



### BBC 500-Word Writing Competition

Reading and Writing are great hobbies to pursue.

We know that children who achieve a good standard of reading are better equipped to unlock the wider curriculum. Reading for pleasure, meanwhile, has long been considered as 'the single most important indicator of a child's future success'. Reading develops vocabulary, cultivates independence and fires up the imagination. It fosters a love of words and broadens vocabularies. We learn through reading, deepening knowledge and understanding.

While all of the above is at the forefront of our minds when designing our English Curriculum and refining our teaching practice, it is crucial that we remember the wider benefits of reading and writing.

We often speak about the escapism that a great book offers; we know that reading is a valuable tool in reducing stress and promoting well-being. To cut a long story short, the many benefits of reading are widely recognised!

But what about the benefits of creative writing?

I once heard reading described as 'breathing in' and writing described as 'breathing out' – this has stayed with me over the years. Creative Writing not only allows us to live in someone else's shoes, it gives us the freedom and power to decide in which direction those shoes walk. Like all the teachers here at Mevagissey, I love creative writing and it is my favourite lesson to teach. It is a highlight of a teacher's day when we see a child read back their work and smile with pride – impressed with their own writing skill.

#### **This brings me on to the BBC 500 Word Competition...**

The BBC 500 Word Competition is back. This year, we are hoping to get all the children involved. In Year 6, we will be writing a 500-word story linked to *Holes*, our class novels. It will be a Western Adventure story and I know the children will be desperate to pen some masterpieces.

We also want the children to have a go at writing stories at home. The link below will take you to some fantastic resources that will help you write a smashing story.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/learning-resources-7-11/zp2dxg8>

#### **What is the BBC 500 Word Competition?**

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Our brilliant 500 Word judges are back: award-winning and best-selling authors Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson, and former children's laureate, Malorie Blackman. We are delighted to say that this year there will be a new addition to the panel, TV legend, children's author and World Book Day ambassador, Sir Lenny Henry. The judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories. You can find out why they are perfect judges here.

We are also very lucky that once again the competition has been given the royal seal of approval and has the support of Her Majesty, The Queen

This year, BBC Breakfast will be hosting the competition supported by us on BBC Teach. The winners will be featured in a special 500 Word programme with The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024.

Our very own Miss Ashley-Cooper has also been confirmed as a judge for this prestigious competition!

Image prompts are a great way of stimulating the imagination. Children and parents alike, set a fifteen-minute timer and write about the image below. Where do the stairs lead? What can you smell? Is the main character frightened or curious? Can the main character hear footsteps? Is the main character being followed? Enjoy!



### Secondary Transfer Application Deadline Reminder

The closing date for secondary transfer applications is fast approaching:

**\*31 OCTOBER 2023\***

Please ensure you apply before this deadline.

