



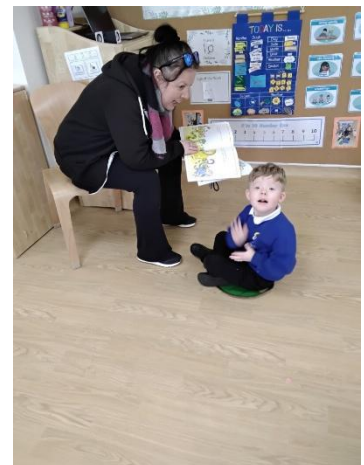
NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week it has been lovely to welcome some of our parents and carers into Nursery for a Mother's Day afternoon tea with our children. We are so pleased you could join us.

The children were so excited to show their special person around the nursery. Families enjoyed joining in with a range of activities — playing, exploring, and spending quality time together. There were lots of smiles, conversations and shared moments as the children proudly involved their grown-ups in their favourite games and play areas. Everyone then enjoyed a small selection of treats, including cakes, biscuits, fruit and juice. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, celebrate the children, and make happy memories.



RUGBY FESTIVAL

On Monday, Mr Keast took a group of children to a rugby festival where they learned fundamental skills such as passing, running with the ball, attacking, and defending. While mixing with children from other schools, they learned to play together as a team and became familiar with the basic rules of rugby. The Pondhu children showed great effort and impressive speed throughout the day — potential rugby stars in the making!

DANCE STAR

Last weekend Stella in Year 5, competed in the Motion House Championship which is a South-West Dance competition. Her team came 1st winning the competition and Stella competed against 18 people her own age. She came 4th in a commercial /lyrical dance solo and 4th in her Street Dance solo. Huge congratulations to Stella! Keep dancing!



RED NOSE DAY (COMIC RELIEF)

We all need a laugh more than ever right now. All you have to do is turn up to school wearing something daft along with your school uniform. Because simple acts of silliness can make a serious difference. Join in the fun this Red Nose Day by doing something silly for serious good. Whether you're wearing odd socks or your sweatshirt on back to front or simply popping on a Red Nose and carrying on as usual, every daft moment helps people across the UK and around the world. Please may I ask that you bring in a donation towards Comic Relief – recommended £1.



SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL WEEK

Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March is School's Football week. During this week, children in Years 1 to Year 6 will take part in a football tournament. The children in each year group will be split into 4 coloured teams and compete against each other. The tournament will be held each afternoon and we would like children to come in wearing a top for the colour team they are in. Teachers will send this information out to you nearer the time.

The tournament will be held on the following days for each Year group:

Monday 23 rd	Tuesday 24 th	Wednesday 25 th	Thursday 26 th	Friday 27 th
Year 3	Years 1 and 2	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4

Children will only need to wear their PE kits on the day of their tournament that week.

BEAT THE STREET

Play the game 25 Mar - 6 May 2026



What is Beat the Street?

Beat the Street is a free, fun initiative that will see St Austell transformed into a giant game!

See how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and wheel in just 6 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs.

The game will start on Wednesday 25th March 2026 and end on Wednesday 6th May 2026.

Please register at [St Austell | Beat the Street](#)

NURSERY SEPTEMBER 2026

If you have a child who is looking to start at our Pondhu Nursery in September 2026, please contact the school office to book their place.



Star Learners



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

Reception – Oscar for improved engagement and participation in all lessons

Year 1 – Edan W for being a fantastic role model to others with his behaviour and attitude to learning

Year 2 – Xander for producing a wonderful poem and reading it to the class so beautifully

Year 3 – Holli-Rae for working really hard especially on her handwriting

Year 4 – Harley for writing a brilliant story at home to share with the class

Year 5 – Jesse for perseverance and hard work shown in his learning this week

Year 6 – Reece for excellent participation in our Opening Worlds lessons

Well done everyone!

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Shackleton

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 94.5%
Jemison (Y1/2) – 94.1%
Attenborough (Y3) – 93.3%
Franklin (Y4) – 96.1%
Shackleton (Y5) – 96.5%
QEII (Y6) – 90.3%
Whole School – 93.9% ↓

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – JJ for his patience and tolerance of others

Year 1 / 2 – Lily for showing tolerance of others and being kind and helpful

Year 3 – Lexi for always following our Golden Rules

Year 4 – Lara for being a thoughtful and respectful friend

Year 5 – Conor for being a consistently respectful member of the class and a good friend to others

Year 6 – Jaden for the Rule of Law for being a fantastic role model to the younger children when being a playground leader



Well done to our British values champions!

SPRING 2 TRIPS

Thursday 19th March Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Lanhydrock

Friday 27th March Year 3 trip to Tregullas Farm

Tuesday 31st March Year 4 trip to Penlee House

Wednesday 1st April – Thursday 2nd April Year 5 and 6 trip to Bath and the Roman baths

Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom



Please find this week's Virtual Classroom video links in the document attached to this newsletter. These links enable children in Reception to Year 3 to practise their reading skills with you at home. They directly link to the skills they have been learning during their daily Read Write Inc sessions. You should be able to just click on the hyperlinks within the document and be taken straight to a video clip. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each week, find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop, phone or tablet and praise your child as they join in with the lesson. Please see the diary dates for the upcoming parent information sessions where you can find out more information about Read Write Inc.

REMINDER — The last day of this term is on Thursday 2nd April when we finish at normal time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17th March Year 4 and Year 5 Easter church visit

Thursday 19th March Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Lanhydrock House

Thursday 19th March RNLI Lifeguard talk to KS2

Friday 20th March Red Nose Day



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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