

Newsletter 4

Summer 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful summer term it has been!

Residentials for Y5 and Y6, trips to Pendennis Castle, Eden Project, Truro Museum, Glendurgan, Trelissick and our own gorgeous local beaches.

Sports Day was so enjoyable, thank you to all of our parents and families for supporting this.

We have had swim lessons in KS2 and a variety of after school clubs. It is great to see gardening Club active again. Thank you to all of our parents who have offered to run clubs this term we truly couldn't do it without you!

I'd like to thank our amazing PTA who fundraise and organise fun events for our children all year round. If any parents would like to help offer their time, however small, please contact StMarysFalmouthPTA@outlook.com

I'd also like to thank our growing team of volunteers who regularly offer their time to listen to children reading, and help with maths and crafts.

We have also welcomed our new intake for September offering induction sessions and my personal favourite, The Teddy Bears' picnic! We are so looking forward to our new intake joining the St Mary's Family.

Children have all enjoyed fun and games with their buddies and it is always so heart warming to see how much kindness our pupils show to each other, especially our younger pupils.

Sadly, it is also the time of year when our Y6 children leave for secondary school. Their performance of Willy Wonka on Wednesday was truly outstanding, they have made us all so proud.

We wish them every success in their new schools

Have a fun and restful summer!

Mr T Moran
Headteacher



Lots of Crazy hair for the School Councils
'Break the Rules Day. We raised £240!

Thank you so much for your
generosity!



This week we had the pleasure of receiving a donation from 'Jozef's Dream'. It was wonderful to see the team who support settings with donations for sensory equipment in memory of dear Jozef who holds such a special place in our hearts. Jozef's Mum, Heidi, said, "We are so happy to be back at this amazing school. The love, support and total feeling of inclusion given to Jozef and our family will stay with us forever. It now seems fitting to be able to return our support for such a wonderful school."

We are really looking forward to our pupils benefitting from the mini trampolines we have purchased for use in sensory breaks and building further on our relationship with 'Jozef's Dream.'





Year One visited Gyllyngvase Beach to conclude their topic on local history: *How has Gyllyngvase Beach changed?* The children had a fantastic time exploring the beach and enjoying themselves.



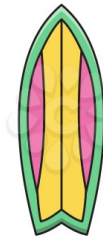
What a fabulous day at Eden learning about Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest. The children were amazing and a real credit to you and to St Mary's School ★ Thank you to all our parent helpers too.

Congratulations to Elsie

Elsie performed with Cornwall Youth Choir at the prestigious Music for Youth National Festival in Birmingham Symphony Hall.

Their set of three songs was beautifully delivered, emotional, and uplifting—notably, two of the songs were performed in Cornish, showcasing the richness of our cultural heritage. The performance brought together the youngest and oldest members in one glorious, powerful moment. Their pride and unity shone through, leaving a lasting impression on every audience member in the hall. The singers' impeccable behaviour and professionalism made them a credit to their schools.

Well Done Elsie!



Year 3 have really enjoyed learning about Pendennis Castle this term. They have learned that King Henry VIII built the castle in the 1540s to protect the Cornish coast from invasion from Spain and France. We had a really fantastic day exploring the castle to enhance our learning.

WILLY WONKA



Not just your average school day! We have had so much fun breaking the rules today. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it and been a pleasure as always. We have had a disco, played on the field, had games and our toys in the shade, our treats and a watermelon 🍉 at snack time. This afternoon is popcorn and a film 🎬 What a day!



Y6 Went to London!



The Natural History Museum, HMS Belfast, Parliament, River trips and

The Lion King!



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS, ALL OF THOSE WHO MADE DONATIONS AND OUR WONDERFUL PTA WHO TREATED EVERYONE TO AN ICE CREAM!



Year 5 kicked things off with an unforgettable residential, where the children truly shone—bravely trying new things and pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones. Back in the classroom, creativity flourished as they crafted stunning pieces of writing, which we brought to life by turning their vivid descriptions into AI-generated images.



