



# St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

During this first half of the autumn term we have made the most of our outside spaces and our locality. In just these few short weeks, three classes have had the opportunity to enhance their curriculum by visiting Porthilly and Polzeath beaches, and our Reception children, along with their Year 1 classmates, have experienced their first educational trip, visiting Newquay Zoo. All of our youngest children use our wonderful school grounds and take their learning outside every day and whilst the weather has held up everyone has taken part in a range of activities outside including drama, PE and maths. We look forward to continuing to do this as the year progresses, especially as the colder weather comes our way. Please make sure your child brings wellies and warm coats in to school so that we can access the outdoors at all times.



**Black History Month** In assembly this week we learned about Malorie Blackman, who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013-2015. Throughout her career, Blackman has written more than 60 books and novels. She writes novels and short story collections, as well as picture books and screenwriting. She was the first person of colour to work as a writer on Doctor Who and her novels question racial inequality and bring to light issues of racism that still exist in the 21st century. What a woman!

**Weekly Challenge** This week we have set the challenge of reading for a reason. In assembly we discussed some of the benefits of reading:

- It reduces stress and helps you relax.
- It improves your concentration and memory.
- It expands vocabulary and strengthens your writing abilities.
- It enhances your knowledge.
- It increases your imagination and creativity.

I have asked the children to consider these benefits and challenge themselves to read with purpose both at school and at home this week.

**ParentPay** The way in which meals are ordered for the children is changing. Please see the attached letter.

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**Attendance** On Wednesday we achieved 100% attendance! Miss Martin doesn't recall seeing this during the whole time that she's been collecting the daily attendance information. It's a great achievement – well done to everyone!

**TT Rock Stars Competition** Our KS2 children are taking part in an Aspire Trust TT Rock Stars maths competition. This started yesterday (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October) and will run until 5pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The competition is intended to be a fun activity with clear benefits for children's on-going times table proficiency. There is a sensible daily cut off time of 5pm each day of the competition. The children will be completing some sessions in school and can work on this at home too. Thirty five schools will be taking part in the competition and it would be great to see St Minver feature on the leaderboard!

**Clubs** During the week beginning Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, new club information will be released. New clubs will start during the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**School Council** Thank you so much to our wonderful School Council who have worked so well with me over the last year. It is now time for a new School Council to be elected. If your child would like to put themselves forward to be on the School Council then they will need to write a short speech over half term including information about why they would like to be elected and what they will bring to the team. The children will then be invited to share their speeches with their peers in class during the week beginning Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Voting will be completed and the new team will be announced on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Support is available in school should any need help with writing their speeches or delivering them. Please pop in to see me if you have any questions regarding this.

**PTA Meeting** Thank you so much to those of you who were able to come along to our meeting on Monday evening. I am always blown away by the support there is for our school.

**Books for school** If you are buying any books for yourself, family or friends, please consider buying them through [lovereadings.co.uk](http://lovereadings.co.uk). You will get 10% off RRP, and the school will get 25% of whatever you spend to buy books for the school. When you checkout, just select St Minver in the 'Support a School' box. Please pass this on to family and friends!

**Coding half term workshop** Family Skills – Halloween: Light it up Workshop 31/10/24  
10.00am – 12.30pm @ The Royal Cornwall Museum. Please see attached leaflet for details.

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Looking to next week...

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 6 Three Tors Challenge**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 Multi Skills at Wadebridge Leisure Centre**

And some additional dates for next half term...

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Fireworks Event from 5.30pm @ St Minver Cricket Club**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – New clubs start this week**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Cornish Parliament Day – County Hall (School Council members)**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Reception children vision screening**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Secret Room**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Plays (KS1 pm, KS2 pm, KS2 eve)**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play (KS1 – eve)**

**Please share dates to class WhatsApp groups as I am aware that not everyone has a chance to read the newsletter.**

And finally, thank you to our whole school community for another lovely week!

Kind regards,

Alicia Warren  
Head of School

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## Stars of the Week



<b>Daymer</b>	<b>Delfy and Seb</b> For great behaviour and for always being helpful, especially at tidy-up time when they set a good example to their friends.
<b>Greenaway</b>	<b>Billie</b> For excellent artwork and increased focus during lessons <b>Arlo</b> For a brilliant week in Greenaway Class and for producing some fantastic artwork.
<b>Lundy</b>	<b>Albie</b> For great report writing about a woolly mammoth. <b>Grayson</b> For amazing historical knowledge.
<b>Polzeath</b>	<b>Eddie</b> For making fantastic progress with his reading <b>Mia</b> For showing great rhythm when playing our class composition during the Endelienta music workshop.
<b>Rock</b>	<b>Josie</b> For working so hard and producing a beautiful piece of writing. <b>Faith</b> For always putting in the extra and producing a fantastic sketch map of Polzeath!

### Special Mentions

Thank you to **Edith, Demi and Dylan** (Rock Class) for the kindness and the care they show towards our whole school community.

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