



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant half term it has been. We are so proud of all our children for settling into their learning so well. The enthusiasm, kindness, and hard work we have seen across the school have been fantastic, and we would like to thank you for your continued support in making this such a positive start to the school year.

A huge well done to Tater Du, who have now completed their very first half term in school. We are so proud of how smoothly the children have made the transition into their learning journey. They have approached every new experience with confidence and curiosity – an amazing start!

Please note that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 3rd November. On this day, staff from both St Just Primary School and Cape Cornwall School will be joining together for a training and development day, working collaboratively to strengthen links and share best practice.

This half term, we also say a very fond farewell to Mrs Kevern, who has worked in our school office for an incredible 25 years. Mrs Kevern has been a valued and much-loved member of our school community, and she will be greatly missed by staff, parents, and pupils alike. We thank her for her dedication and kindness over the years and wish her every happiness for the future.

A big thank you as well to everyone who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. We hope you found the meetings both valuable and informative. It was lovely to have the opportunity to share how well the children are doing, and we really appreciate all the positive feedback we have received.

I know you will join me in thanking our staff team, who have all worked hard to ensure that our children have had the very best start to the year.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break over half term and returns refreshed for an exciting second half of the Autumn Term. We will look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday 4 November at the usual time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. H. A. M.', followed by a diagonal line.

Headteacher



DIARY DATES SO FAR...

HALF TERM 18TH OCTOBER—2ND NOVEMBER

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	INSET DAY
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL—NEW MENU (See Attachments)
WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	CHANGE OF MENU—SPARKLE SPECTACULAR (see poster)
THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER	Y1 ST MICHAELS MOUNT TRIP (INFO ON ARBOR—look at trips section)
THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	OPEN AFTERNOON FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS (BOOK 1:30PM OR 2:15PM)
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER	CHILDREN IN NEED DAY
THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER	FLU IMMUNISATION (R TO Y6)
FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	NON UNIFORM DAY—BRING IN AN ITEM FOR THE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE
WEDNESDAY 26TH AND THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 6 TRIP TO PLYMOUTH
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	NON UNIFORM DAY (JINGLE JARS) MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS FAYRE (2pm-4pm)
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER	KS1 NATIVITY 1:30PM AND 6PM
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER	Year 6 NATIVITY
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



STARS OF THE WEEK

Enthusiasm

TATER DU	Bonnie—For always demonstrating amazing enthusiasm and approaching everything that she does with a smile on her face.
LONGSHIPS	Odelia, for showing great enthusiasm in her reading in class and at home. Keep it up Odelia well done!
ROUND ISLAND	Arnie for engaging enthusiastically in all areas of learning this week— keep going!
SEVENSTONES	Eloise—for always having the biggest smile and being the most enthusiastic person in EVERY lesson!
BISHOP ROCK	Toby Jose, for his constant enthusiasm towards all his Learning in and out of the classroom.
GODREVY	Georgiana—for always bringing enthusiasm to everything she does and approaches every opportunity with a willingness to learn. A true role model to all!
WOLF ROCK	Macy's enthusiasm for our Barbara Hepworth sculpture making day on Tuesday was a joy to behold. Well done!

Lunchtime Legends

KS1—Cleo	For being amazing and always eating all her lunch
KS2—Noah	For always having amazing manners



Maths Wizards of the Week

TATER DU	Kobie—For his amazing ‘maths talk’. Kobie is always so keen to tell us what he knows and contribute to our learning.
LONGSHIP	Billie for her great recall knowledge of greater than and less than—well done!
ROUND ISLAND	Ezra has blown our minds this week with his times table knowledge during Club99– WELL DONE!!
SEVENSTONES	Merryn—for working methodically through her addition work and being absolutely amazing (as well as amazing herself!) Keep it up Merry!
BISHOP ROCK	Tessa, for understanding exchanging when crossing tens and hundreds boundaries.
GODREVY	Lucas—for always being enthusiastic and eager, especially when tackling challenges. You love for maths shines every day—keep up the energy!
WOLF ROCK	Ava has found our long division learning really challenging, but she has enthusiastically kept pushing herself to overcome the difficulty, whilst never letting the smile slip from her face. Well done!



English Expert of the Week

TATER DU	Ivy-Rose—For amazing us with her amazing attitude and enthusiasm in our phonics sessions. Keep it up Ivy Rose!
LONGSHIPS	Stanley for the great improvement and care he takes daily in his handwriting.
ROUND ISLAND	Maceo has pushed himself to include all of the Year 2 writing criteria in his recount— well done!
SEVENSTONES	Lev—for always producing fantastic written work to be proud of. Super handwriting as well!
BISHOP ROCK	Archie, for starting his writing promptly and engaging throughout the lesson.
GODREVY	Jack—for his great effort with inference questions. Clear structure using point, evidence and explain. You apply feedback consistently—well done!
WOLF ROCK	Taylor gets the English Expert award this week for his efforts in a maths lesson! He demonstrated outstanding oracy skills in how he helped another child to overcome a maths challenge! Well done!



ST. JUST PRIMARY SCHOOL



HOUSE POINTS



GEEVOR

This week: 128

Overall: 676

WHEAL DREA

This week: 146

Overall: 639

LEVANT

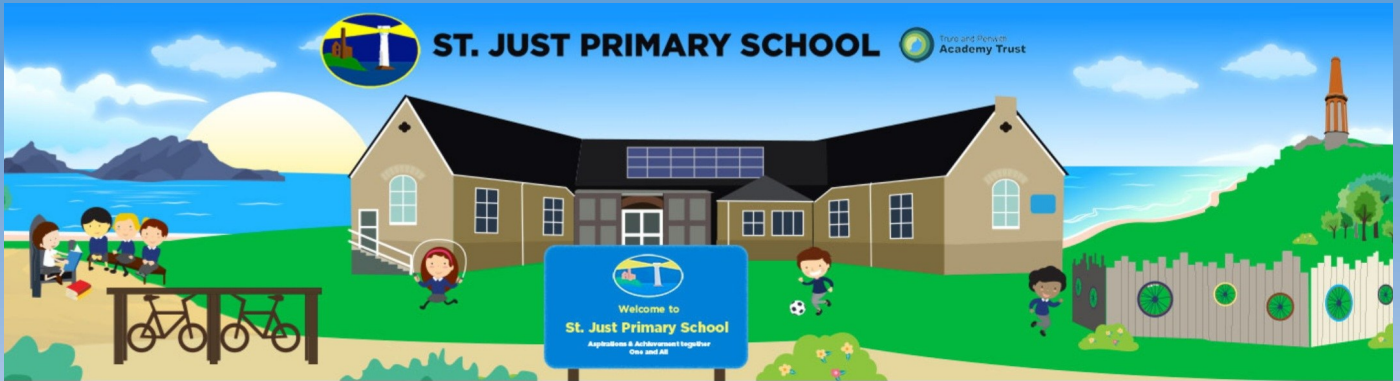
This Week: 120

Overall: 569

BOTALLACK

This week: 143

Overall: 608



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



Round Island—100%



Longships - 99.3%



Bishop Rock - 98.08%

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



95.4%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



96.8%

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.

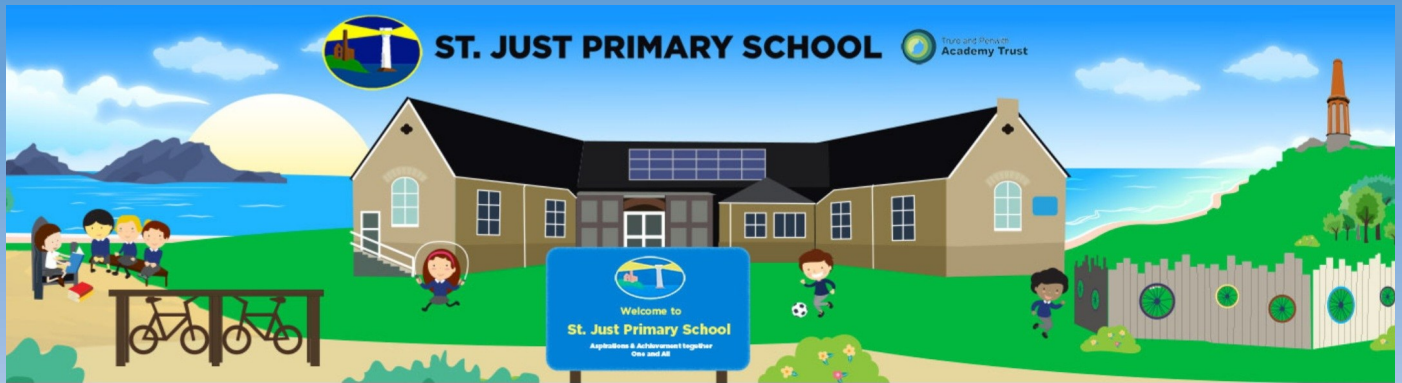
BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL REDUCES LEARNING TIME.

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

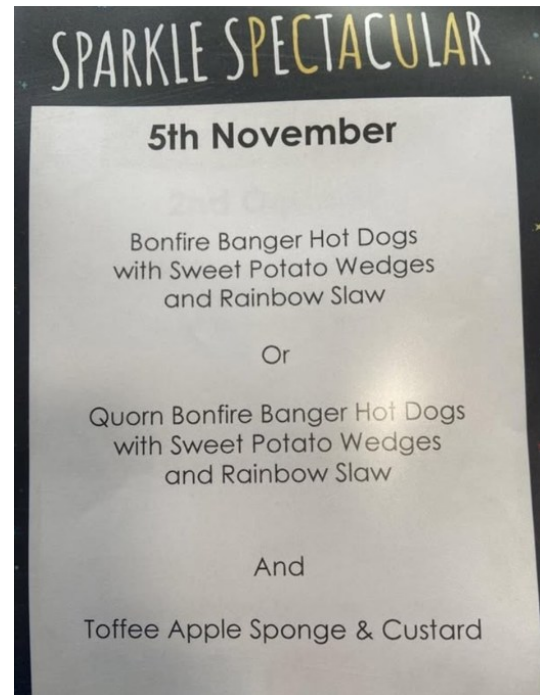
IF YOUR CHILD IS 15 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY THEY WILL MISS 2 WEEKS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR.

MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!



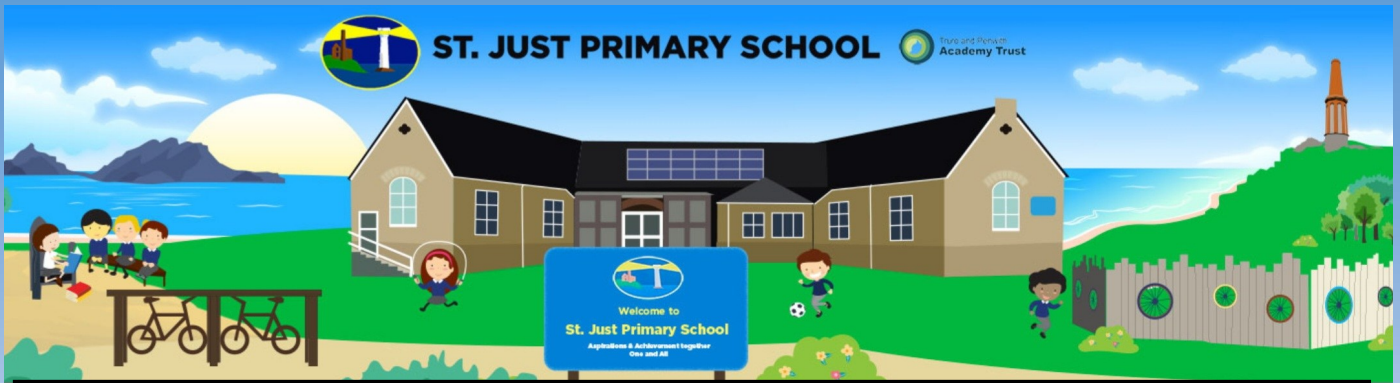


After half term, we have a new menu (Please find as an extra attachment on Arbor). This is a fireworks special menu on WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025.



Information for our runPudsey event has been shared on Arbor.

Sign up using the code D86D. All participants signed up, will receive a medal.



Coats and Wellies!

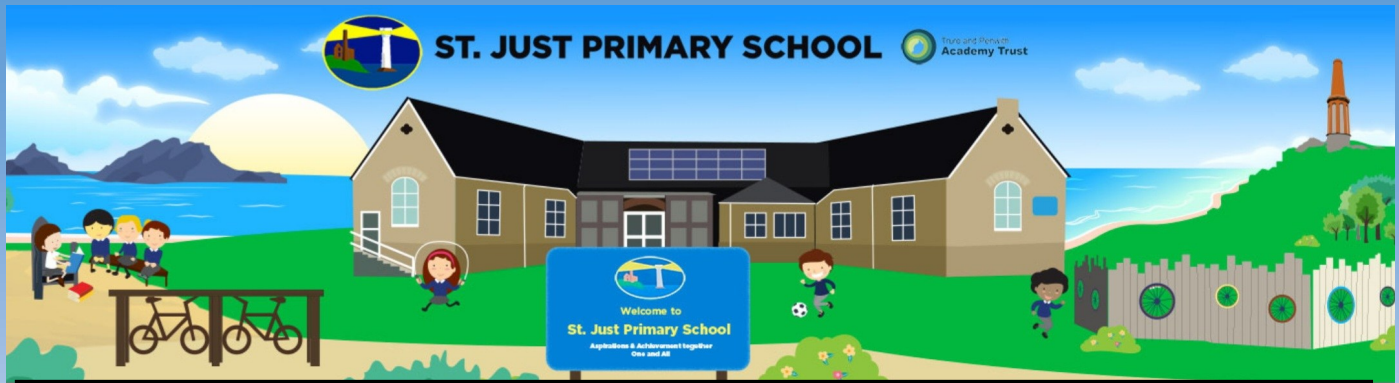
As the weather is turning, we also encourage children to bring a coat to school every day. We know St Just has it's own weather system which can turn quickly from sun to rain! Please ensure coats are named.

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.



Christmas Play Costume and **Christmas jumper Amnesty**



As we begin preparations for this year's Christmas play, we're holding a Costume Amnesty!

If you have any costumes from past school productions, nativity plays, or dress-up days (angels, shepherds, kings, animals, stars, etc.) that your child has outgrown, we'd love for you to donate them. These can then be reused by other children and help us reduce costs and waste this festive season.

We will also be holding a Christmas jumper amnesty. If you have any you wish to donate, please send in. There will be a stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Please send any clean, gently used costumes/jumpers to school by Friday 14th November. Please give to a member of our teaching team or drop into the office.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping make our Christmas play extra special (and sustainable)!

With Christmas sparkle,
Team St Just



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



Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Worried about your child's mental health?

*Come along to our mental health coffee morning hosted by Early Help
Penwith*

**Monday 10th November 9:30-11:30 St Johns
Hall, Penzance**

**Meet with other parents/carers and have a chat with our
friendly guest professionals from:**

**CAMHS
Mental Health Support Team
Education Inclusion Outreach
Targeted Youth Worker
Family Workers**



No need to book, please just pop in on the day ☺



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

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term we are offering FREE nature based creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall. Please book EACH child on to a session.

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:
The Core at St Ives Community Orchard - Thursday 30 October
Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October
We are also offering a Parentwell session at Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

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CORNWALL COUNCIL Together for Families www.cornwall.gov.uk

MBFDC FOOTBALL CAMPS

OCT HALF TERM

All children welcome to attend
 Have fun, score goals & play football!

MON 27TH & TUES 28TH OCT 2025

- ✓ UEFA/FA Qualified Staff & DBS Checked
- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Fun activities, matches & tournaments
- ✓ Penalty shootouts, prizes & more!

PLAYERS NEED:
 Packed lunch & drinks
 Wet weather clothing & spares!
 Football boots/trainers/shin pads

TIMES / AGES:
 School Years 2 - 8
 U7s - U13s
 10am - 3pm
 £18 (1 day) | £33 (2days)

MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G PITCH
 Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Online Registration Link www.mbfdc.co.uk

Visit the MBFDC website for further details!

Family Morning

Saturday 1st November

10.30am - 12.30 pm

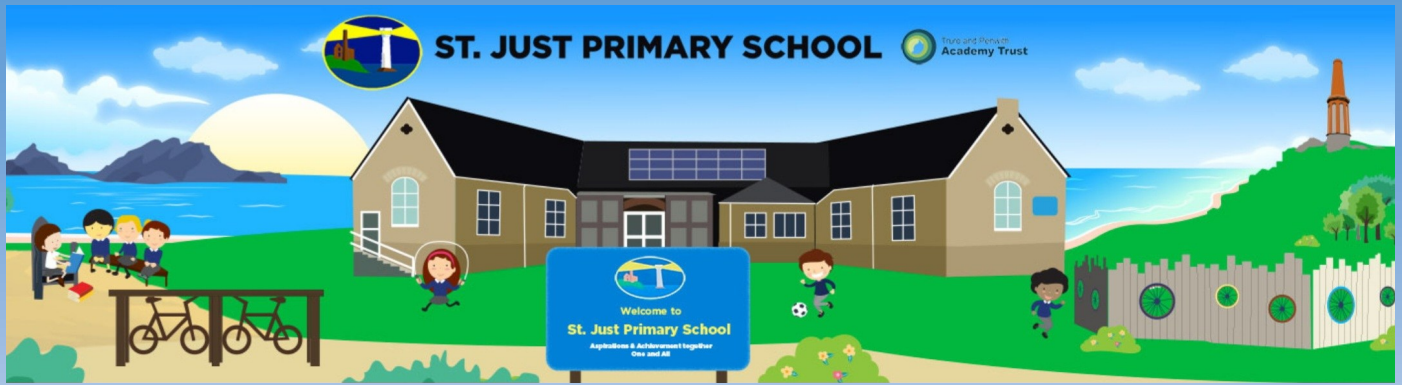
at
The Jackson Foundation Gallery

Free event for all ages

Create a pop-up bird card and find out more about the beautiful birds around us in Cornwall.

Art activity **Nature games**

Jackson Foundation
 North Row | St Just | TR19 7LB
 011736 787638



Autumn Family Craft Session

Lanterns & nature crafts to celebrate autumn!

Tuesday 21st October
10am-12pm
The Commercial, St Just

Ideal for ages 2-12

Under 2s & grown-ups free
£7.95 per child | £21 for 3



HALLOWEEN FAMILY CRAFT SESSION

Spooky fun this Half Term

Thursday 30th October
The Commercial, St Just

Ages 2-12

£7.95 per child
£21 for 3
Under 2s & adults free

COMMUNITY ACTION FESTIVAL

AT HUMPHRY DAVY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
12PM - 6PM

Free half-term family fun
Cost of living and wellbeing support

FREE FOOD

FAMILY ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

DISCOVER LOCAL SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

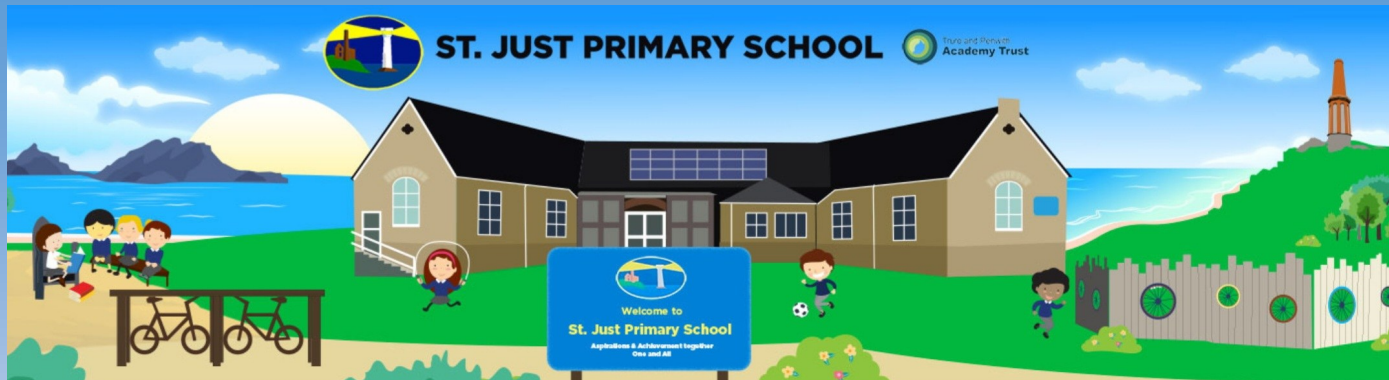
HOSTED BY ANDREW GEORGE MP



Believe Academy
FREE Open Day!

Saturday 18th October
Dance and singing workshops from 9am-3pm
Held @ Mounts bay school.
Open to everyone all ages and abilities welcome.





NHS
Cornwall Partnership
 NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust has its own Out of Hours telephone support provided by Support Matters Cornwall. This service operates from 5pm to 9am on weekdays and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holidays. The service is open to all patients (aged 16+) under the care of the Trust's mental health services. Support can be delivered over the telephone, via text, email or web chat. Call free on **0800 001 4330**.

family action | **Family Line**
0808 802 6666

ChildLine
0800 1111

0300 123 3393
www.mind.org.uk
mind
 for better mental health

Download this image onto your phone for **when you might need help**

Samaritans:
 Emotional support to anyone in distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide.
116 123
Shout:
 Text service, free on all major networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere.
 •If you're over 18, text the word SHOUT
 •Under 18s, text YH
Text: 85258

Cornwall's 24/7 NHS mental health support
 Call for free, anytime day or night if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health. The team behind the 24/7 open access telephone service will listen to you and determine how best to help.
0800 038 5300
Valued Lives:
 Supports people who are experiencing mental or emotional distress in Cornwall. Every day, 8.30pm - midnight.
01209 901438
 If you, or someone else, is in immediate danger call 999

www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth

If you're worried about a child:
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk

Penzance CTIPA Foodbank
 The CTIPA Foodbank in Penzance provides food for anyone in need. If their support would be helpful to you, just phone Vervan or Adele in the office in confidence on 01736 364087 and they can phone the Foodbank for you who will be able to help. The Foodbank are extremely busy at the moment and are very grateful for any donations.

citizens advice
0344 411 1444

ON YOUR SIDE NO MATTER WHAT
0800 58 58 58 THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT
 5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS
 CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING INSEPARABLY CALM

"It's alright to ask for help"
SAMARITANS
116 123

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE
0808 2000 247
 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE

AT HOME SHOULDN'T MEAN AT RISK
#YOUARENOTALONE
 TWO SUPPORT AT PENZANCE

WCWAid
 West Cornwall Women's Aid
01736 367539
<https://www.wcwaaid.co.uk/helpline>