



NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a busy week of trips and visitors this week. The children have all been excited about their learning enrichment.

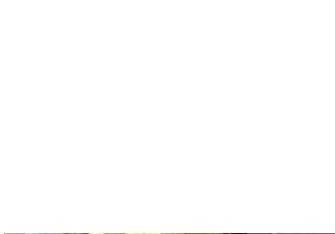
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Year 4 and 5 enjoyed an excellent trip to Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday. There were 6 different creative activities where the children learnt about a different part of the Easter story. The children's RE knowledge shone through, and the members of staff at the church were impressed with how much the children knew, and how well they shared their knowledge and understanding. Well done Year 4 and 5!



LANHYDROCK HOUSE

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a great day out at Lanhydrock House and Gardens on Thursday. We did lots of exploring around the gardens and grounds in the glorious sunshine, noticing different plants growing. The children particularly enjoyed looking around the house and they were mesmerised by all the old toys, especially the rocking horse! The children said "We would love to live here! What a beautiful house!" It was great to link the trip to our recent learning in both History and Science.



RUGBY FESTIVAL

On Monday, a group of Year 1&2 children visited Poltair School to take part in an exciting rugby festival. During the event, they learned key skills such as running with the ball, passing, and tackling. All the children showed fantastic energy and enthusiasm throughout the day, making it a truly enjoyable experience. Pondhu has certainly got some future rugby stars in the making! A big well done to everyone who took part.



ST.PATRICK'S DAY

This week, we celebrated St Patrick's Day in Reception with a wonderful contribution from one of our pupils. Proud of his Irish heritage, Célaeb came to school dressed in festive green, sharing his culture with great enthusiasm and joy.

To make the day even more special, he brought in traditional Irish soda bread for his classmates to try. It was a lovely opportunity for the class to learn more about Irish culture, and we are very grateful for this thoughtful and delicious contribution.



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. If your child does not have a T-shirt in that colour, please don't buy one! They can come in wearing their PE kit and we will use coloured bibs for each team.

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 – Alex for doing brilliant listening and having a really positive week

Year 1 – Lucas for producing lots of independent work this week

Year 2 – Preslie for always going above and beyond with her learning and asking lots of great questions

Year 3 – Sharon for working so hard with her learning and always being the best she can be

Year 4 – Siena for working more independently and being a good friend

Year 5 – Daisy for working incredibly hard in Maths and English this week

Year 6 – Ruby for her hard work, focus and determination

Well done everyone!

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Jemison

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Attenborough

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 91.7%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 93.1%

Attenborough (Y3) – 98.6%

Franklin (Y4) – 95%

Shackleton (Y5) – 93.5%

QEII (Y6) – 90.6%

Whole School – 93.8%



BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Zachary for being a kind and helpful friend

Year 1 / 2 – Bella for showing respect to others and always being tolerant

Year 3 – Ethan T for working so hard this week towards following our Golden Rules

Year 4 – Bella for being tolerant and respectful to others

Year 5 – Liv for her focus, determination and her following of the Golden Rules

Year 6 – Charlie for always following our Golden Rules and being a great role model



Well done to our British values champions!

SPRING 2 TRIPS

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

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th March School's Football Week

Monday 23rd March Cross Country @ Poltair

Tuesday 24th March Cornwall Caretakers Workshop

Friday 27th March Year 3 trip Tregullas Farm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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