



It's fantastic to see the improvement in attendance this week. The school has been struck by nasty coughs, chicken pocks, conjunctivitis and a sickness bug in recent weeks (to name a few!). Fingers crossed we are through the worst of it and all the children (and staff) start to feel more like themselves again!

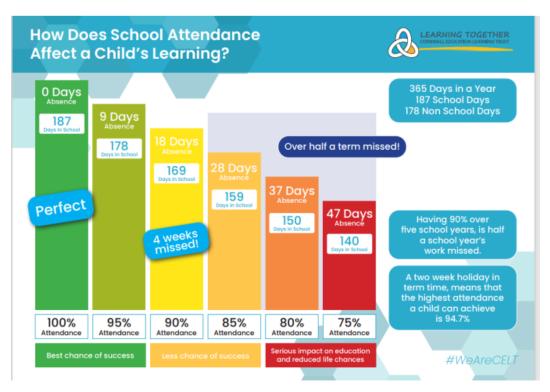
I appreciate that we speak about attendance often. The reason we do this is because we know the huge importance that high attendance plays in a child's future chance of success. In fact, high attendance is one of the key factors in helping a child reach their full academic and social potential.

In the classes I have taught over the years, children with good attendance find school easier, they enjoy school more, and they are able to build stronger relationships with their teachers and peers – thus enabling them to develop crucial skills that will benefit them later in life.

It is hard to articulate the rich learning and personal development opportunities children miss when they are absent from school. Each day's learning is carefully planned – it always builds on the learning that has come previously and the learning that is to come next. When a child misses those key foundational building blocks, they can develop misconceptions and find it more difficult to access the learning. The reality is, when a child misses a block or even a day of learning, it can put them at a real disadvantage. Although we always do our best to plug 'lost learning', when a child's attendance dips below 96%, this is a significant amount of time out of school, and equates to almost 50 hours of learning time, some of which is impossible to revisit in class.

Our attendance policy is published on our website and is in line with fellow CELT schools. The strategies we put in place as a school are designed to help and support. Our intention is to raise awareness, to highlight the importance of attendance, because we all want the same thing; we all want the children to achieve.

Below is a visual created by the CELT. I think it's powerful. Our job is all about improving the future life chances of the children who attend our school. This is the reason we do our best to champion and promote the importance of attendance in a positive way. You'll see Frank the Armadillo (named by the children), our new attendance mascot. He seems to have gone down well with the children!



Online Safety

I want to thank those parents who have come forward this week to speak to us about concerns they have regarding online safety and gaming. As we all know, the online world can be difficult for children to navigate, but it is reassuring to know that we are all working together to tackle this.

We hope these posters will be helpful in providing some information and useful tips on how best to support children.

We continue to speak to the children regularly about the importance of safe online behaviour. We have been using the Safe strand of the Mevagissey Way (Ready, Respectful, Safe) as a way of emphasising the importance of remaining safe online.





Stars and Citizens of the week

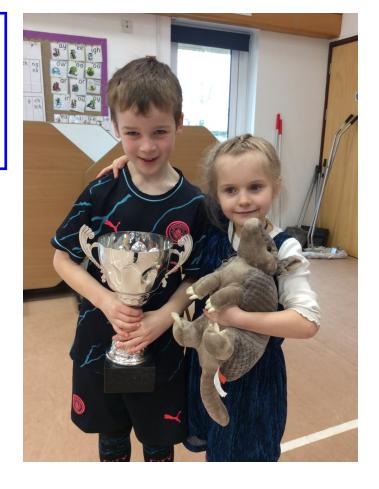


Attendance Cup Winners this week were:

Dolphin Class with 100% attendance!

Well Done!

Class Attendance this week		
Starfish	96.6%	
Dolphins	100%	
Lobsters	99%	
Jellyfish	98%	
Seals	97.6%	
Sea Turtles	97.8%	



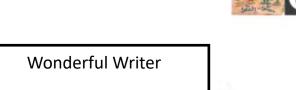
Kindness Cup goes to Eleanor in Starfish Class for bringing in her own chalks from home, when the class chalks had run out.



Adventure 1 - Janet and Bill decide to get a new pet. I wonder what it looks like.