#### Polite Reminder

School Photo orders need to be placed by 9th October 2023

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# 500 WORDS

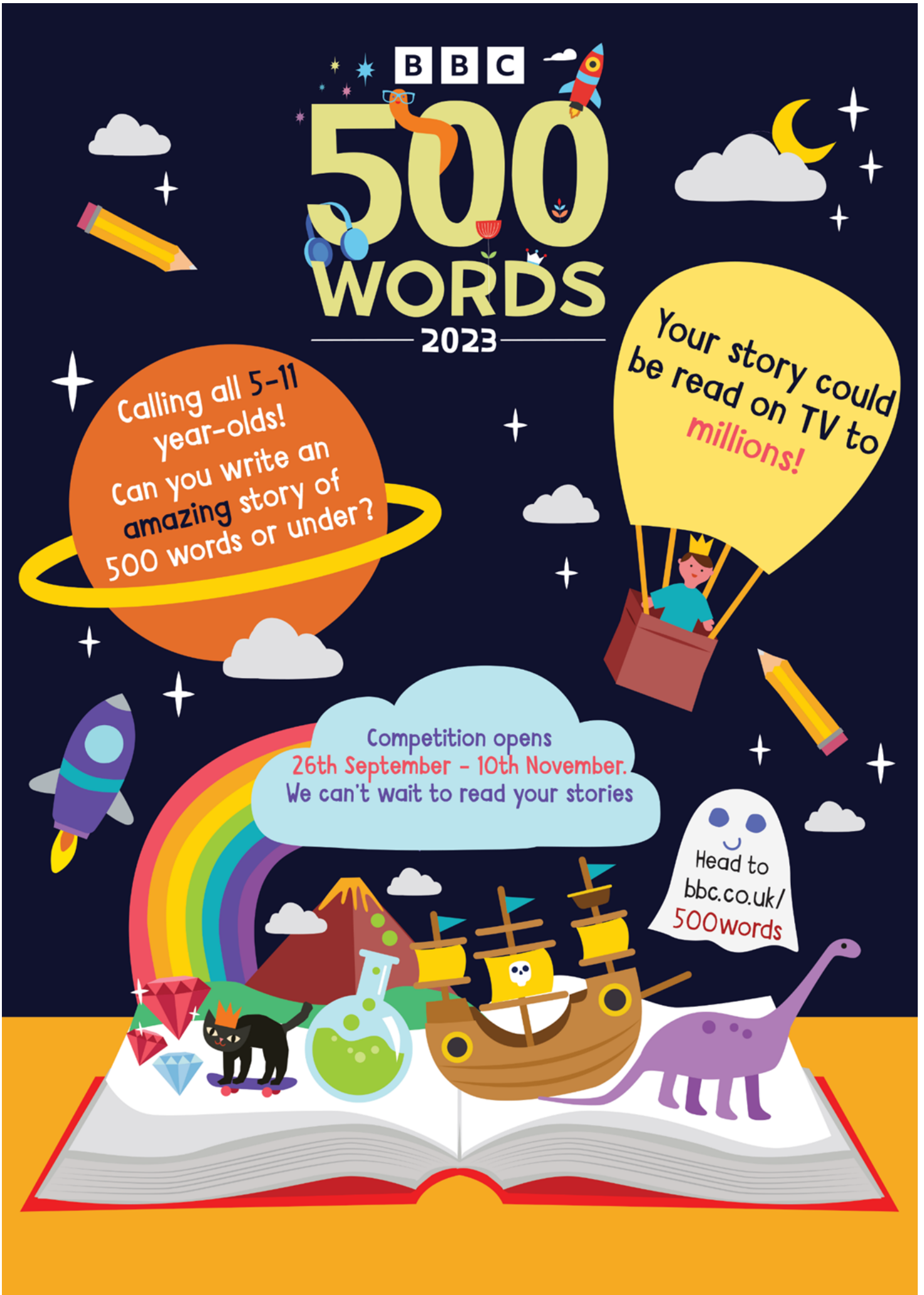
2023

Calling all 5-11  
year-olds!  
Can you write an  
amazing story of  
500 words or under?

Your story could  
be read on TV to  
**millions!**

Competition opens  
26th September - 10th November.  
We can't wait to read your stories

Head to  
[bbc.co.uk/  
500words](https://bbc.co.uk/500words)





## Harvest Festival

We will be supporting St Austell Foodbank with food donations and would be very grateful if you could send your child in with a donation. Please see poster below with items that they require.

We will be collecting donations in our Harvest Assembly.

Thank you!

# HARVEST APPEAL



## HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

### DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



### DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



### SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- UHT MILK
- LONG LIFE JUICE
- BISCUITS
- INSTANT COFFEE
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- POT NOODLES
- JAM
- CRISPS
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED SOUP

*Don't forget...  
You can help transform  
more lives with a financial  
donation too.*





## staustell.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 112886

# Stars and Citizens of the week



## Attendance Cup Winners

this week were:  
Jellyfish Class with  
100% attendance!  
Well Done!

