



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had an exciting week this week at school. The children in KS2 have started to use our new Activity equipment in their PE lessons.

## DIARY DATES

### September

29<sup>th</sup> Harvest festival assembly

### October

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup>

October Parents evenings

16<sup>th</sup> October end of term

### November

3<sup>rd</sup> November start of term



Year 5 had a fantastic trip today to the National Maritime museum. You can read more about this in next weeks newsletter. On Wednesday, Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Geevor and Levant Tin mines.

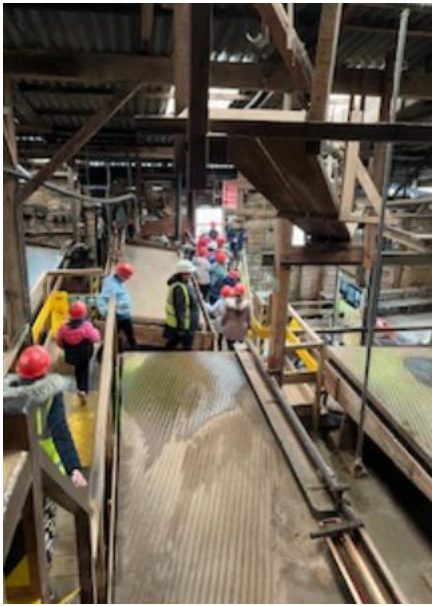
## Year 4 Trip to Geevor Tin Mine





Wow! What a trip! Well done to Year 4 for being so full of enthusiasm all day, and for making the trip so enjoyable.'  
(Mr Martin)

"I felt slightly nervous, but really excited when we looked down the mineshaft and when we went underground.'  
(Arthur)



'I loved seeing the engine house with the steam turning the machinery'.  
(Skye)



'I felt happy and  
excited all day!'  
(Oliver)



'We learnt about the  
really long tunnels that  
went out under the under  
the sea where the miners  
worked.'  
(Seth)



'I learnt what it was like in  
the past in Cornwall for  
people who lived in mines.'  
(James)



'I really enjoyed panning for  
crystals. I found a lot to  
'Tiger's Eye' and a really  
bright bluish green crystal.'  
(Artemi)

'I'd recommend this trip  
to the whole school  
because it's lots of fun,  
but you also learn a lot of  
things.'  
(Macy-Jane)

# SCHOOL TRIPS - Autumn 1 trips

17<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 trip to Newquay bodyboarding

6<sup>th</sup> October – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 theatre trip to Hall for Cornwall

10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 trip to Wheal Martyn

These trips will all be funded by the Clore Duffield Foundation.



## Star Learners



The children have been fantastic this week and they have been chosen for a variety of reasons.

Montessori – Roman for consistently making good choices during his first week at school

Jemison – Christina for being an amazing role model for the whole class

Attenborough – Cameron for always trying his best

Franklin – Elizabeth for her excellent start to Year 4

Shackleton – Kai for making an excellent start to life at Pondhu

Queen Elizabeth II – Finley for working hard and being braver at answering questions

## CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

### PARKING

At the beginning and end of the school day, Penwinnick Road is very busy. Please do not park on the pavements as parents with pushchairs and children need these to walk safely up to school. When you turn in from the main road, you are able to use the car park immediately on the left. Please do not park in front of the school gates as taxis need to go up and down the drive. The drive is **not** a pedestrian zone at drop off and pick up times so please encourage your children to walk up and down the pavement. Please do not park on the school drive at drop off and pick up times unless this has been agreed by the school. Can you also refrain from parking on the driveway leading up to Pondhu House as access is required by St Austell Town Council at all times.



## **BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS**

Montessori – Amayah for being respectful to everyone  
Jemison – Preslie for being respectful and showing tolerance of others  
Attenborough – Molly for always following our Golden Rules  
Franklin – Arthur for his kindness and tolerance of others in and out of the classroom  
Shackleton – Jordan for being so kind and helpful to every other learner in the class.  
Queen Elizabeth II – Jaden for being polite and respectful. opening doors for people and always using his manners



**Well done to our British values champions!**

## **TERM DATES**

Here is a reminder of this year's terms dates.

### **Term Dates for the Academic Year 2025-26**

Here are the term dates for this academic year.

Autumn term: 4 September to 19 December 2025

INSET days: 1 to 3 September, 17 October 2025

Half term: 20 to 31 October 2025

(Christmas holidays: 22 December 2025 to 2 January 2026)

Spring term: 5 January to 2 April 2026

Half term: 16 to 20 February 2026

(Easter holidays: 3 to 17 April 2026)

Summer term: 20 April to 24 July 2026

INSET Day: 3 July 2026

Half term: 25 to 29 May 2026

# ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER -

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER -

## Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 97.8%  
 Jemison (Y1/2) – 98.7%  
 Attenborough (Y3) – 99%  
 Franklin (Y4) – 99.3%  
 Shackleton (Y5) – 97.6%  
 Queen Elizabeth (Y6) – 95.2%  
 Whole School – 97.7%

# HARVEST FESTIVAL



On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a harvest assembly. We would like to support St. Austell foodbank as we know they support so many families in the local area. We will be collecting items for the foodbank from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the poster below for suggestions of donations.



## 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

TINNED CUSTARD  
 LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE  
 BISCUITS  
 TINNED RICE PUDDING  
 JAM  
 COFFEE  
 TINNED SOUP  
 TINNED FRUIT  
 TINNED VEGETABLES  
 TINNED MEAT

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

# NURSERY

## A Big Day for Little Badgers! 🐿

This week we opened our brand new nursery, and what an incredible start it was! The children have settled in really well, exploring their new indoor and outdoor environments with independence and imagination. We're so proud of every brave and curious child who joined us this week and we can't wait to watch them grow!



Please can all children be sent with: a spare set of uniform, nappies /pull ups (at least 4 for the day) if applicable, wipes, a waterproof coat, wellies and a healthy snack.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Y6 Body boarding in Newquay

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Reception parents meeting @ 3.30 pm.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Rachel Clift



**Where we laugh, learn and grow**