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April Newsletter Summer 1 Week 2

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Diary Dates

May

1st National Grid road works start along Rock Road

6th May bank holiday

w/b 13th SATS week

17th PTA Colour Run

22nd - 24th Y4 Residential

22nd 9.30am ASD Cafe - Padstow School

25th Annual Deli Farm Run

w/b 27th May half term

28th Go Active Holiday Club

*Week 2 of the
menu next week*

June

3rd Start of 2nd half of term

7th RCS - School closed

19th Sports Day (provisional date)

July

2nd - 4th Y5 Residential

12th All Clubs End (with the exception of Starlings wraparound care)

Head of School Welcome



Dear Parents/Carers,

And just like that, it's suddenly the Summer Term!

We welcome you back and look forward to what is always a very busy time at St Minver School. All children have brought home a curriculum leaflet, outlining planned learning for the half term ahead and I hope these will help inform how you can support from home. We would especially welcome your skills and expertise and would love to have parents visiting school to share their first hand knowledge with the children.

This week sees the final week of school swimming at Wadebridge Leisure Centre. With rising costs, especially of coach travel, some schools have had to prioritise certain year groups and drop swimming for others. With the continued support of our PTA, through your fantastic fundraising and a significant subsidy directly back to parents, we have maintained our commitment to swimming for all year groups this year and plan to do so next year also. Thank you PTA!

Staying with the PTA, we now have full-sized basketball hoops in the top playground, again funded by PTA's fundraising, and being used every day by a whole mixture of Key Stage Two children. We are so privileged to have such a glorious environment to play in and with better weather the children are really very busy! We also await final delivery of refreshed play shed equipment, bought with PTA funds, so that we can give the children choice and variety in encouraging them to be active outdoors.

'DID YOU KNOW?' that the PTA puts £3500 towards swimming costs every year, another £1000 to subsidise school trips and on average an additional £2000 to further enhance our school offer throughout EVERY year. We hope sponsorships raised at the forthcoming Colour Run on Friday 17th May will kickstart next year's fundraising with a bang and feel sure we can rely on you for your support. Get involved how and when you can!

I popped in during the Easter break when Go Active were here delivering a holiday club for children from both St Minver and other schools. Despite the unpredictable weather, the children were immersed in a range of good quality activities and having loads of fun. Feedback has been good. We have secured Go Active for a date in the May half term holiday too - see dates page - and I hope this will become a feature of subsequent holidays too.

Nursery (Little Cowries) continues to flourish and we have new children starting on a regular basis - in fact, we now have a grand total of 26 nursery-aged pupils 'on the books'. We have our list of Reception class starters for September 2024, the vast majority of who we already know well from Nursery and we are excited to see the flying start we believe they will make, having already settled so well into Team St Minver! We still have some spaces for the Reception class and welcome any further enquiries.

I hope you enjoy April's newsletter. Remember to check the website every week, where you will find updated Stars of the Week and dates for your diary under the newsletter tab.

Mrs J Rodwell, Head of School

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Stars of the week

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!



Cowrie Class

The whole class for being completely invested in their swimming lessons and being fantastic ambassadors for our school.



Daymer Class

For brilliant listening on the carpet and for being super helpful this week.

For becoming the most amazing independent writers.



Greenaway Class

For completing all tasks set with great enthusiasm and making excellent progress with his written work.

For making excellent predictions and observations during our science work.

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Stars of the week

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!



Lundy Class

For growing in confidence to offer his excellent ideas and answer questions in maths discussions.

For putting in 110% to all her learning!

For making huge improvement in her writing.



Porthilly Class

For writing super well-balanced arguments.



Rock Class

Amazing progress in her arithmetic work!

For outstanding recount writing.

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Priceless Playtimes

Our school motto is "Be brave, be kind, belong"

Who has been a great ambassador in demonstrating these values this week?



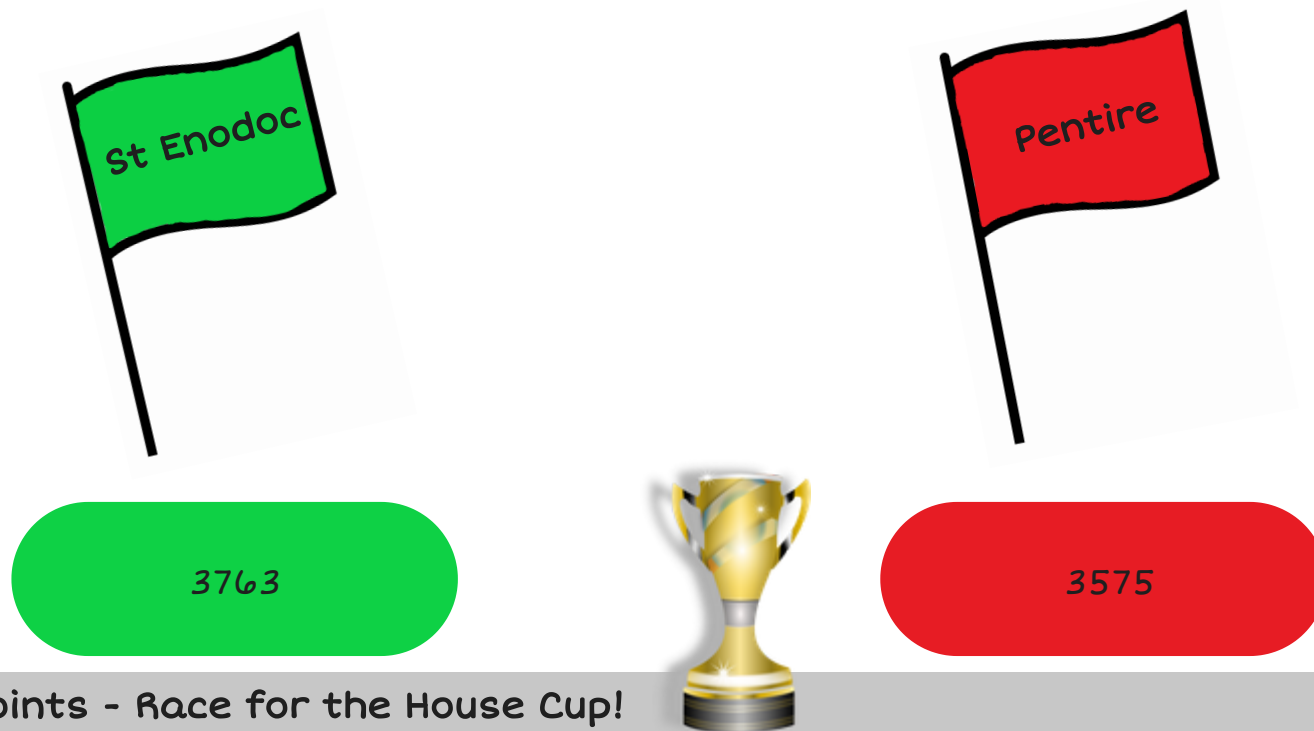
FOR PUTTING A FRIEND'S
NEEDS BEFORE HER OWN
IN THE LUNCH HALL.

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House Points

Throughout the week, pupils are awarded house points for demonstrating our school values, progress in learning, fantastic effort in different challenges and for contributing to the life of the school. Each week house points are tallied up and the total shared with the children in our celebrations assembly.

The current running scores from February half term onwards are.....



House Points - Race for the House Cup!

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Out and About with Team St Minver!



Congratulations to this Year 4 team who won their pool at the football tournament, then made it all the way to the finals!

Cowrie Class have started off their new learning with a minibesat hunt. They used identification check lists and observation skills to look up which bugs they had found.



Our Songfest choir performed sea shanties galore with eight other schools at St Petroc's church in Bodmin. What a sound!



Messy gloop with Abi and our nursery children.

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Out and about



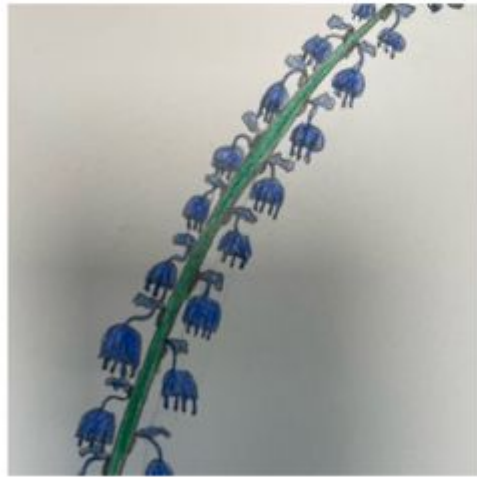
Porthilly Class spent the day at the Farm and Country event at the Royal Cornwall Showground. The whole class represented St Minver School so respectfully with great manners and enthusiasm to learn!



