



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, all our classes have been taking part in activities for Mental Health Week, including a 20-minute wellbeing session suggested by our School Council. These sessions gave everyone the chance to relax, reflect, and focus on positive mental health.

We received the results of the 'Right On' survey this week, which our current Year 5 and 6 pupils completed when they were in Years 4 and 5. This biennial consultation surveyed over 13,500 children and young people across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Pupils were asked if there was anything they wanted to say about their school. We have begun working through the results and will feed back the key information to you. It was great to see many of the pupils reflecting our school values with references to the kind and caring environment of the school.

Finally, our FSA are working hard behind the scenes with lots of exciting events coming up. Firstly, tomorrow they will be running the café at St Just Market in the WI Hall. Please go along and support them by enjoying a hot drink and cake/savoury. They have quite a few events lined up over the coming months in the lead up to Christmas. A 'Race Night' and the Christmas Fayre to look forward to are the main events so far. Tables for the Christmas Fayre are booking up fast — if you'd like to sell, please see a member of the FSA team. A huge thank you to our amazing FSA for all their efforts to support the school community!

I am looking forward to welcoming many of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students to Cape Cornwall School tomorrow. It was also lovely to see so many of our St Just Parents at the Year 7 Settling In Evening last night at Cape. You will all be pleased to hear what a brilliant start our outgoing Year 6s have made to life in secondary school.

Next week we are looking forward to seeing parents at our Parents Meeting. There will be members of our support staff and representatives from our pupil leadership team to meet and greet and direct you to where you need to be. It is not too late to book an appointment. Please call the office if you would like to book in.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. H. A. M.', followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Kindness

TATER DU	Elowen—for the kindness that she has shown. Elowen is fantastic at sharing and always has a smile on her face.
LONGSHIPS	Pip— for always showing kindness to his friends everyday.
ROUND ISLAND	Lexi for always showing kindness to her peers and the adults in school
SEVENSTONES	Erin—for showing kindness to her peers, not just this week—but always
BISHOP ROCK	Jasmina, for always being polite and respectful in the class room and around the school.
GODREVY	Theo—for your constant kindness, infectious positivity and for making us all laugh every day!
WOLF ROCK	Eleanor is always showing kindness through her eagerness to help others in the classroom, even the grown-ups!!

Lunchtime Legends

KS1—Morwenna	For good manners and trying new foods
KS2—Teddy	For having excellent manners



Maths Wizards of the Week

TATER DU	Ivy— Rose—For the super progress she has made in her understanding of repeated patterns. Well done Ivy-Rose!
LONGSHIP	Millie— for her great knowledge of greater than and less than.
ROUND ISLAND	Chester has worked really hard this week to lay his work out neatly to avoid any mistakes— keep going!
SEVENSTONES	Rebecca—for really trying hard when adding 3 digit numbers this week! We love your enthusiasm for learning!
BISHOP ROCK	Arthur B, for really getting to grips with rounding to 10 and 100.
GODREVY	Henry—for putting great effort into completing his arithmetic home-work and showing enthusiasm to check his answers are correct.
WOLF ROCK	Euan is consistently focused and engaged in his maths learning, showing his determination to succeed. Well done!



English Expert of the Week

TATER DU	Morwenna—for amazing us with her independent writing this week. Morwenna understood what she needed to do and surprised us all. What a star!
LONGSHIPS	Ella—for her amazing recall of our story 'Lost and Found'.
ROUND ISLAND	Robyn has really pushed herself to extend her sentences using interesting language and conjunctions— well done!
SEVENSTONES	Samuel—for impressing us with his vocabulary and use of inverted commas this week
BISHOP ROCK	Rupert—for writing some fantastic descriptive sentences based on our class book 'The Incredible Eating Boy'.
GODREVY	Orla—for reading your work aloud with great expression, helping bring your story to life and captivating us all.
WOLF ROCK	Abbie demonstrated excellent enthusiasm and engagement in her eagerness towards the climax of our first class text, Boy in the Tower. Well done!



