



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a productive and engaging week it has been at school. Preparations for Christmas are now well underway. Costumes for our forthcoming celebrations have started to arrive, and the selection of Christmas items from our loft has been brought down to support our seasonal activities. KS1 have been practising their songs for their nativity, whilst Mrs Blundy has been getting the choir ready for their various engagements coming up; and the rest of KS2 ready for the Christmas Carol concert on Thursday 18th December.

Today, pupils enjoyed a non-uniform day to support the setup of our Chocolate Tombola. Looking ahead, we invite all children to attend school in non-uniform again next Friday and to bring a jingle jar as part of our continuing festive preparations.

This week, Mr. Kevern led a whole-school Geography assembly. Pupils reflected thoughtfully on what we learn in Geography, the ways in which we learn, and the reasons this subject is so important. We were pleased to see such insightful and enthusiastic responses from children across all year groups.

Our netball team also returned to action with a fixture against St. Pirans. A full match report will be available later in this newsletter.



Finally, today our Year 5 pupils participated in DT coaching focused on developing leadership skills. They received training to become play leaders, enabling them to support not only their peers but also younger pupils during playtimes. This programme aims to equip them with valuable interpersonal and organisational skills that will benefit the whole school community.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Bird

Deputy Headteacher

On behalf of Mr Hall



DIARY DATES SO FAR...

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	FSA RACE NIGHT AT THE COMMERCIAL
WEDNESDAY 26TH AND THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 6 TRIP TO PLYMOUTH
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	NON UNIFORM DAY (JINGLE JARS) CHRISTMAS CLOTHES IF YOU WISH!
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER	HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS RECEPTION AND Y6
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS FAYRE (2pm-4pm) Collection letters are out—2pm, 2:30pm, 3pm
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON—CHOIR 6PM
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER	KS1 NATIVITY 1:30PM AND 6PM
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY—DRESS FESTIVE!
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER	YEAR 3 BRASS CONCERT
MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER	COMMUNITY CONCERT AT THE MINER'S CHAP- EL—CHOIR TO SING
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER	Y6 NATIVITY AT THE TOWN HALL 1:30PM & 6PM
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER	CAROL CONCERT 1:15PM
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM—1:15PM FINISH
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY	INSET DAY
TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 26TH JANUARY	INSET DAY

Jingle Jars

A **Jingle Jar** is a container filled with a variety of fun items, such as sweets, small toys, and other treats. It is completely up to you and your child what you fill it with. At the Christmas Fayre they will be on sale for £1 a jar—you pick a raffle ticket and get a prize every time!





STARS OF THE WEEK

Caring

TATER DU	Marley—For simply being consistently wonderful. Marley is such a kind and caring member of Tater Du class.
LONGSHIPS	Marnie for always showing a great caring attitude to all her friends. Well done!
ROUND ISLAND	Sophia Nicholls for caring for all of her peers, including looking after the younger children.
SEVENSTONES	Jago—for always being kind and caring with members of our class, especially the adults - always offering to help out
BISHOP ROCK	Arthur B, for demonstrating a caring attitude towards his peers and being a good friend.
GODREVY	Orla, for always being so kind and caring, and for your patience when supporting the younger ones on door duty..
WOLF ROCK	Noah for the care he is putting into learning his lines and developing his expression for NaTWITity .

Lunchtime Legends

KS1— Kobie	Always being polite
KS2— Jasmina	Always being polite and using her manners



Maths Wizards of the Week

TATER DU	Finn—For sharing his super knowledge of triangle and circles and being so keen to apply his maths skills within his Kandinsky Art.
LONGSHIP	Damien, for showing great knowledge of ordering numbers.
ROUND ISLAND	Elijah has worked more independently this week when adding 2 digit numbers— well done and keep going!
SEVENSTONES	Taras—for excellent understanding of subtraction and already using the column method effectively.
BISHOP ROCK	Tessa, for expertly explaining her reasoning when faced with a problem involving area.
GODREVY	Lucas, for demonstrating excellent knowledge of prime numbers and identifying a wide range of rules and patterns when working with multiples and factor pairs.
WOLF ROCK	Kensa has demonstrated improving positivity and attainment towards her maths learning this week. Well done!