Greenaway Class have been busy this half term exploring the question 'How do seeds and bulbs grow into healthy plants?' We used the iPads to capture different plants growing around our school, planted our own runner bean seeds and had fun investigating the seeds inside different fruits. Did you know that one passion fruit contained 160 tiny seeds?

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Out and about



Lundy Class took time out to slow down, put some music on and to do some very careful, close observational drawings of spring flowers in their wellbeing books. What a high standard of drawing from everyone, too!



This half term Lundy's new topic is Powerful Plants. Last week, the children planned their own investigation to test what seeds need to grow. Having decided what they will deprive each set of seeds from, they then set up their investigation. They are now watching eagerly to find out which seeds will grow and which will not. Lundy's super scientists made excellent predictions based on their prior learning.



Thank you PTA, for funding our full-sized basketball hoops - they are in use EVERY DAY!

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Out and about



Daymer class have been working on their observational drawing skills. The children are learning about plants and they produced some amazing artwork in their wellbeing journals.



On our World Earth Day, children across the school wore a splash of green and we limited our use of technology to that which keeps us safe. Children in Cowrie class made posters with their own ideas of how we might protect our planet.



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Year 6 Residential



Our Year 6's kicked off residential season at St Minver School when they visited Heatree Hall on Dartmoor last week. Activities included rock scrambling, archery, kayaking and hi-ropes. The children really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, were so supportive of one another and exemplified what it means to 'Be brave, be kind, belong'.

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SEND Information: Mrs Hewitt



Our SENDCO is Mrs Hewitt. Mrs Hewitt works at St Minver on Tuesdays and also on Thursdays and Fridays when she teaches Porthilly Class.

If you would like to contact Mrs Hewitt about your child's additional needs please email hello@stminver.org, telephone or call into the school office to make an appointment.



Online neurodiversity group



**Starting May 9th
and running 2nd Thursday
of the month
1.30-2.30**

**Chat profilers, support to access
groups and info on other
services available**

**Email to get the link:
info@homestartkernow.org.uk**



ASD Parent Café

Contact your child's school directly to book!

*For parent/carers of current Aspire pupils only

With the
Autism Support Team

Learn more about autism
Share your worries with others
Access support networks

To be held at:
Padstow School
Wednesday 22nd May
Starts at 9.30am



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Together for Families

Your School Nurse

Your child can have access to a School Nurse at any time if you have any health concerns, in addition your School Nurse offers a full health assessment in reception and year 6.

The School Nurse can check:

- Your child is growing healthily and support with healthy eating
- Support with access to dental care and general support for dental hygiene
- Help with day / night time wetting or soiling
- Provide information about immunisations
- Guidance re healthy lifestyles
- Support with general hygiene issues including head lice and worms
- Support with general emotional health issues
- Support to access other health professionals
- Routines, including sleep

Additionally in Year 6:

- Friendships
- Relationships
- Development, including periods and puberty
- Access to specialist services – including dietician, healthy weight programmes and voluntary services
- Developmental issues
- Transition to secondary school
- Healthy lifestyles



Find out more...

Call **01872 322779**
Email hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk
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www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolnursing

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Attendance

Children from Team St Minver have missed 171 days of learning due to holidays taken in term time, up until week ending 15th March.

Every school minute counts

Minutes late add up to lost learning.

Don't let your child miss out on their education.

Every school minute counts.



COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Just 5 minutes late matters ...



Just 5 minutes late every day	Means	Makes	WOW
		100 minutes lost in a month	900 minutes in a school year
5 minutes late every day	25 minutes lost in a week 5 x 5 days in a week	25 x 4 weeks in a month	100 x 9 months in a school year

900 minutes in a school year
= 10 games of football
= 7½ two hour DVDS
= 3 full school days lost

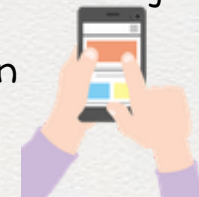
Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, then please inform the office before 9am in the morning, and let us know why your child is going to be absent, and when you expect them to return.

You may either phone the office on 01208 862496 and leave a message or alternatively send an email to hello@stminver.org.

When reporting an absence, please leave a message on each day of your child's absence, telling us:

- Your child's name
- Class name/Year group
- Why they are absent (Type of illness e.g sickness, migraine)
- When you expect them to return



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Leave of Absence



We recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Head of School using the school's request form.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

The decision to submit a request for the issue of a Penalty Notice will be considered when a child's attendance is deemed to be 'not regular'. The definition of 'not regular' in this instance is when it is below the threshold set Aspire Academy Trust. For all Aspire schools, this attendance threshold is set at 96%, in line with national attendance data. In the Autumn Term, a child's attendance for the previous academic year will be considered before deciding on a course of action. From January onwards, the decision will be based on attendance data from the current academic year.

Notices and Reminders



18th April 2024

Dear Colleague

Deli Farm Run – 25th May

We are delighted to confirm that the Annual Deli Farm Run will take place on Saturday 25th May 2024.

The location address is Deli Farm, Delabole, PL33 9BZ.

Children need to arrive at the big barn at 9.30 a.m. The race will start at 10.00 a.m. This event is open to the following categories:

- EYFS & KS1 – All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer on the run
- KS2
- Youths (12-17)
- Adults

Please ensure that all children who attend this event are accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult. A first aider will be in attendance, along with marshals from Camelford Running Club. There will be refreshments and a cake stall provided by our FODs next to the parking field.

Certificates for all school pupils will be emailed to the school following the event. Awards will be given to the first three runners back in each category and a cup will be presented to the winning school.

Please could you let us have an idea of numbers of children participating from your school by the 13th May. Please do not hesitate to contact Susan in the office if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 25th May and hope for good weather!

Yours sincerely

Lou Kirkman
Head of School



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Rock and Polzeath Open Gardens Saturday 4th May 10am-4pm



Just an 8 minute drive apart, 2 beautiful gardens on the North Coast of Cornwall are opening in aid of Children's Hospice South West. Both gardens have a large variety of shrubs and succulents in full bloom with stunning views across the Camel Estuary and Polzeath Beach.

Ticket price: £5 to include both gardens, all proceeds to CHSW

Address: **St Enodoc Hotel**, Rock, PL27 6LA
Parking: Parking available
Accessibility: Partly accessible for wheel chair users
Plants and cakes available to purchase (not included in garden entry price), all proceeds to CHSW, dogs welcome.
Contact: St Enodoc Hotel, 01208 863394 or carol@bjbarkwell.co.uk

Address: **Malibu**, Tristram Cliff, Polzeath, PL27 6TP
Parking: limited parking available, see website
Accessibility: Partly accessible for wheel chair users
Plants and cream teas available to purchase (not included in garden entry price), all proceeds to CHSW, dogs on leads welcome.
Contact: Nick Pickles, 07944414006 or nickdpickles@googlemail.com



www.chsw.org.uk/opengardens

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Royal Cornwall Show - Floral Art Classes 2024

Entries are welcomed from individual children and students up to and including age 18.

Please see separate attachment (below) listing classes. Please let Miss Martin know by email by Tuesday 30th April if your child would like to complete these entries at home and what class so that we can ensure your child is entered.

Exhibits may be staged from 9am on the Wednesday prior to the show. You may take these to the showground yourself or if you would like us to take them for you please bring them to school with you on Wednesday 5th June



[Flower Show Schedule - Junior Classes](#)

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National Grid works start on the **1st May 2024** with traffic management (2 way signals) and finish on **15th May 2024**. Traffic management lights will be up and running from 09:00am and turned in at 15:00pm between these dates.

After these times the traffic lights will be turned in and (give and take) signing and guarding will be in force. Due to having open excavations on the pavement a pedestrian walkway will be created on the carriage way, to divert pedestrians and allow safe passage.

Shut down day - 9th MAY 2024

Traffic lights will be set up after 09:00am and run past 15:00pm **for one day only**. A pedestrian walkway will be created to allow safe passage through work site and traffic management will be onsite to manually control the lights, to ease the flow of traffic.

Bodmin C, M & R
Lostwithiel Road
BODMIN
Cornwall
PL31 1DE
Tel 01208 892247

Our ref
4871421

Your ref

Date
16 April 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are writing to inform you of planned works to upgrade the electricity network in your area.