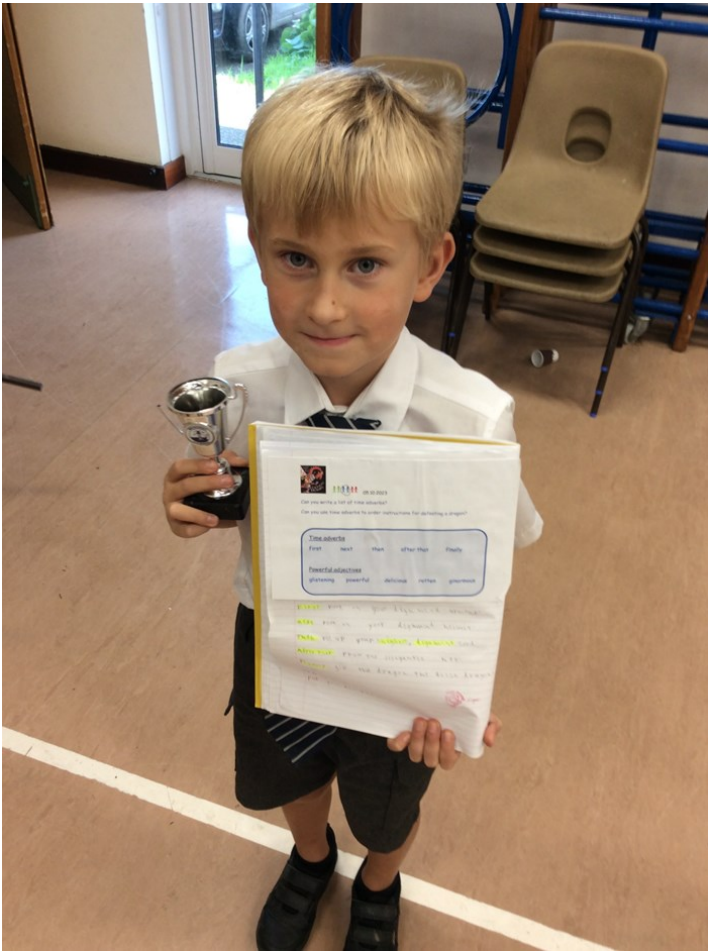


## Class Attendance this week

Starfish	98.4%
Dolphins	94.1%
Lobsters	94.1%
Jellyfish	100%
Seals	96.3%
Sea Turtles	98.5%



Wonderful Writer  
Ashton in Dolphin Class



Kindness Cup  
Jack in Yr6 for being kind and polite to staff





# PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SCHOOL LUNCHES VIA PARENTPAY

NEW MENU FOR AFTER HALF TERM IS NOW ON PARENTPAY FOR YOU TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHES. YOU ARE ABLE TO BOOK AS MANY WEEKS IN ADVANCE AS YOU WOULD LIKE.

## WEEK 1

W/C: 30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 01/01, 22/01, 04/03, 25/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Classic Beef Burger</b> 🍔 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Chicken, Vegetable and Mash Pie</b> 🥧 Served with Gravy	<b>Beef Bolognese</b> 🍝 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> 🐟 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Stir Fried Vegetable Rice</b> 🍚 🥕 🥦	<b>Vegetarian Burger</b> 🍔 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Vegetable Pastry Roll</b> 🥧 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	<b>Vegetarian Bolognese</b> 🍝 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Crispy Quorn Nuggets</b> 🍗 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
DESSERT	<b>Beetroot Brownie</b> 🍰	<b>Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit</b> 🍌	<b>Banana Cake</b> 🍰	<b>Original Flapjack</b> 🍪	<b>Vanilla Ice Cream</b> 🍦

Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍝 🥕 🥦

All main meals are served with two vegetables

## WEEK 2

W/C: 06/11, 27/11, 18/12, 08/01, 29/01, 19/02, 11/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Turkey Con Chilli</b> 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Roast Chicken</b> 🍗 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Sausage Pasta Bake</b> 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> 🐟 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Vegetarian Cottage Pie</b> 🥧 Served with Gravy	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> 🍝	<b>Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble</b> 🥧 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake</b> 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Crispy Quorn Nuggets</b> 🍗 Served with Chips
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DESSERT	<b>Apple Crumble with Custard</b> 🍌	<b>Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit</b> 🍪	<b>Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake</b> 🍰	<b>Carrot Cake</b> 🍰	<b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b> 🍦

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### AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

🍌 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🍗 Wholegrain 🥕 Fruity! 🍗 Nutritionist's Choice

## WEEK 3

W/C: 13/11, 04/12, 15/01, 05/02, 26/02, 18/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Cottage Pie</b> 🥧 Served with Gravy	<b>Roast Chicken</b> 🍗 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Chicken and Vegetable Korma</b> 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Southern Fried Chicken</b> 🍗 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla</b> 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese</b> 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast</b> 🍲 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Sweet and Sour Vegetables</b> 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Crispy Quorn Nuggets</b> 🍗 Served with Chips
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DESSERT	<b>Magic Apple and Cinnamon Bake</b> 🍰	<b>Strawberry Jelly</b> 🍮	<b>Orange Drizzle with Fruit</b> 🍰	<b>Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard</b> 🍰	<b>Chocolate Ice Cream with Shortbread Biscuit</b> 🍦

Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍝 🥕 🥦

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## THREE WEEK MENU

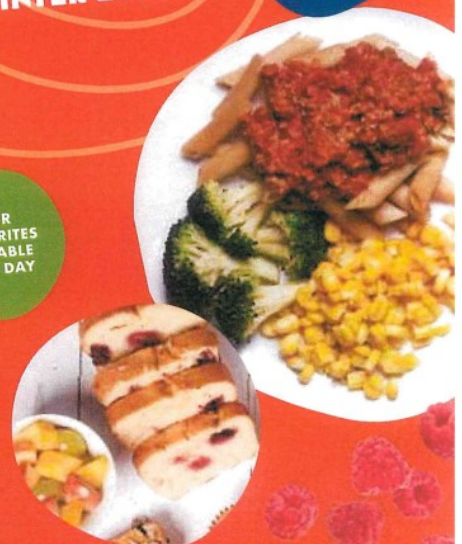
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

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OUR NEW MENU  
CHOSEN BY  
PARENTS AND  
CHILDREN

YOUR  
FAVOURITES  
AVAILABLE  
EVERY DAY



Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

## Autumn Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th October	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Fowey
Wednesday 11th October	YrR Harvest Festival song — parents of Reception class all invited. 2.45pm start in Reception classroom. The side gate will be open.
Friday 13th October	Harvest Festival assembly—9.15 am Yr1—Yr6 parents welcome Donations welcomed for St. Austell Foodbank
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

*This week has been 'Dyslexia Awareness week'.*

*Having dyslexia can bring its challenges but it also shapes experience and perspective and makes you Uniquely You. We want to inspire everyone to value and appreciate individuals with dyslexia.*

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/support-us/awareness-events>

*Follow this link for more information.*



## **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

Please note this Harvest Assembly is parents of our Yr1 through to our Yr6 children.

Reception children will be holding their very own Harvest Festival Assembly.





# Family Worker Drop In

**Mevagissey Community Primary School**

*Old Rd, Trewinney, Mevagissey, PL26 6TD*

**These sessions will be run by the Restormel Early Help Team**

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary monthly starting on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** then continuing on the following dates:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 10-11:30am**

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

## **For more information please contact:**

Email: [Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk)

Call: 01872 324929



# GET 'SCHOOL READY' WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

VISIT THE  
LIBRARY TO  
SEE WHAT  
WE HAVE  
TO OFFER!



97% of primary school teachers would advise a parent with a child starting school in September to enrol them with their local library \*



Rhyme times, story times and other early years activities are fun, friendly and free to attend! They are a great way to socialise & develop language skills. For more information visit:  
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/libraries-museums-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/>



Join your library and take part in the Summer Reading Challenge; a popular nationwide challenge for 4-11 yrs. It runs throughout the Summer holidays and promotes reading for pleasure. Share stories, get rewards and have fun along the way. There is also a mini challenge for under 4's.

Sharing picture books about starting school and making friends can be a fun way to prepare for your child's school adventure and foster a curiosity to learn.

It is free to join the library and every library in Cornwall is fine free. Ask today.



\*Poll conducted by Survation on behalf of Libraries Connected.  
Methodology: online interviews of primary school teachers.  
Fieldwork: 25th April to 1st May 2023.




**Cornwall  
Libraries**

[https://www.edenproject.com/visit/whats-on/community-days-free-entry-offer?utm\\_source=main-sep-2023&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=all&utm\\_campaign=main-news&gclid=17](https://www.edenproject.com/visit/whats-on/community-days-free-entry-offer?utm_source=main-sep-2023&utm_medium=email&utm_content=all&utm_campaign=main-news&gclid=17)



## Community Days: Free entry offer

To say thank you for the invaluable support of our local friends and business colleagues in Cornwall and Devon, we invite a range of groups to come and enjoy the Eden Project for free each winter on certain dates.

[www.edenproject.com](http://www.edenproject.com)





# ST. AUSTELL FIREWORK NIGHT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY ST. AUSTELL CRICKET CLUB  
**FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**  
**DOORS OPEN 18:00**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MARTYN:  
 07528 750 002 - CALL OR TEXT

FULLY SERVICED BAR AT MEMBERS PRICES

EARLYBIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
 CRICKET CLUB - SAT 23RD SEPTEMBER AND  
 SAT 7TH OCTOBER AT 10PM - 12PM FOR £12  
 PER FAMILY.