English Expert of the Week

TATER DU	Kobie—For his positive attitude towards his learning. Even when he finds something tricky, Kobie is able to laugh it off and carry on. What a star!
LONGSHIPS	Ula - well done on writing an amazing Firework poem, showing us your beautiful handwriting and your great use of verbs.
ROUND ISLAND	Talia has blown us all away with how hard she worked on her reading assessments this week— well done!
SEVENSTONES	Ellis—for trying so hard with his handwriting and using thoughtful writing using our book 'The Tin Forest'
BISHOP ROCK	Blake, for a fantastic written retelling of the story of Rama and Sita using the appropriate story language,
GODREVY	Lilly W, for writing a beautiful simile about the southern lights and being so eager to get it just as you wanted.
WOLF ROCK	Owen has shown excellent concentration and attainment in his reading comprehension learning, demonstrating his ability to succeed when focused. Well done!



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HOUSE POINTS



GEEVOR

This week: 165

Overall: 1077

WHEAL DREA

This week: 194

Overall: 1075

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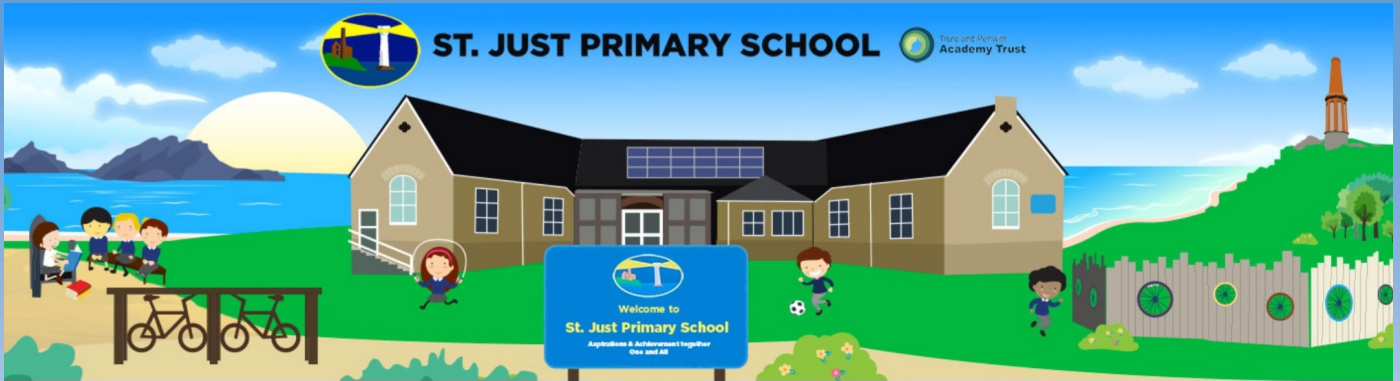
This Week: 210

Overall: 1042

BOTALLACK

This week: 174

Overall: 1034



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



Longships—100%



Bishop Rock - 98.08%



Round Island - 97.7%

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



94.3%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



96%

THE WORLD IS RUN BY THOSE WHO TURN UP.

ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY = 100% ATTENDANCE.

ATTENDING 4½ DAYS A WEEK = 90% ATTENDANCE = 4 WEEKS MISSED PER YEAR.

ATTENDING 4 DAYS A WEEK = 80% ATTENDANCE = MORE THAN HALF A TERM MISSED PER YEAR.

ATTENDING 3½ DAYS EACH WEEK = 70% ATTENDANCE = MORE THAN A QUARTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MISSED.

AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 80% OR LESS ACROSS A CHILD'S SCHOOL CAREER ADDS UP TO MISSING A WHOLE 2 YEARS FROM SCHOOL.

BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL REDUCES LEARNING TIME.

IF YOUR CHILD IS 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY THEY WILL MISS THREE DAYS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR

IF YOUR CHILD IS 15 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY THEY WILL MISS 2 WEEKS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR.

MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!





Netball News



Team: Florence, Isla,
Merryn, Orla and
Lowenna

Our High 5 netballers played in the first game of the Netball League this week.

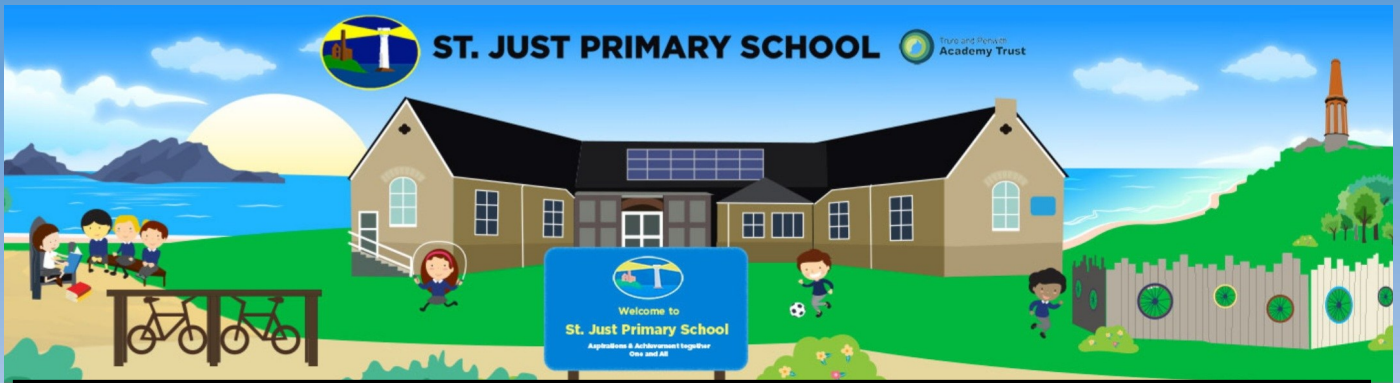
We played 7 minutes each way against St Piran's School.

It was a nail biting game! St Just had many chances in the first half and took the early lead. Going into half time, it was 1-1.

Again, early in the second half St Just took the lead making it 2-1. However, late on in the game St Piran's brought it back scoring a late equaliser. The game finished 2-2.

Well done girls! Amazing watching you all pull together and watch your defending skills as well as the brilliant passes between you all. Our next 2 games are on Wednesday 26th November.

Parents—if you have been emailed, please let me know if your child can play. Thanks to those that have already.



Mental Health Ambassadors



Here are our new Mental Health Ambassadors.

They have been working with Maeve, our Education Mental Health Worker for the last few weeks to learn ways of calming down and dealing with stress and anxiety. They now have the skills to be able to help others.

We are all very proud of the children—they have shown respect and responsibility throughout their sessions with Maeve and know they will be able to share their knowledge with other pupils.



Thank you to all who have purchased a tea towel so far. They have been sent out through the week.

We now have a card reader in school for payments.