ST. JUST PRIMARY SCHOOL



HOUSE POINTS



GEEVOR

This week: 76

Overall: 463

WHEAL DREA

This week: 71

Overall: 517

LEVANT

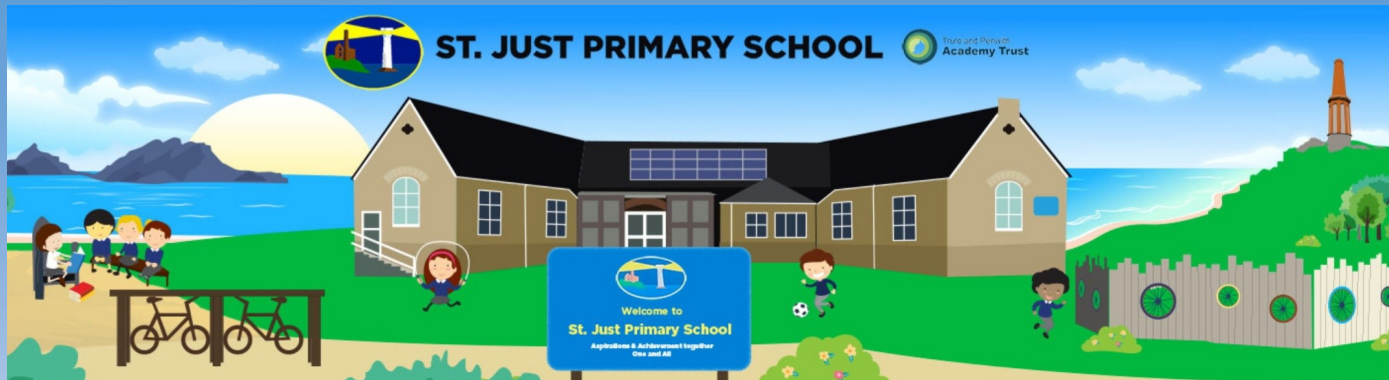
This Week: 59

Overall: 463

BOTALLACK

This week: 94

Overall: 485



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



Sevenstones—98.8%



Longships - 98.6%



Bishop Rock - 98.5%

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



95.5%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



98%

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.

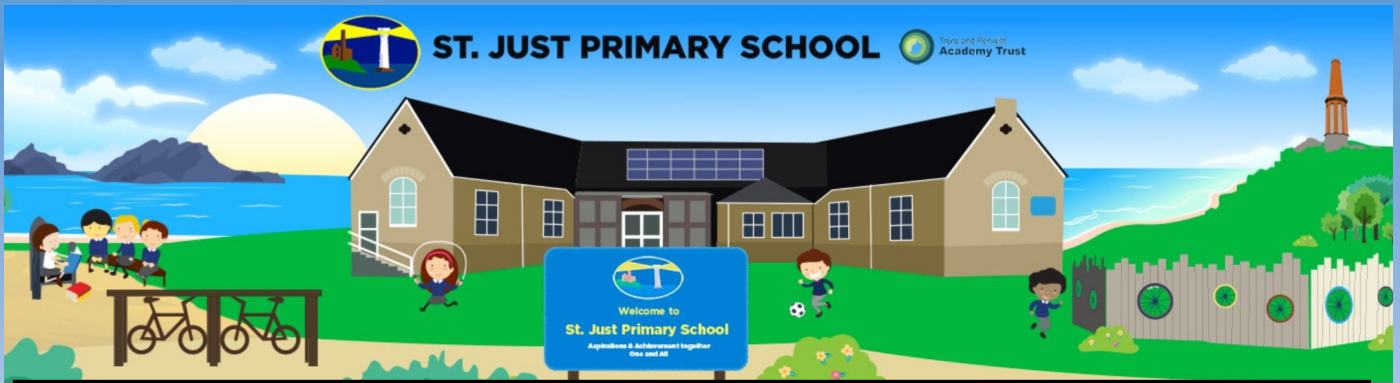
BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL REDUCES LEARNING TIME.

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!





Coats and Wellies!

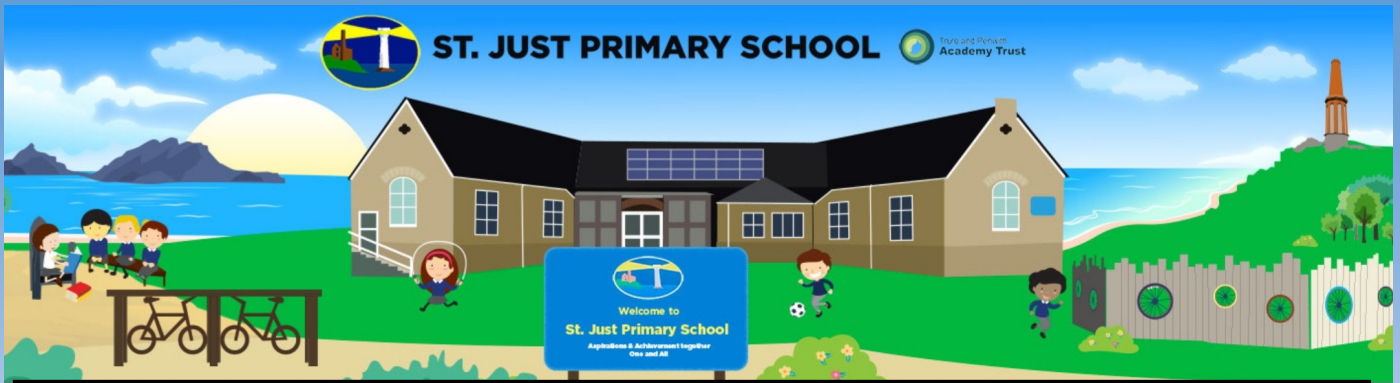
As the weather is turning, we also encourage children to bring a coat to school every day. We know St Just has it's own weather system which can turn quickly from sun to rain! Please ensure coats are named.

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!

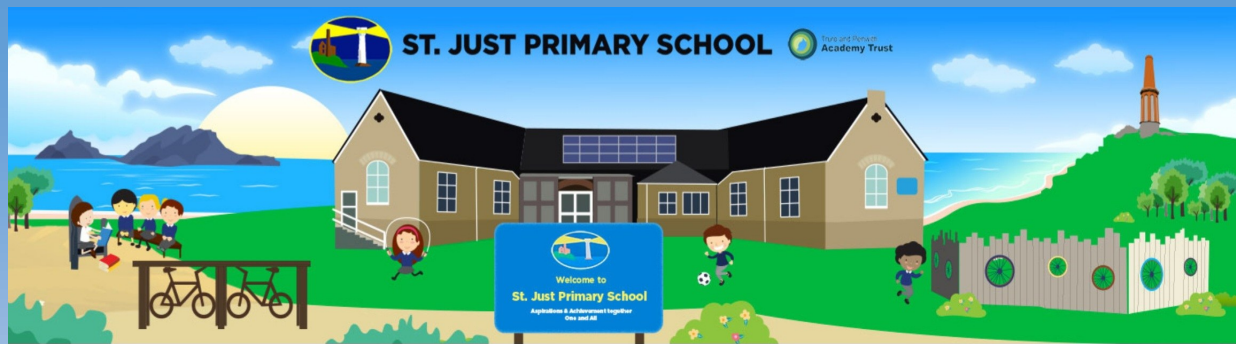
If you have any costumes from past school productions, nativity plays, or dress-up days (angels, shepherds, kings, animals, stars, etc.) that your child has outgrown, we'd love for you to donate them. These can then be reused by other children and help us reduce costs and waste this festive season.

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



DIARY DATES SO FAR...

MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER & TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER	NO CLUBS DUE TO PARENTS MEETINGS (only Wraparound)
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FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM (NORMAL TIME FINISH)
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HALF TERM 18TH OCTOBER—2ND NOVEMBER

NEW MENU COMING SOON! PLEASE LOOK ON NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	INSET DAY
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	CHANGE OF MENU—SPARKLE SPECTACULAR (MORE INFO SOON)
THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER	Y1 ST MICHAELS MOUNT TRIP (INFO ON ARBOR)
THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	OPEN AFTERNOON FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS (BOOK 1:30PM OR 2:15PM)
THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER	FLU IMMUNISATION (R TO Y6)
FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	NON UNIFORM DAY (CHOCOLATE RAFFLE) MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
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



Cross Country News

Well done to our cross country team this week who went to Mounts Bay on Wednesday after school. Our year 3, competed in the year 4 race! Well done to all involved.



Year 3

Rupert 7th

Erin 13th

Ellis 39th

Year 4

Millie 10th

Arthur 10th

Fred 17th

Tessa 36th



Year 5

Freddie 31st

Freia 16th Isla 21st

Paige 32nd Flora 44th



Year 6

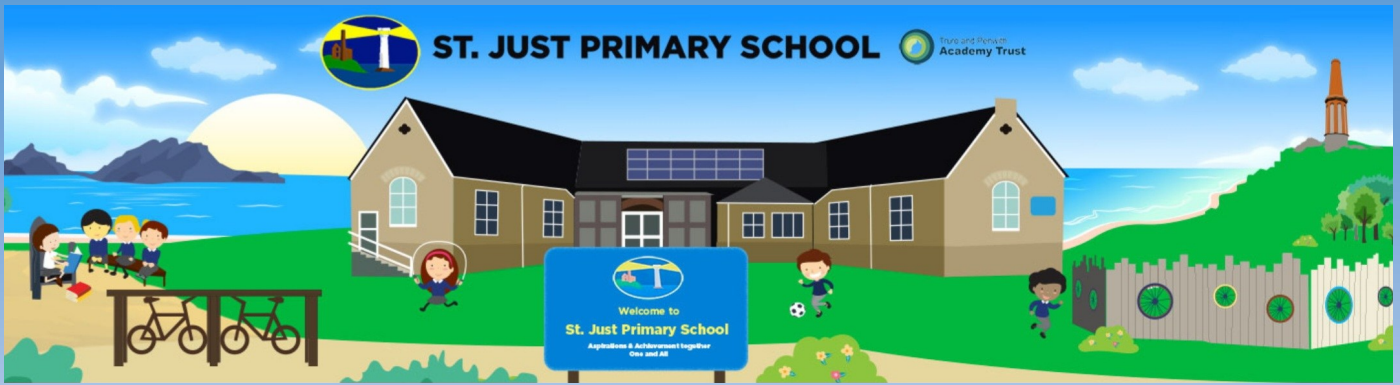
Amber 4th Bella 19th

Charlie 7th Taylor 21st

Rex 22nd Owen 24th

Thelo 26th Odin 27th





Gymnast Success!

Well done to Macy who has been, once again, been excelling in gymnastics.

Last weekend she travelled to Exeter to compete in the South West classic championships. She was competing at a level above her usual level...and she absolutely smashed it!

Macy placed in silver on the bars and ended up being in third place overall. This was definitely the toughest

competition Macy has ever competed in! She showed true determination, perseverance and enthusiasm.

Well done Macy, we are all very proud of you.





Pirates

Some of our year 3 children had the chance to be in the guard of honour for the Penzance Pirates game last weekend.





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.

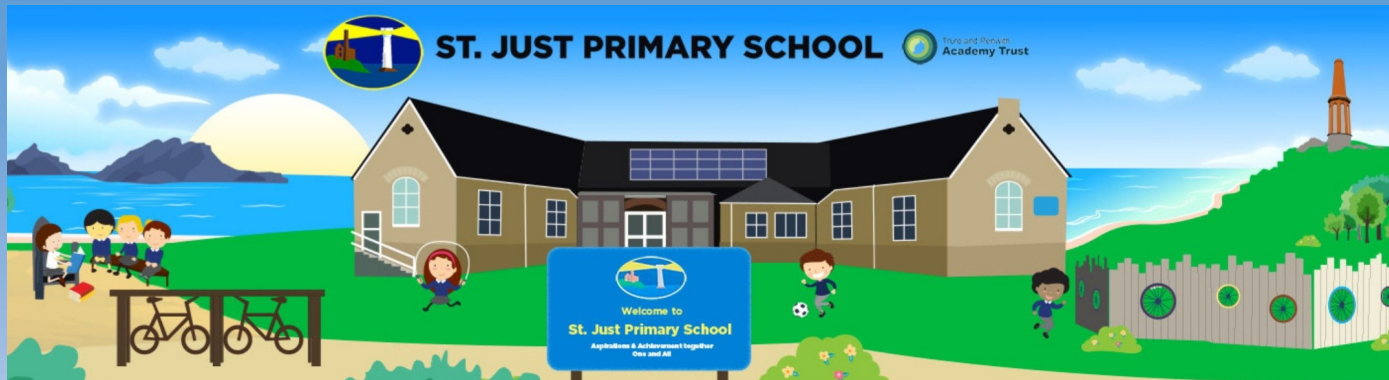
If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, 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



NHS
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

**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:**

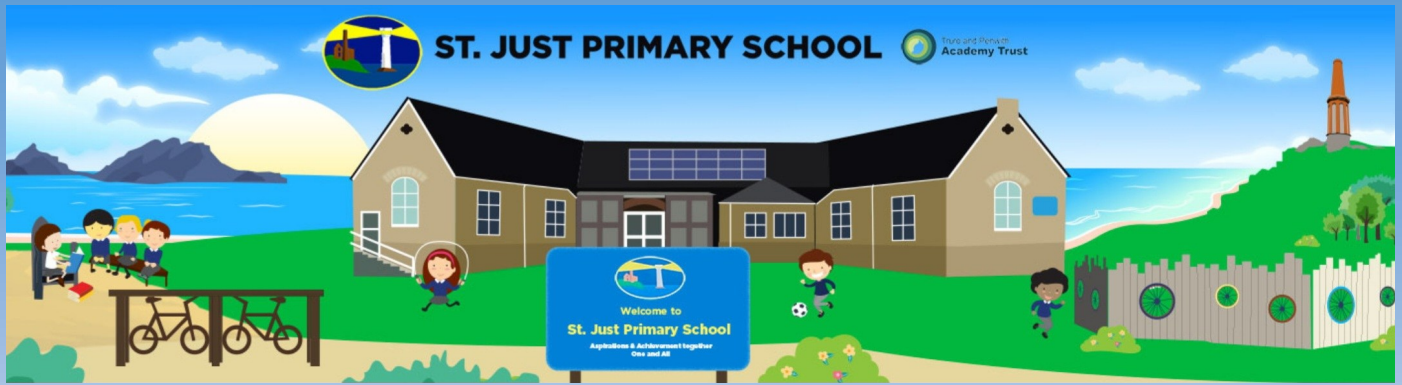
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**Follow us on Facebook for updates and
upcoming events:**

Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)





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.

Email: info@believeacademy@gmail.com Phone: 07919062831 Facebook: Believe Academy Penzance

Family Morning

Saturday 1st November

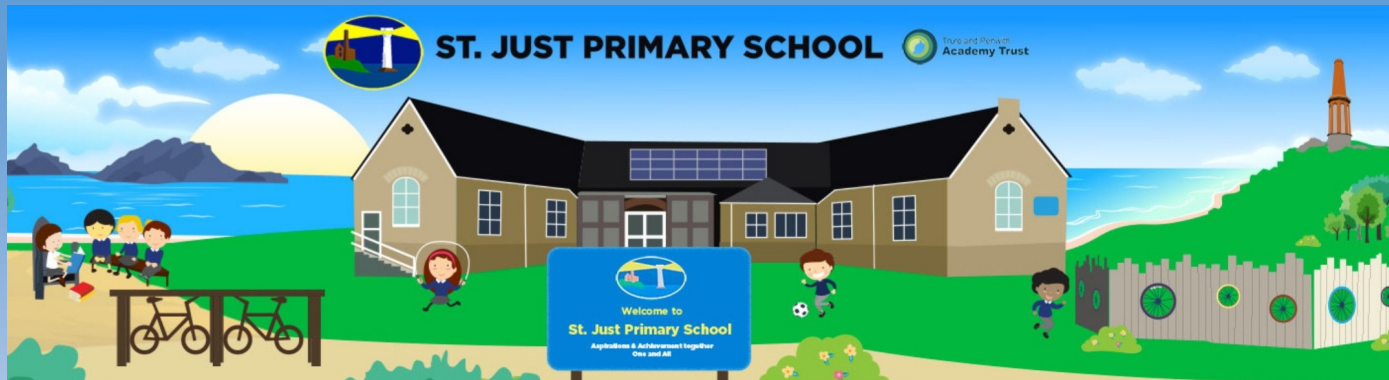
10.30am - 12.30 pm
 at
 The Jackson Foundation Gallery

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
 info@jackson.com jacksonfoundation.org.uk +44 (0)1736 757038



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 INESCAPABLY 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>