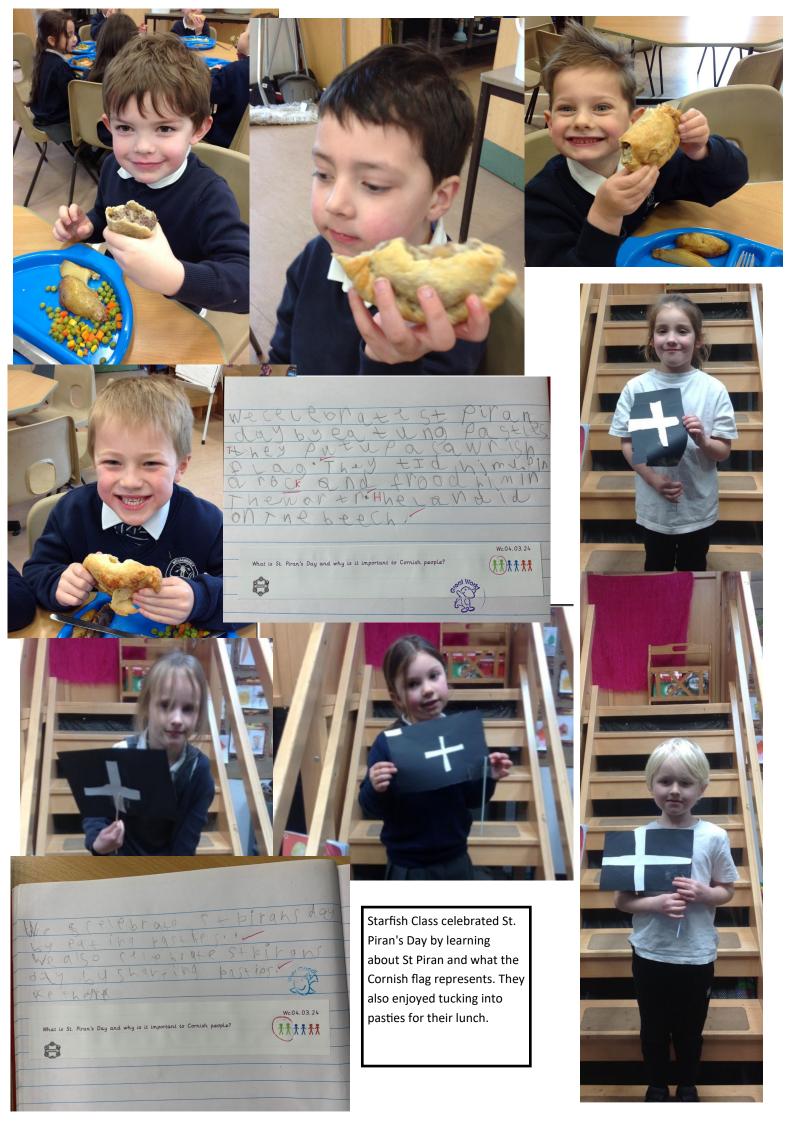
Can you use adjectives and verbs to describe their pet.

15.03.2024



Well done to Leon in Starfish Class for using finger spaces when writing independently.







Red Nose Day — Be Funny for Money

The children were asked to write their favourite jokes, please see below and have a giggle!

<u>James</u>

Joke: What do you call a stormtrouper sitting on a toilet?

Answer: A super pooper trouper

Ruebyn

Joke: What is Spiderman's favourite month?

Answer: Webuary

Isobel

Joke: What did the straw say to the other straw?

Answer: Suck it up

<u>Jessie</u>

Why are horses so rude?

Because they have terrible stable manners

<u>Jemima</u>

Why didn't the teddy bear want pudding?

Because he was already stuffed.

We raised £105.40 thank you very much for all of those who donated to this great cause!



Starfish Class embarked on a historic journey in Drawing Club, by travelling back in time and watching 'Mr. Spoon on Button Moon'. Mrs Hoare was transported back to her childhood and the children experienced what television was like 'in the olden days', despite Mrs. Hoare still only being 21!