**FAMILY - £16**  
 TWO ADULTS + TWO CHILDREN  
 FIRST 100 FAMILY TICKETS ONLY £12

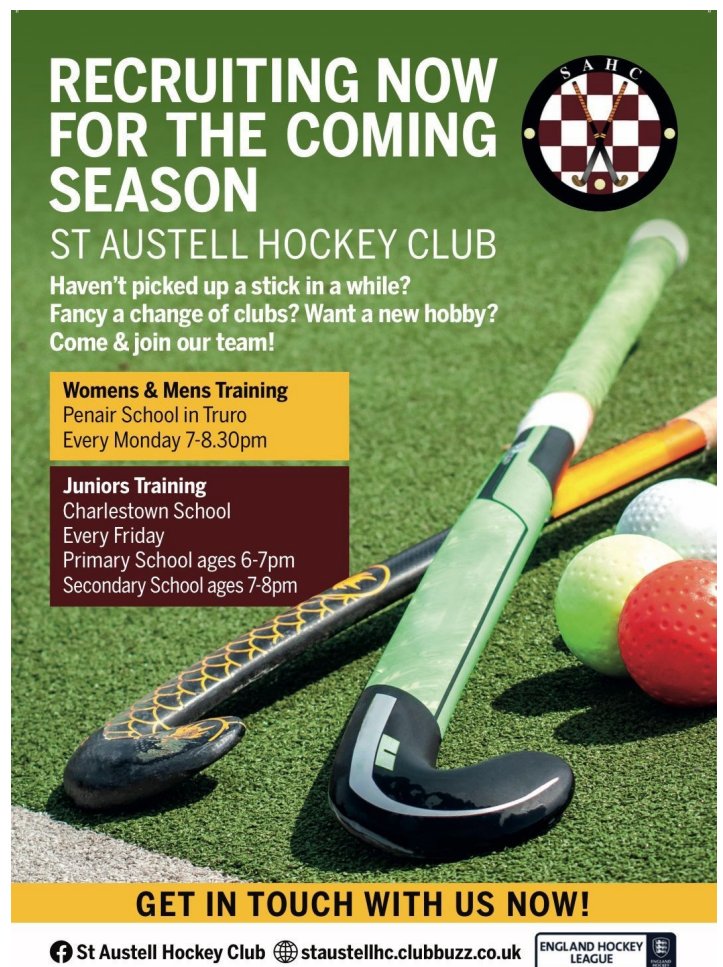
**ADULT - £6**  
 OVER 16

**CHILD - £4**  
 UNDER 16

BBQ  
 SOUP  
 TEA & COFFEE  
 SWEET STALL  
 SPARKLERS & GLOW STICKS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK:  
 ST AUSTELL CRICKET CLUB PRIVATE HIRE



## RECRUITING NOW FOR THE COMING SEASON




**ST AUSTELL HOCKEY CLUB**

Haven't picked up a stick in a while?  
 Fancy a change of clubs? Want a new hobby?  
 Come & join our team!

**Womens & Mens Training**  
 Penair School in Truro  
 Every Monday 7-8.30pm

**Juniors Training**  
 Charlestown School  
 Every Friday  
 Primary School ages 6-7pm  
 Secondary School ages 7-8pm

**GET IN TOUCH WITH US NOW!**

 St Austell Hockey Club  [staustellhc.clubbuzz.co.uk](http://staustellhc.clubbuzz.co.uk) 



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

**DURING OCTOBER  
HALF-TERM**

ALL CHILDREN AGED 2-12 YEARS  
 FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES  
 FUN FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE  
 PRIZES, MEDALS & GIVEAWAYS  
 SIBLING & CLUB TEAM DISCOUNTS  
 EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE

 10AM-3PM

 DEVON, CORNWALL &  
SOMERSET

 OCTOBER

**BOOK NOW: [SAINTSSOUTHWEST.CO.UK](http://SAINTSSOUTHWEST.CO.UK)**

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

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





# SUPER SIXES

## OCTOBER 2023

Monday, 16th October - Friday, 20th October  
10am - 2pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music	Cookery	Musical Theatre	Art	OAA Outdoor & Adventurous Activity
Physical Activity				

A week of free activities for Year 6 students from Carclaze, St Mewan, Mevagissey & Luxulyan who are thinking of joining us in September.

To sign up, scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.poltairschool.co.uk/supersixes](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/supersixes)



Children must bring a packed lunch & refillable bottle.





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



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

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



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**eden project**

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Sign up today [www.chsw.org.uk/santas](http://www.chsw.org.uk/santas)

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