

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

The first school week of 2024 has whizzed by. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, with a positive attitude to learning and the classrooms have been buzzing with enthusiastic learning and catching up with friends and working hard in class.

I have been lucky enough to spend the week in Sea Turtles with the Year 6 pupils. We have spent much of the week talking about reading: discussing our favourite books, unpicking why reading is important, and thinking about the unrivalled joy you can take from a great book.

There is a broad body of educational research that has identified strong links between future employment prospects and reading from a young age. While this serves as a reminder of the enormous importance of teaching children to read, at Mevagissey, we feel strongly that igniting a love of reading is worth so much more. In an age where children are surrounded by the lure of electronic devices, it has never been more important to promote the power of books.

I have been so impressed with the attitude of the Year 6 children this week who have committed chunks of their evening to reading and, in many cases, finished entire books! Best of all, the children have all exclaimed passionately how much they enjoyed those longer reading sessions! I know this is also happening throughout the school as Miss Bailey and I, along with all of the class teachers, keep a close eye on how much reading is happening each week. Accelerated Reader helps us identify children who are quizzing and those who are not, so that we can help to support those who are perhaps not reading as regularly as they could be. But, this is something we need your help with. Reading for 20 minutes a day can have such a positive impact.

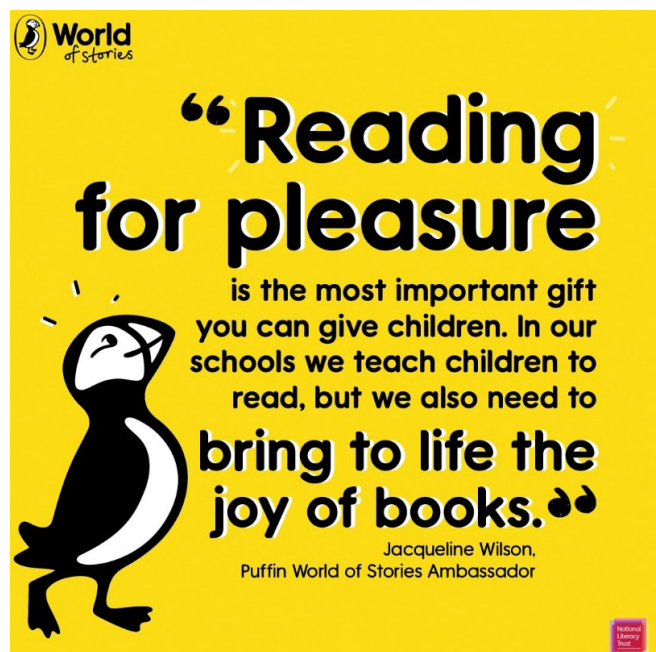
"Children who read 20 minutes a day/5 days a week are exposed to 1.8 million words in one school year. Compare this to students who read 5 minutes per day – they will be exposed to 282,000 words per school year. Reading helps foster empathy – a child experiences "walking in someone else's shoes."

I have written about reading before, and no doubt I will write about it again, because there is a strong argument that the most important gift we can give the children is a love of reading that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Happy reading,

Mr Ringrose

Headteacher



Stars and Citizens of the week



Attendance Cup Winners this week were:

Seals and Sea Turtles Classes
with 100% attendance!

Well Done!



Class Attendance this week

Starfish	95.7%
Dolphins	97.9%
Lobsters	95.2%
Jellyfish	90.5%
Seals	100%
Sea Turtles	100%

Kindness Cup goes to Ethan in Sea Turtles and
Evie in Seals Class for helping out in the hall.



Thursday 1st February - Breakfast with the SENDCo!

If you are a parent / carer of a child with Special Educational Needs at Mevagissey School and would like to come in for a light breakfast, cuppa and a chat with others who may share similar experiences to you - please join us!

This event will take place from 9-10:15am.



Spring Diary Dates	
Monday 15th January	Start of clubs
Tuesday 16th January	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Bishop Bronescombe
Friday 19th January	Cross Country at Poltair School
Tuesday 30th January	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Pondhu
Thursday 1st February	Breakfast with the SENDCo—all welcome!
Friday 2nd February	Cross Country at Poltair School
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
Friday 23rd February	Cross Country at Poltair School
Monday 4th—8th March	Yr4 and Yr5 swimming
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—come dressed as your favourite book character
Monday 18th March	Last week of clubs
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd March	Yr1 and Yr2 swimming
Wednesday 20th March	Yr3 & Yr4 Farm and Country Discovery Day — Royal Cornwall Show-ground
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term 1.30pm finish
Thurs 28th March—Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	Start of Term
Monday 22nd April	Start of Clubs
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

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

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2024- 2025 Term Dates

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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

Trewoon Pantomime group Proudly presents

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YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS
POLTAIR SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY'S 4:30PM-5:30PM

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