Refurbishment of the overhead network has been scheduled. Works are to renew the poles and overhead conductors from properties 'Fairview' to 'Warleigh' on Rock Road, as per the attached plan. Scheduled dates for the works are as follows:

Wednesday 1st of May 2024 – Tuesday 7th May 2024 - Two way traffic lights / Signing and guarding will be in place to start installing poles & stays.
Dig & Lay contractors to start excavating in pavements for mains cable replacements.
(Please note that all customers involved in these works have been spoken to.)

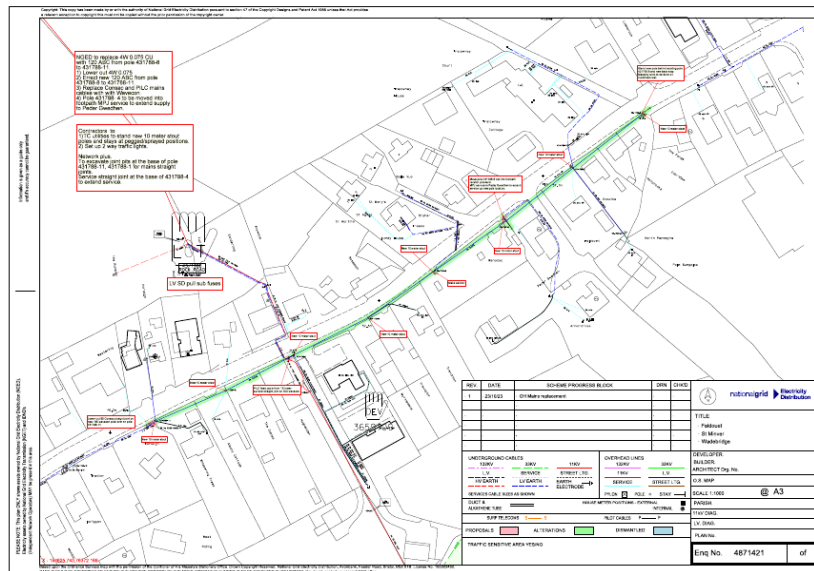
Thursday 9th of May 2024 – National Grid planned electricity outage. Letters will be sent to affected properties with further details closer to the time.

Thursday 9th of May – Wednesday 15th of May 2024 –All reinstatement works scheduled to be complete between these dates.

Should you have any queries regarding these works, please contact Ryan Brown on 01208 892221.

Yours sincerely
















Amber Highland
Team Support – Bodmin C, M & R



Safeguarding - E Safety

Social Media Age Limits

The NSPCC website has lots of useful information around app and social media use
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

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 Instagram	 Twitter	17+	
 TikTok	 Kik	 Sarahah	18+
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 House Party	 Monkey		 LiveMe



Please note, smart watches are not permitted in school in line with our safeguarding procedures and these devices will be held by the class teacher and returned to an adult at the end of the school day.

If you would like any support with e-safety at home, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. The links below may also be helpful.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation/>

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Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the physical or mental welfare of a child or young person and you wish to speak to someone about it, you can contact the MARU (Multi-agency Referral Unit) on the following numbers:

Monday to Friday, 9am - 6pm: 0300 123 1116

Evenings & weekends: 01208 251300

Police (Non-emergency): 101

Internet Safety

If you are searching for support and are worried about this being tracked by an abuser in the home, please use a **private or incognito tab** when browsing as this **will not save on your search history**.

Domestic Abuse advise - First Light: 0300 777 4777

Support in your area

You can walk into a local BOOTS pharmacy and ask for '**ANI**' (Say, "I'm asking for Annie") or ask to access their '**Safe Spaces**' where you will get support with domestic abuse. There will be a trained member of staff.

You can also download and access the Bright Sky app safely. This will give you access to a directory of support agencies and help lines.

Our designated safeguarding leads are, Mrs Rodwell, Mrs Warren, Mrs Cray and Miss Martin

Staying in Touch



Notifying change of circumstances

Please tell us of any changes to you or your child's personal details (i.e name, address, telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical details, email address or relationship change). Certain changes may be updated directly via the Arbor Parent Portal, however if you have any difficulty please email the school office at: hello@stminver.org or call 01208 862496 .



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