Rather than drawing Mr. Spoon, the children created their own Mr. Spoon's using an array of resources strewn around the classroom. They then wrote descriptions of him with Reception using adjectives and Year 1 using adjectives and simlies. During Adventure Time, some children made rockets for their Mr. Spoon. Others asked to watch Mr. Spoon at home over the weekend and were inspired to make rockets too!





Yr6 are investigating a crime that has taken place overnight in the school. Who could be responsible for this wicked crime?! The children will become investigative journalists and write their own newspaper reports. Mrs Ball is currently the number 1 suspect!







Diary Dates				
Monday 18th March	Last week of clubs			
Monday 18th March	Mid-Cornwall Cross Country at Poltair			
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd March	Yr1 and Yr2 swimming			
Tuesday 19th March	Rocksteady Concert for those parents involved in Rocksteady—2.30pm			
Wednesday 20th March	Yr3 & Yr4 Farm and Country Discovery Day — Royal Cornwall Showground			
Monday 25th March	School Games Cross Country Final at Newquay			
Wednesday 27th March	YrR Vision Screening			
Wednesday 27th March	End of Topic Celebration/Community Tea—children to bake and sell cakes 1—3.30pm			
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term 1.30pm finish			
Thurs 28th March—Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays			
Monday 15th April	Start of Term			
Wednesday 17th April	Mevagissey School PTFA Disco 4.30—6.00pm			
Monday 22nd April	Start of Clubs			
Wednesday 27th April	Egg Decorating Competition			
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday			
Wednesday 15th May	Yr5 Junior Life Skills event at St Austell Fire Station			
Monday 27th—31st May	Half Term			
Monday 3rd June	Start of term			
Tuesday 4th June	Class/Sport Photographs			
Tuesday 11th—Thursday 13th June	Yr5 & Yr6 Residential to London			
Monday 24th — Friday 28th June	Mevagissey Feast Week			
Monday 1st July	Community Cohesion Day off in lieu			
Monday 15th—Friday 19th July	Yr6 swimming			
Monday 15th July	Last week of clubs			
Friday 26th July	Last day of term—1.30pm finish			

CU Gold Graduations

Welcome to the **Devon & Cornwall Children's University - Gold Graduation Ceremony 2024!** We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of our young graduates at the **University of Plymouth**. Join us for an event filled with excitement and pride as we honour the hard work and dedication of our students. It's a day to shine and be recognized for all the effort put into learning and growing. Let's make this graduation ceremony a truly special event for our Gold Graduates!

Please note: Devon & Cornwall Children's University Gold Graduation ceremonies are for students with Children's University passports, who have reached their first gold level (100 hours) or their next gold level since they last graduated (200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 & 1000).

We would love for you to join us, and booking is now live for these ceremonies, which are taking place on **Thursday, May 9 at 16:30 and again at 18:30**. Book your place here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/852904810247?aff=oddtdtcreator

Term Dates

2023—2024 Term Dates

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

Autumn Term 2 2023: Monday 30th October —Friday15th 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: Thursday 5th September— Thursday 17th October

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

Spring Term 1 2025: Monday 6th January—Friday 14th February

Spring Term 2 2025: Monday 24th 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

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Friday 18th October 2024

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

Friday 20th June

Monday 23rd June





Plant your pants



5 weeks ago, year 5 planted pants on the field to see if anything living might find their way onto them. On Monday we dug them up. They were very wet, but no holes. We did find 2 living creatures, a slug and a millipede.