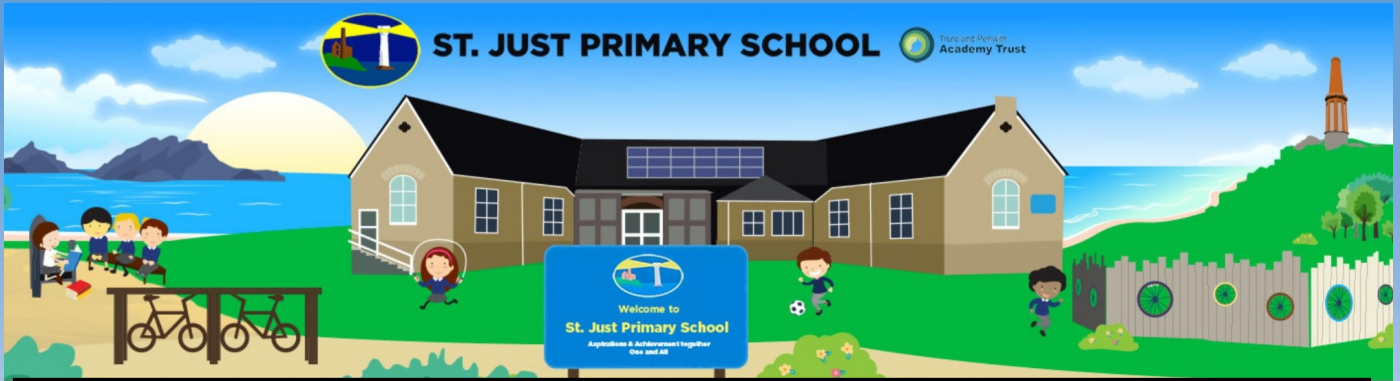


Raffle tickets for our Grand Raffle go on sale on Monday 24th November. £1 a strip—see our FSA Members on the school gate. Cash or card options available. Thank you to anyone who has donated a prize so far—if you would like to donate a prize—please contact FOSJ@stjust.tpacademytrust.org



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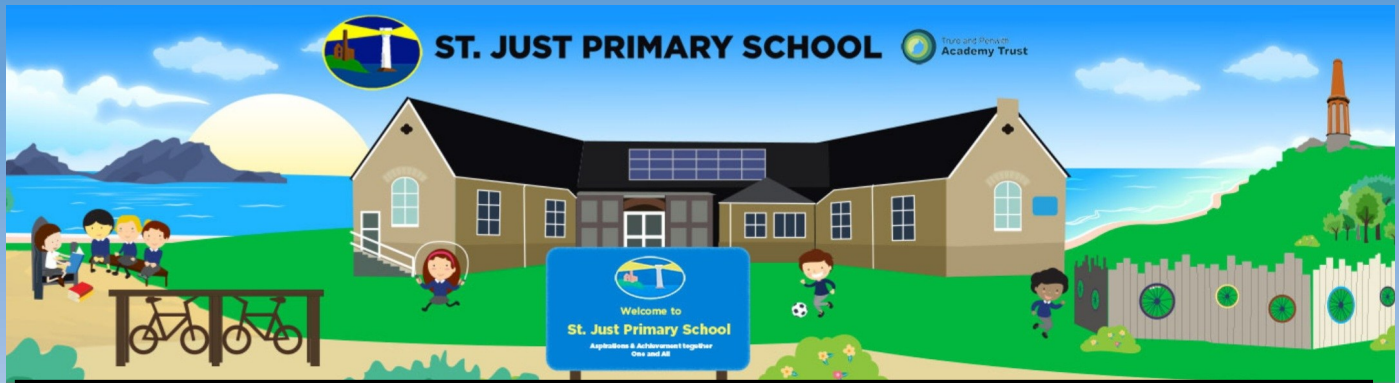
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER;
FROM 2PM TO 4PM

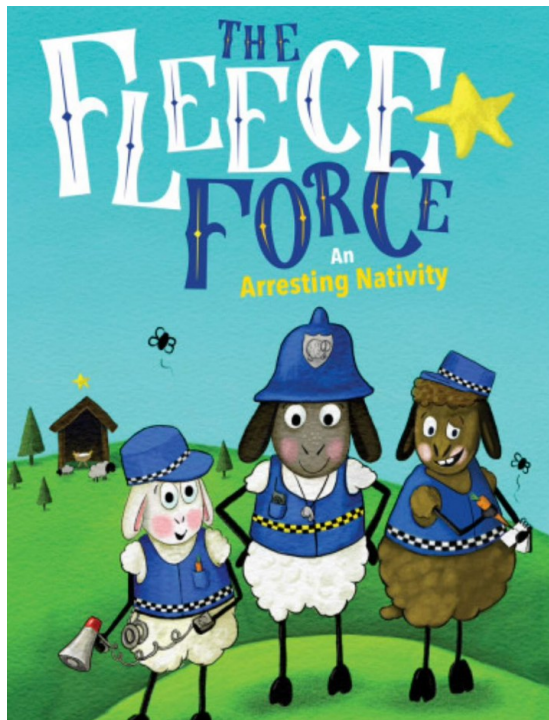
St Just Primary School Hall

Join Us for Our Christmas Fayre!
Come meet Father Christmas and explore a
variety of stalls featuring everything from
children's crafts to local vendors. Join in on the
festive fun!