Cornwall Council 2025/2026 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

September 2025						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

October 2025						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

November 2025						
Mon		10	17	24		
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	



School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

AUTUMN TERM (73 days)

3 September - 19 December 2025
(HALF TERM 27 - 31 October 2025)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

5 January - 2 April 2026
(HALF TERM 16 - 20 February 2026)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)

20 April - 22 July 2026
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)

December 2025						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	31
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

January 2026						
Mon		12	19	26		
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

February 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22		

March 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

April 2026						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

May 2026						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

June 2026						
Mon		8	15	22	29	
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
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Sun		7	14	21	28	

July 2026						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
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August 2026						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
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195 days are included on the school calendar.
Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

INSET DAYS

WEDS 3rd SEP/ 3rd NOV / 5th JAN/
23rd FEB/ 1st JUNE

When we love God with all our heart, soul and strength He gives us the gifts of faith, hope and love - gifts that guide us and help us to grow closer in our friendship with God.

In your family prayer time you might like to ask God to help you to share these gifts of faith, hope and love with others using the prayer below.

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for giving us all we need to live according to your Word.
Help us to share faith, hope and love each day.
Amen

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden

FALMOUTH LIBRARY

Summer Activities

At Falmouth Library

Tuesdays 2:00—3:30 PM

- 5th July- Collaged leafy animals
- 29th July- Hanging library bird sculptures
- 5th August- Colourful dandelion drawings
- 12th August- Pebble people
- 19th August- Create a bee window decoration
- 26th August- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Suitable for ages 4—11

Children must be accompanied by an adult

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Starts Sat July 5th

Story Garden

FREE WITH CORNWALL LIBRARIES

FREE summer fun! Earn rewards, a certificate and a medal. It's a fun free way to help children keep up their reading over the summer. It's open to children 4-11 of all abilities - there are resources for those with dyslexia and visual impairment - just ask! Pop into your local library to sign up!

tinyurl.com/CornwallSRC

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Dear Parents/Carers

Important School Meals Information – Parent School Meal Pre-Ordering Launch!

At Plymouth CAST, we believe and recognise that partnership is the key to the future of a sustainable service, working with children, schools and families to improve nutrition, health and education.

Food plays a significant part in a young person's development and we wanted to support you with a flexible approach to menu selections as well as ensuring children receive the meals they like. To support families and schools in this aim, we are introducing a new meal pre-ordering service as part of your new ParentPay account.

Pre-ordering of meals can be made from your ParentPay account, allowing you and your child(ren) to select their school meals and manage meal payment easily.

From 18/08/2025 the system will be live to allow you to pre-book your child's school meals for week commencing 1st September 2025. Please do not book any meals for September before this date as they will be cancelled and you will be required to rebook.

Starting from September, we will no longer be accepting any cash payments for school dinners, and all meal bookings must be made online via ParentPay. If a booking has not been made in advance, they will be offered an option of either a Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta for that day. This meal will be recorded and charged accordingly on ParentPay. We therefore strongly encourage all parents to sign up for ParentPay and make meal bookings in advance to ensure pupils receive their preferred choice of meal.

Please read the following information carefully as it confirms all the details you need to know. All school payments, including lunches, must be paid for by ParentPay. ParentPay is a safe and secure website which allows you to make payments online with your debit/credit card.

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals - For parents of children in receipt of free meals, you will also need to pre-order your child's meals through ParentPay, but you will not be charged.

Packed Lunch Children - We are also asking all Parents/Carers whose children usually bring their own packed lunch to sign up too - for those odd occasions that packed lunches are forgotten or you want them to have an ad-hoc dinner, for example on a theme day such as World Book Day.

Dietary Requirements - Special menus for children with dietary requirements are currently being inputted onto the system. If these choices are not showing on your child's account when you log on, your child will still be able to order from their special menu in the school office until their choices are updated.

The following link [How to order your school dinners](#)

If you have not previously activated your ParentPay account and do not have the original activation letter, please contact the school office who will be able to issue you with another letter.

Thank you all for your patience and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Chartwells & Plymouth Cast Multi Academy Trust



SUMMER ART SESSIONS

Make this summer creative with art-K Truro! Join our Art Club, Young Artists Masterclass and Adult Classes.

Art Club

Joyful, creative weekly class. Individual instruction.

