Club.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this form to a member of Mevagissey PTFA or the school office together with your cheque/cash so we can update our records.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

PTFA USE ONLY - MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (S): _____

50/50 Club Rules

Purpose

The purpose of the 50/50 club is to raise funds for Mevagissey Community Primary School. The money will be paid into the PTFA bank account and used to meet funding requests from the school, providing

equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.

Rules

1. The 50/50 Club is open to anyone over the age of 16 years who has filled in an application form.
2. The 50/50 club will be run by the PTFA. The decision of the PTFA committee shall be final and binding in any dispute between a member and the organiser.
3. Application for membership shall be deemed as acceptance of the 50/50 Club rules.
4. For a cost of £1 per month (i.e. per draw) you will be allocated one number.
5. A draw will be made every month.
6. The prizes will total 50% of the annual income.
7. Membership is for a minimum of 12 months starting October 2023 to September 2024 inclusive.
8. Member's number(s) will only be entered if their subscription is up-to-date.
9. There will be 12 monthly draws.
10. The numbers for each month's winner will be posted on the PTFA Facebook page and in the school newsletter.
11. Payments must be made by cash, bank transfer, or annual cheque. One month's notice is required for cancellation.
12. The winner will have their prize money paid to them via BACS transfer
13. A member will be deemed to have left the club and will not be entered into any draw if their annual subscription has not been received. The organiser reserves the right to reallocate any number where payment has not been received. Unless otherwise advised, a member will be deemed to have left the 50/50 club if his/her subscription renewal remains unpaid for a period of one month.
14. If a winner cannot be contacted, the winnings will be placed into PTFA funds after six months.
15. The PTFA committee may amend the rules of the 50/50 Club at any time. Members will be informed of changes by Facebook, Messenger, letter or email.

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2024**

Starting school

September 2024

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2019 and
31 August 2020



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

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a reception class place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2024

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2023**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2024

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2024**

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Submit your application by **31 October 2023**

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Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.



Plymouth University are offering a FREE interactive showcase to Primary school children. Please follow the link to book your FREE tickets and embark on a Voyage of Discovery through Science, Technology and Art.

Voyage of Discovery Showcase Event

Join us for this free event and immerse yourself in an array of hands-on activities and demonstrations, from a talking robotic cat, VR journeys through the ocean depths to uncovering the secrets of plant growth.

Location: Plymouth Guildhall

Date: Saturday 30 September 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

See our full programme, [reserve your space](#) and get ready to embark on a journey of discovery!

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/whats-on/futures2023-voyage-of-discovery>



GO ACTIVE
October Half Term @ Mevagissey
Primary School



Go Active Cornwall run holiday clubs with a difference for children aged 5 - 12 years old. We have the biggest range of sports and activities in the UK – activities may include Nerf Guns, Bubble Football, Archery & Laser Tag + many more! As parents/Guardians you are entitled to an EXCLUSIVE access to this affordable childcare provision.

Location & Timings	<u>Mevagissey Primary School</u> 9.00am – 3.00pm
Dates & Prices	<u>Friday 27th October</u> <u>£20 per person</u>
What to Bring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitable clothing for sports, trainers, spare clothes.• Packed Lunch, Morning Snack, Plenty of water.



To book please follow the below [link](https://www.goactivecornwall.co.uk/holiday-clubs/):

<https://www.goactivecornwall.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>



Contact Details; Email – neil@goactivecornwall.co.uk
Phone – [01726 212708](tel:01726212708)



A poster for School Holiday Camps. The title 'SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS' is in large white letters. Below it, 'DURING OCTOBER HALF-TERM' is in red. A list of features includes: 'ALL CHILDREN AGED 2-12 YEARS', 'FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES', 'FUN FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE', 'PRIZES, MEDALS & GIVEAWAYS', 'SIBLING & CLUB TEAM DISCOUNTS', and 'EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE'. The schedule is '10AM-3PM', the location is 'DEVON, CORNWALL & SOMERSET', and the month is 'OCTOBER'. At the bottom, it says 'BOOK NOW: SAINTSSOUTHWEST.CO.UK'. The background features a photo of two girls playing football and a coach in the foreground. A Saints South West logo is in the top right corner. There are also some bat icons near the October text.

£3 School discount code when you use the code 'FWZ571' at checkout.

<https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/camp>