Don't miss out on our grand raffle, where you
can win plenty of exciting prizes!



EYFS and KS1 present...



Wednesday 10th December 2025

Performances at 1:30pm and 6pm
in the School Hall.

Tickets are £1—on sale now in the
School Office.

Please note—everyone will need
a ticket, no children on laps for
fire numbers.

Many Thanks

Year 6 present...

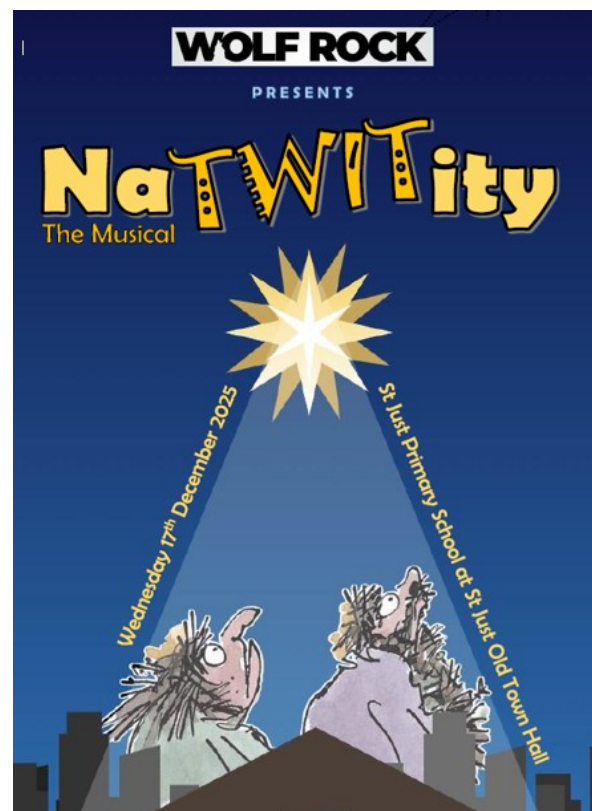
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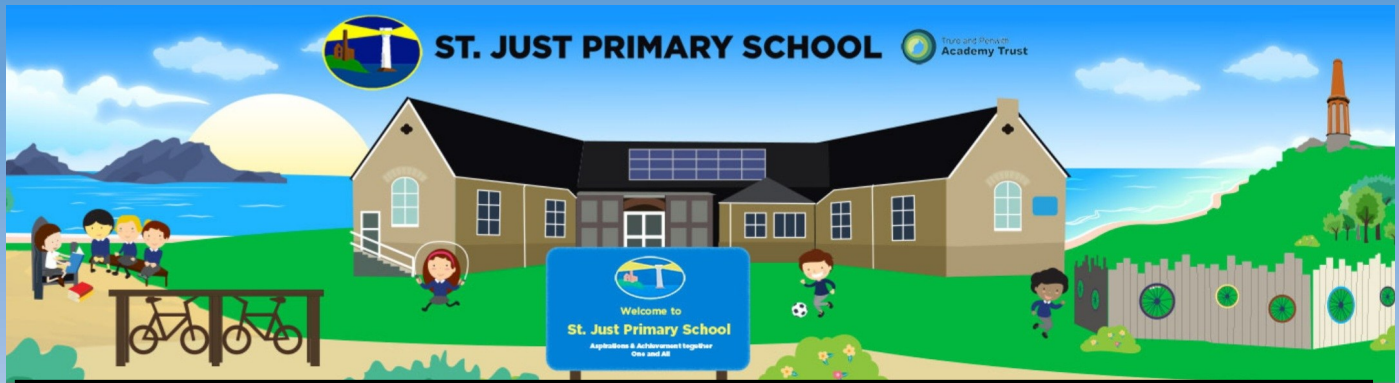
Performances at 1:30pm and
6pm at The Old Town Hall.

Tickets are £5—on sale soon...we
will announce asap!

Please note—everyone will need
a ticket, no children on laps for
fire numbers.

Many Thanks





Advent

Christmas is coming!



So come along to the Miners' Chapel on **Monday 1st December**, after school until 5pm

Children must bring an adult with them

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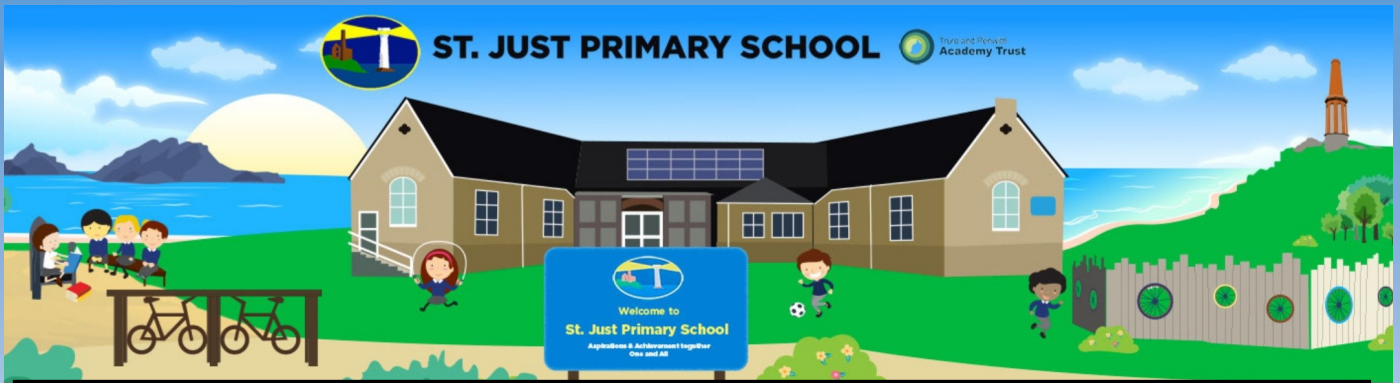
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Coats and Wellies!

As the weather is turning, we also encourage children to bring a coat to school every day. We know St Just has it's own weather system which can turn quickly from sun to rain! Please ensure coats are named.

We do have a number of coats in lost property at the moment without names.

We cannot wait to be using our school field more throughout the winter months.

We would like to remind you that we have invited children to bring a pair of wellies (or old trainers) to keep in school for the field. This is mainly to save the children from sitting with soggy feet.

We will always assess the field before use, and if we feel it is too dangerous, we will continue to use the playground.



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Attendance

Why Attendance Matters

You may be aware that students who attend school regularly are statistically more likely to succeed academically. Consistent attendance allows students to stay on track with their learning, build stronger relationships with both peers and adults, and develop essential life skills, such as responsibility and time management.

When students miss school, they lose out on valuable learning opportunities. Even if a student misses just a few days, it can have a significant impact on their understanding of key concepts and overall educational experience. We encourage all parents to be mindful of the importance of regular attendance to help our students reach their full potential.

Please remember to report all absences via ARBOR or by telephoning the school office. It is crucial to be open and honest about any absences; we are obligated to record a reason for all missed time.

- For unavoidable medical appointments, please provide appointment cards/evidence of appointments so we can account for these absences appropriately. This also includes longer periods of absence where your child may have had to visit the Doctor.
- It's worth noting that children do not always need to miss school if they are feeling unwell. For guidance on whether your child is too ill for school, you can visit the NHS website at [NHS Child Illness Guidance](#). Often, we can support children in school with minor childhood illnesses. Parents are welcome to send in medicine from home to support in treating minor symptoms. Please be assured that we have your child's best interests at heart and will always make contact with you if they are struggling with the school day.

Here at St Just Primary School, 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.

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 £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further 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 for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Thank you for your continued support