- Ages 6-16
- £15 per 1.25 hr class
- £18 drop-in
- Block booking (5 weeks) or drop-in
- Two sibling discount: £130 for 5-week block
- Up to 12 students
- Materials provided
- GCSE support available
- Catch-up sessions offered for holiday absences (up to 2)
- Classes available all year (termly bookings)

Wednesdays: 11:00-12:15pm
Thursdays: 1:30-2:45pm
Fridays: 11:00-12:15pm

Young Artist Masterclass

Full coaching for each student. Ideal for GCSE support.

- Ages 10-16
- £22 per 1.5 hr class
- £25 drop-in
- Block booking (5 weeks) or drop-in
- Two sibling discount: £200 for 5-week block
- Max 6 students
- Materials provided
- Catch-up sessions offered for holiday absences (up to 2)

Wednesdays: 12:30-2pm
Thursdays: 11:00-12:20pm

Adult Classes

Weekly classes exploring diverse topics. Individual instruction.

- 5-week course: £21/class
- Pay-as-you-go: £24

Wednesdays: 6-8pm

Scan the QR to book!

www.art-k.co.uk/class-truro | sara@art-k.co.uk | 07852 674316
Barras Moor Farm, Perranarworthal, Truro, TR3 7PE



COME AND SING WITH US!

Are you aged between 4 and 25 and love singing? Cornwall Youth Choirs offers a rewarding path for young people aged 4-25, with clear progression across four ensembles:

- Cornwall Junior Choir (Reception-KS2)
- Cornwall Children's Choir (KS2)
- Cornwall Youth Training Choir (KS3)
- Cornwall Youth Choir (KS4+; audition from age 14)

We provide free taster sessions, tiered fees with sibling discounts, and bursary or Pupil Premium support. Come and join one of our choirs! Book a FREE taster session by emailing: admin@cornwallyouthchoirs.co.uk



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Town Mayor's Tide Race

MAENPORTH BEACH, FALMOUTH
Sunday 24 August 2025
12pm to 6pm (digging will start at 12.30pm)

FUNDRAISING FOR PENDENNIS LEISURE

- Build a sandcastle on Maenporth Beach to beat the tide and help raise funds for the Mayor's Charity!
- Bring friends and family to help you build a show stopper sandcastle - or the biggest sand mound! Please bring your own equipment.
- All proceeds go to Pendennis Leisure to support them in their efforts to secure a new swimming pool for Falmouth.
- To book your place, please call 01326 315559 for card payments in advance or visit Falmouth Town Council, The Moor, TR11 3QA. Bookings also available on the day.

Prizes for Adult and Junior categories **Suggested donation Adults £5 Children £2.50**

The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend... Wild Wellbeing

During the summer holidays MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing. Please book EACH child on to a session

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

- Golitha Falls
- Dipping Pond, Goss Moor
- Tehidy Woods
- Penrose Estate
- Heamoor Primary School
- Hayle Family Hub

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/NRrN3NXSVH>

Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events: [Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](https://www.facebook.com/cornwallmhst)

New locations added for summer!!

Don't forget to sign up to the Mental Health Support Team free Wild Wellbeing sessions being held over the Summer holidays at various locations

Open to parents/carers and their school aged* children in Cornwall (*Reception to year 7)

Mental Health Support Team

Cornwall MHST's next round of parent/carer workshops will be running in September 2025.

Topics will include:

- Behaviour**
Strategies for fostering positive behaviour and communication at home.
- Worry**
Includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.
- Resilience**
Discusses the meaning of resilience, ways to build it, and when young people should seek help.
- Sleep**
Sleep hygiene and routines, along with practical strategies for assisting children.

Please note: children must be in reception to year 7

Songtreats Music Club

excellent music education experiences

3 days of musical activities for children to inspire and motivate

Cornwall's budding musicians

Ensembles, composition, improvisation, music games, creativity, jam sessions, performances and loads of fun

9am until 3pm 29th to 31st July 2025

BOOK NOW FOR KEY STAGE 2

£120 for 3 days or £42.75 per day
In partnership with Cornwall Music Service Trust
Hosted at the Truro School Music Block, Trennick Ln, Truro TR1 1TH
songtreats.com

MUSICAL IN A WEEK 2025

CORNWALL
ROALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August
Ages 5 to 18 years | 9am to 5pm each day
Performances: 1st August @ 3pm & 6pm

To book, contact:
tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk