



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week at St Just Primary. The sunshine has allowed pupils to spend plenty of time on the field, which has been thoroughly enjoyed by all. As the season begins to change, we would like to remind families that wellies will soon be needed to ensure children can continue to make the most of outdoor learning and play.

This week, Key Stage 2 pupils had the opportunity to experience a visit from the Space Dome, which took place at Cape Cornwall School. The interactive sessions covered a wide range of scientific themes, from the study of light to the exploration of the planets. It was an engaging and memorable experience that supported their learning in an exciting way. It was great to be able to use the space at Cape with another opportunity for children to spend time in their local secondary.

On Thursday, Miss Matthews and Mrs Mackie prepared and served a delicious lunch of chilli and nachos. This meal was greatly enjoyed by both pupils and staff, and we would like to thank them for their efforts in making lunchtimes such a positive part of the school day.

Our wraparound care provision continues to grow, and to support this development we now have a bell on the gate to alert staff when families arrive. We are also pleased to share details of some of the activities planned for next week. On Wednesday, pupils will be able to take part in a special Dance Day, and on Friday we will be holding a Film Friday with the film being Horton hears a who.

Letters have now been sent home regarding parent meetings, which will take place during the week beginning 13th October. We are very much looking forward to meeting with parents to discuss how they have settled in to their new classes.

Thank you for your continued support of all that we do at St Just Primary. We look forward to another busy and enjoyable week ahead.

Yours faithfully

Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Perseverance

TATER DU	Ethan—For showing super perseverance in phonics this week and believing in himself, even when he found it tricky. Keep it up Ethan—you are a star!
LONGSHIPS	Freddie - for showing perseverance in all you do, and striving to always be your best.
ROUND ISLAND	Louie—for persevering with his work in Year 2 this week. You can do more than you realise! Keep going!
SEVENSTONES	Maisie—for not giving up during Maths this week. You are amazing! Don't forget that!
BISHOP ROCK	Alfie, for demonstrating perseverance in his learning.
GODREVVY	Lilly W—for persevering when facing her fears of the unknown in the Space Dome.
WOLF ROCK	Khloe - For fantastic perseverance in all your learning every day, always giving 100% to everything asked of you! Well done!



Our stars of the week now have a weekly slot on our special STAR table! Who will be here next week?



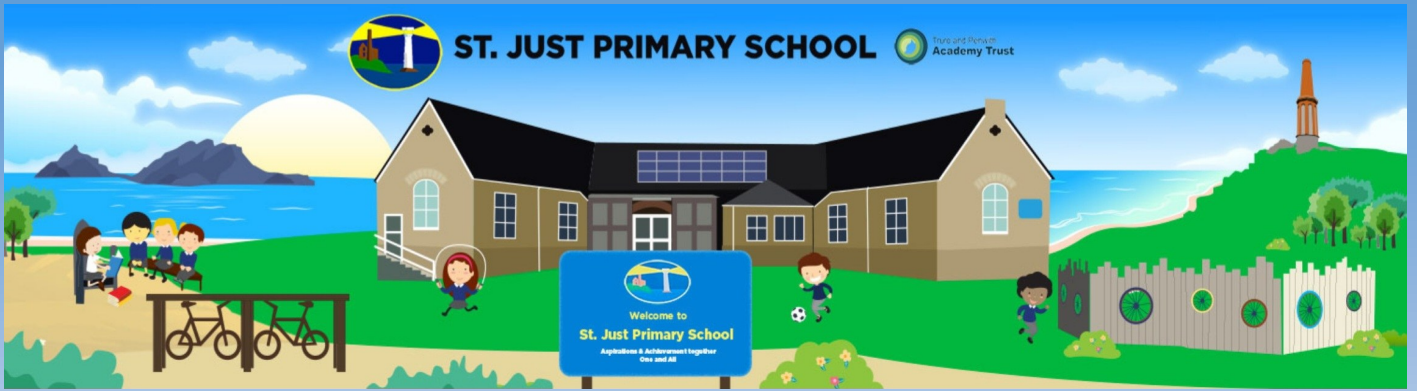
Lunchtime Legends

Ernie—KS1

Being amazing at lunchtime

Alyssa—KS2

Always being kind and polite



HOUSE POINTS



GEEVOR

421

WHEAL DREA

474

LEVANT

423

BOTALLACK

441



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



Tater Du and Longships—100%



Bishop Rock—99.2%



Godrevy—99%

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



95.5%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



98.1%

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.

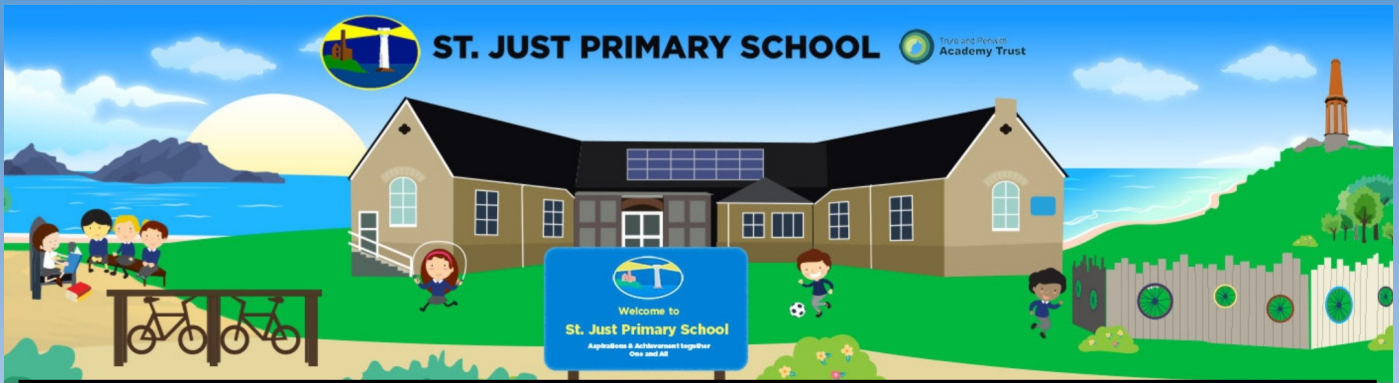
BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL REDUCES LEARNING TIME.

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!





Medicines

We want to make sure every child is safe, comfortable, and well cared for during the school day. To help us do this, please keep us updated about any medical needs your child may have.

- A medical form must be completed for all medicines – whether short-term or long-term.
- This includes inhalers that are kept in school and used regularly.
- If your child has an inhaler or other long term medication in school, we'd like to invite you in to complete a new form so our records stay up to date with their needs. Please could we have new inhalers for the start of the year.

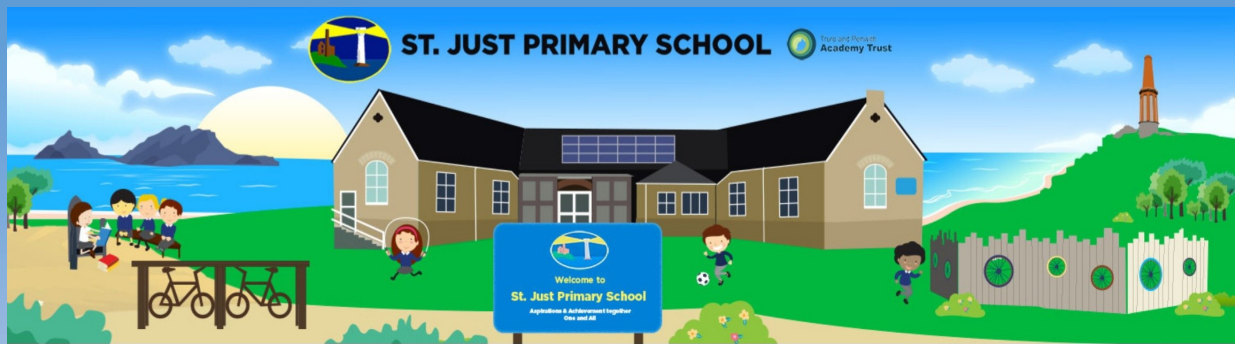
Thank you for working with us to keep your child safe and healthy at school.

Water bottles and coats

Children are encouraged to bring their water bottles everyday. They can refill during the day if they manage to empty them.

We do ask that all water bottles are named—as losing bottles does upset the children.

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.



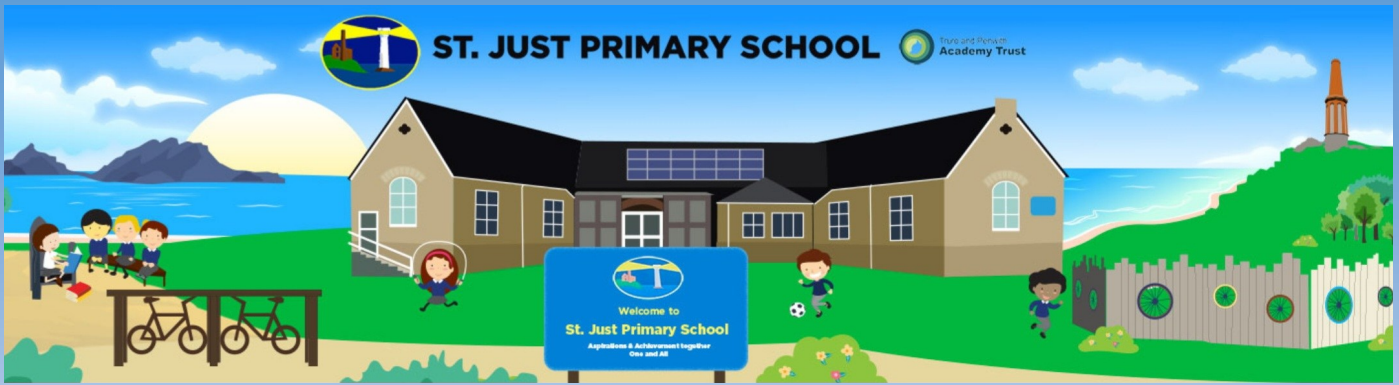
DIARY DATES SO FAR...

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER	CROSS COUNTRY AT MOUNTS BAY
MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER & TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER	NO CLUBS DUE TO PARENTS MEETINGS (only Wraparound)
FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM (NORMAL TIME FINISH)
HALF TERM 18TH OCTOBER—2ND NOVEMBER	
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 COMING SOON)
THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	OPEN AFTERNOON FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS
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
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER	KS1 NATIVITY 1:30PM AND 6PM
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER	KS2 NATIVITY
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER	CAROL CONCERT 1:15PM
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM—1:15PM FINISH



Our 'Jungle Feast' served on Thursday 2nd October was devoured by the pupils (and staff!).

Thank you Miss Matthews and Mrs Mackie!



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.

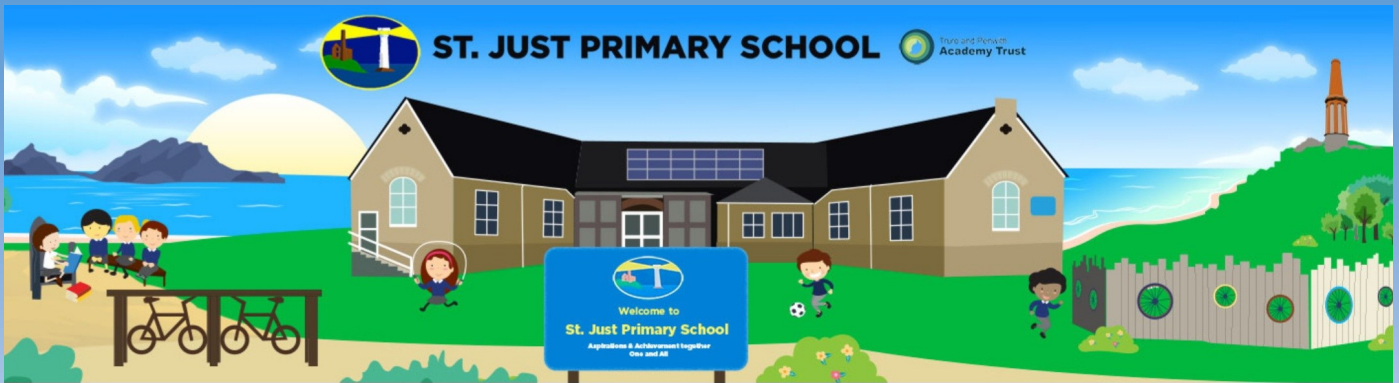
If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent,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

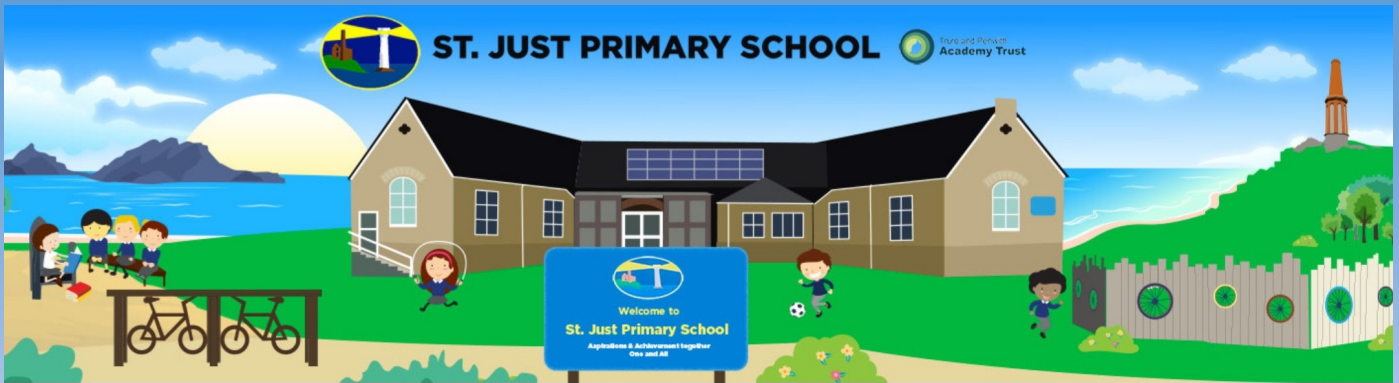


Parents meetings in October

During the week of Monday 13th October, we will be inviting parents to come and have a 5/10 minute appointment with teachers to see how their child has settled in so far to their new year group. Please note the dates available for your child's class. Forms to sign up will come out in a couple of week.

Many thanks

Class Name and Teacher	Day of the Week
Tater Du Mrs Burlton	Tuesday 14th October Wednesday 15th October
Longships Mrs Earley	Monday 13th October Wednesday 15th October
Round Island Miss Steele	Tuesday 14th October Wednesday 15th October
Sevenstones Mrs Bird and Mr Matthews	Monday 13th October Tuesday 14th October
Bishop Rock Mr Kevern	Monday 13th October Tuesday 14th October
Godrevy Miss Trenoweth	Monday 13th October Tuesday 14th October
Wolf Rock Mr Curnow	Wednesday 15th October Thursday 16th October



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, any time 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, 3.30pm - 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

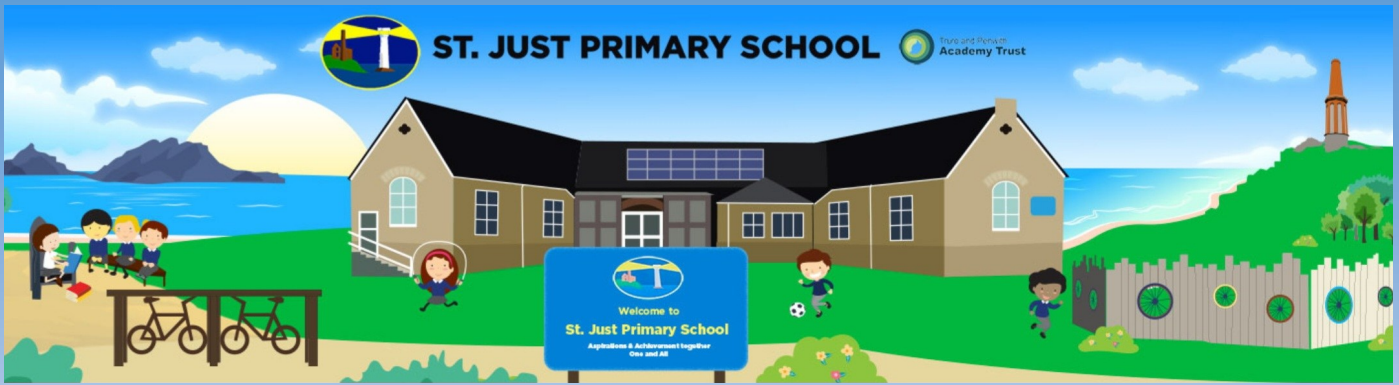
ON YOUR SIDE NO MATTER WHAT
 0800 58 58 58 | THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT
 SPANISH | FRENCH | CONFIDENTIAL | BILINGUAL
 CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING INSEPARABLY CALM

"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
 THIS SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE 24/7

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



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