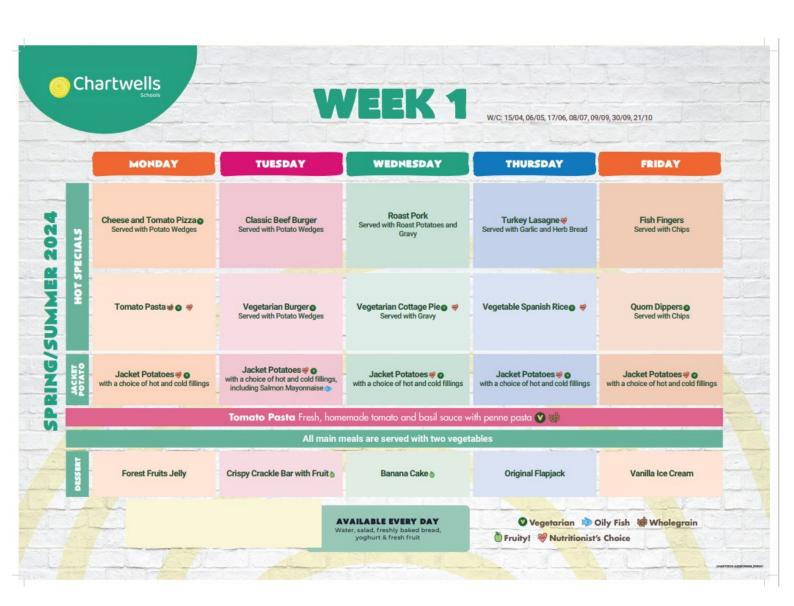


Please see below the new Spring/Summer menu.

This menu will start on Week 1 on our return from the Easter holidays and will go live on Parentpay on Thursday 28th March.

Please remember to book and pay for your child's lunch via Parentpay.

Menu selections can be booked in advance up until the end of the Summer Term.





WEEK 2 W/C: 22/04, 13/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 16/09, 07/10, 28/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry & * Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips
HOT SP	Jacket Potato with BBQ Baked Beans	Veggie Burrito ⊘ ⊯	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes ♥ ② with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise:>	Jacket Potatoes ♥ ② with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes → with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes * o with a choice of hot and cold filling
		Tomato Pasta Fresh, hom	nemade tomato and basil sauce w	vith penne pasta 🗸 😂	
		All main ı	meals are served with two veget	ables	
DESSERT	Chocolate Cookie	Banana and Carrot Cake &	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit	Orange Drizzle
			AVAILABLE EVERY DAY	♥ Vegetarian 🐞 C	Oily Fish Wholegrain
	w		ater, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit	Fruity! W Nutritionist's Choice	



WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake 🐞 🧡	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
HOT SP	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Onion Slice	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce Served with Rainbow Rice	Quorn Dipperso Served with Chips
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		All main	ı meals are served with two veget	ables	
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie à 🧡	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake 🎳	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream
			AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit	♥ Vegetarian № Oily Fish ₩ Wholegrain	
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MEVAGISSEY SCHOOL







DECORATING

COMPETITION

ALL ENTRIES TO BE IN THE SCHOOL HALL BY 12PM - WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE COMMUNITY TEA PARTY





MEVAGISSEY SCHOOL PTFA



WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL

4.30PM - 6PM IN THE SCHOOL HAL

Price: £2 for first child & £1 for each additional sibling Payable on the door

Food & drink will be available

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT UNLESS A PRIOR ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH US

GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON!!!!!!!





Why Little Nippers Pre-School

At Little Nippers we understand that every child is unique and develops in different ways. Our inclusive setting provides a safe place and ensures that all children are able to learn and gain an understanding through a range of different ways such as playing, talking and having lots of fun.

Pre-Nippers Baby & Toddler Group Thursday morning 10am-11.30am In the school hall

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Parents and carers wellbeing workshops



Support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world

A series of 20 multimedia workshops for parents and carers living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Designed to help you get a better understanding of the everchanging world your child is growing up in, to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

Learn more about...

- · Supporting parents and children emotionally
- · Where and how to find local support
- · Healthy relationships
- · Staying safe online
- · Mental health and self care
- · Loneliness, loss and bereavement
- · Wellbeing and nature
- Sexual health

- . Myth busting self harm and suicide
- · Talking to your teenager
- · Impact of substance/alcohol use
- · Gender identity
- · Equality, diversity and inclusion
- · Children's Rights
- The power of books
- · Dads as parent/carers

Where: Online facebook.com/TFFCornwall When: Mon-Thurs, 7:30-8:30pm Dates: 7 June - 8 July



To find out more or register your interest, visit www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall or email wellbeingseries@cornwall.gov.uk with Wellbeing Series as the subject.















St Austell Festival of Children's Literature - 2024 Video Book Reviews competition

What do you need to do?

Choose a book by one of this year's authors
Create a 1-2 minute (150-300 word) video review

Who can enter?

Children between the ages of 4 and 16 with the permission of their parents or teachers.

What is the closing date?

31st March 2024

There will be some great prizes!

Top Tips!

- Include the title, author and illustrator (even possible hold up a copy of the book.
- Say what you liked about the book.
- Share some key facts about the book (describe it) but no spoilers!
- Say who you would recommend it for.
- Give it a rating out of 5 or 10.

Please send entries (from a parent or teachers email) to staustelllitfest@gmail.com

All entrants give permission for sharinging on social media







MEVAGISSEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Over the last few months we have been approached by a number of parents to see whether we would consider starting youth football in the village. Apart from school football, many of the young people travel to Charlestown, St Blazey, Tregorrick or further afield in order to find youth football with ongoing development and training which could easily be hosted in the village with the current facilities of the MAC and Mevagissey Primary School.

After having discussions with the Mevagissey Adult Team, the MAC and the local school, all are positive about offering the resources and support for this to happen.

As such we are now at the stage where we need to send out an expression of interest to see whether there would be enough young people interested AND enough parents to take on roles within the club in order to make it feasible.

Please can you fill in the online form using the link below or email / contact me on the details below.

The deadline for responses is the <u>end of March</u> where we will then make a decision about whether to proceed to the next stage and give out more detailed information.

Should there be enough young people to begin training and 1 or 2 age groups for league matches, we would hope that we could begin in time for September.

 $To add a child to the list please visit \underline{https://mevagisseyyouth.charitysuite.com/forms/pdcbki0t}$

To add yourself as a helper for the club please visit https://mevagisseyyouth.charitysuite.com/forms/wm15amc8

Thanks

Charlie

Mevagissey Youth

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GO ACTIVE Easter Holidays @ 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	Meyagissey Primary School 9.00am – 3.00pm
Dates & Prices	Friday 5th & 12 th April £20 per Session
What to Bring	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/





"Providing children with the best swimming experience to reach their own personal goals within a fun and friendly environment"



If you have a passion for swimming, are 8 yrs+ and want to join St Austell ASC please visit our webpage for more information. https://www.staustellswimming.co.uk/







Depending on your current level of swimming and capability, an assessment will be arranged. If successful and we have space, this will be followed by a free trial session. It is important to note that as a competitive swimming club, we work on technique and stamina to help swimmers prepare (and bring out their best) in competitions. Swimmers joining us need to be able to competently (without stopping) swim 25m in the three main strokes – front crawl, back and breast stroke. You can also trial for our Junior water polo team.

We also offer a masters session for those adults who want to train with a club.

If you are interested in joining St Austell ASC, please contact us using the information below.

https://www.staustellswimming.co.uk/join-us/ or via our membership secretary

Juliette Smith (Membership Secretary): membershipsecretary@staustellswimming.co.uk



Kids for a quid is back at Blue Reef Aquarium Newquay this Easter

Families interested in taking advantage of this offer are encouraged to book their tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as the Easter holidays are a popular time for visits. For more information on the "Kids for a Quid" promotion and to plan your visit, the aquarium advises checking their <u>website</u>.



Year 5/6 Girls Poltair School 4:30pm - 5:30pm

















Year 5/6 Girls Poltair School 4:30pm - 5:30pm





















TEASTER 2024 HOLIDAY ACTIVITES

MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Take part in fun and exciting sporting activities! Meet new friends, get active and have fun.

There is no charge for those students in receipt of Free School Meals, however, for all other students there is a charge of £10.00 per day.

A light breakfast & lunch is provided.

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 5|6|7|8



To sign up, scan the QR code















For more information & booking please go to www.goactivecornwall.co.uk/holidayclubs
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Phone – 01726 212708

to fall in love with the beautiful game.

Mental Health Support Team are offering Parent Workshops

These are one-off, one hour long, online workshops, aimed at providing psychoeducation around:

Sleep - https://forms.office.com/e/ZBJ9Lcp6mA

Anxiety - https://forms.office.com/e/cAknWmy2N3

Behaviour as Communication - https://forms.office.com/e/3DDPu9JHD7

Resilience - https://forms.office.com/e/W4hqrSM68q

Decider Skills - https://forms.office.com/e/YepS04KNBz





ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

School Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children and young people 5-19 years in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

TEXT 07312 263 499









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