

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer, whether you stayed local or travelled further afield. It is now that time where we all gear up to our children going back to school, college or perhaps starting a new challenge by leaving home to take up a place in Higher Education. It was lovely to see so many Cape Cornwall School students in person a couple of weeks' ago as they picked up their GCSE results. There were lots of smiles and celebrations as the young people and their families contemplated their next steps. It was even more special this year, as some families have children in both schools so I was able to say 'hi' to some of our St Just children.

It was fabulous last year to be able to get to know our St Just Primary children and their families. It has given me such a wider view of the community that both schools serve: it is a huge privilege to work in St Just and to be able to work with our staff teams, our parents and children and the wider community in order to shape our educational provision going forwards. All of the staff at St Just are excited to meet our new 'Tater Du' pupils and Cape staff can't wait to welcome our new Year 7 into Cape as they transition into their new school. Both staff teams will increasingly focus on the whole educational experience for the children in our catchment—this will help the schools go from strength to strength.

In 'other news', our 'Trim Trail' (outdoor assault course) is now in place. A massive thanks to everyone who has been part of this and especially to our school FSA, who worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds. We are also planning to invite Year 6 (now Year 7) back to St Just to try it out—after all, they were here when all the fundraising and planning happened!

In this newsletter, you will find key information to support the return to school. This includes information about our Arbor communication app; key school term dates for the year; the dates for our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings; information about Breakfast Club / Wraparound Care and school attendance. The Education Secretary, Brigitte Phillipson spoke on the BBC earlier where she shared some troubling data that demonstrated that where children miss school in the first week or two, a large number go on to have low attendance all year. Our sector is still working to restore attendance to pre-pandemic levels. After an excellent year last year for attendance, let's all do our best to make attendance at St Just Primary the best ever this year!

I hope you find this initial newsletter useful and I will look forward to seeing you all 'on the school gate' in the days ahead.

Yours faithfully

Headteacher



## Updates to Communication and Payment Systems

This academic year, we have moved all of our communication and payment systems to Arbor. After a gradual transition throughout the 2024/25 year, we are now ready to use Arbor fully across the school.

### **What This Means for You**

#### **Communication**

- You will now receive messages either through the Arbor app (for quick updates) or via email to the address we have on file.
- Reporting Absences: Absences can now be reported directly in the Arbor app. You are still welcome to phone the school, but please be assured that the app is monitored daily.

#### **Payments**

##### School Meals

- Meal payments can now be topped up directly through the Arbor app.
- Meals are £2.75 per day for children in Key Stage 2 who are not entitled to free school meals.

##### Wraparound Care

#### **Breakfast Club**

You have two payment options:

1. Top up in advance — Add funds to your child's Breakfast Club account; the cost of each session will be deducted weekly.
2. Pay afterwards — Allow your child to attend and settle the balance later.

If your child attends Breakfast Club regularly, you can book their sessions in advance via the Arbor app.

#### **After School Club**

- This is a pay-in-advance club.
- Please use the Arbor app to select and pay for the days and sessions you wish your child to attend.

##### Trips and Events

- Most trips will now be available to sign up and pay for through Arbor.
- Occasionally, additional paper forms may still be required for specific trips or permissions.

Thank you for your support as we move to a simpler, more efficient system for communication and payments. If you have any questions or need assistance with the Arbor app, please contact the school office.

If you have money on Parentmail, we can refund this to you—please bear with us.



## Meet the Teacher meetings in September

Over the next 2 weeks, we warmly invite you to meet your child's new class teacher and find out more about what they will be learning in the upcoming academic year.

Please find the meeting dates listed below. All meetings will take place in the classroom and will begin at 2:45pm.

We hope to see you there!

Many thanks

<b>New Term Begins Tuesday, 2nd September</b>	<b>Class name and Year Group</b>	<b>Teacher and TA</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Sevenstones Year 3	Mrs Bird and Mr Matthews Mrs Denley
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Bishop Rock Year 4	Mr Kevern Miss Dowling
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Godrevy Year 5	Miss Trenoweth Mrs Harradine and Mrs Carew
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Longships Year 1	Mrs Earley Mrs Parsons
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Round Island Year 2	Miss Steele Mrs Gwynn and Mrs Fanelli
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Wolf Rock Year 6	Mr Curnow Mrs Carew and Mrs Harradine



## **A Reminder About Honesty and School Attendance.**

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of the importance of being open and honest when reporting a child's absence from school.

Good attendance is essential to every child's education, and while we understand that absences can happen for a range of genuine reasons, it is vital that the school is given

*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. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.*





All absences are routinely monitored by both the Trust and the Local Authority. As part of this process, schools are expected to keep clear and consistent records, and to follow up on any unexplained or unusual absence patterns. We therefore ask all families to support us by:

- Contacting the school on each day of absence, giving a clear reason.
- Provide evidence of medical appointments where necessary.
- Being prepared to provide further details or evidence where needed.

**Completing an Exceptional Circumstances Form** in advance of any planned or prolonged absence. This includes situations such as family events, travel, or other circumstances where your child will miss school for more than a day.

The Exceptional Circumstances Form is available from the school office. It must be completed in advance of any planned absence, and allows us to consider and record your circumstances appropriately. Please note that holidays during term time cannot be authorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances and we will seek advice on this where necessary.

In addition to this we would like to ask that when addressing and discussing matters regarding attendance, that our staff are treated with respect and kindness at all times, taking into account that we are simply following the protocol that has been set by the Department of Education and then implemented at Trust, Local Authority and then school level.

We are grateful to all our families who maintain honest and open communication with us — this partnership is key to supporting children's wellbeing, education, and safety.

Thank you for your continued support.



## **TERM DATES 2025-2026**

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2025</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset Day School Closed
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>SCHOOL STARTS</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Inset Day School Closed
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SCHOOL STARTS</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>SPRING TERM 2026</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day School Closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>SCHOOL STARTS</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day School Closed
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>SCHOOL STARTS</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>END OF TERM</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM 2026</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>SCHOOL STARTS</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>END OF TERM</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>SCHOOL STARTS</b>
FRIDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025 - LAST DAY OF TERM	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>



**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

WORLD  
Week 1

Spring Summer  
2025  
21/04/25, 12/05/25,  
02/06/25, 23/06/25,  
14/07/25, 04/08/25,  
25/08/25, 15/09/25,  
06/10/25

MONDAY

All Day Breakfast

Cheesy Masala  
Pizza Naan  
and Wedges

Baked Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Toffee  
Biscuit Bars

TUESDAY

Mild Chilli Con  
Carne with Rice

Vegetable Bean  
Chilli with Rice

Green Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Classic  
Trifle

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork,  
New Potatoes  
and Gravy

Vegetable and  
Stuffing Loaf with  
New Potatoes

Carrots and  
Cabbage

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Bananas &  
Custard

THURSDAY

Greek Meatballs  
with  
Diced Potatoes

Falafels in Pita  
with  
Diced Potatoes

Vegetable  
Medley

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Strawberry and  
Pineapple Jelly

FRIDAY

Golden Fish  
Fingers or  
Salmon Fingers  
and Chips

Cheesy Bean Wrap  
with Chips

Peas

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Coconut Crisp  
Bar

DAILY SALAD BOWL,  
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,  
YOGHURTS AND  
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA  
TWIRLER

AVAILABLE  
EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta  
topped with  
Homemade  
Tomato Sauce &  
Cheese

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

WORLD  
Week 2

Spring Summer  
2025  
28/04/25, 19/05/25,  
09/06/25, 30/06/25,  
21/07/25, 11/08/25,  
01/09/25, 22/09/25,  
13/10/25

MONDAY

Beef  
Bolognese  
Pasta

Veggie  
Bolognese  
Pasta

Sweetcorn  
and Peas

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Jam Sponge  
and Custard

TUESDAY

Chicken Korma  
Curry with Rice

Vegetable  
Korma Curry  
with Rice

Green Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Watermelon  
Wedge

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon,  
Skin on Roasties  
and Gravy

Maple Roasted  
Sweet Potato Filo  
Pie with Skin on  
Roasties

Mixed Greens

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Oaty  
Cornflake  
Crunch Bar

THURSDAY

Chinese Style  
Chicken Noodles

Veggie Chinese  
Style Noodles

Carrots and  
Green Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Apple Sponge  
Pudding

FRIDAY

Battered Fish  
and Chips

Cheese & Onion  
Burger  
and Chips

Baked  
Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Vanilla  
Cookie

DAILY SALAD BOWL,  
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,  
YOGHURTS AND  
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA  
TWIRLER

AVAILABLE  
EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta  
topped with  
Homemade  
Tomato Sauce &  
Cheese



# LUNCHTIME

WORLD

Week 3

Spring Summer  
2025  
05/05/25, 26/05/25,  
16/06/25, 07/07/25,  
28/07/25, 18/08/25,  
08/09/25, 29/09/25,  
20/10/25



THE  
**MAIN  
EVENT**

BBQ Sweetcorn  
Pizza Slice  
with Wedges



MEAT-FREE  
**MAGIC**  
Veggie Dish

Macaroni  
Cheese



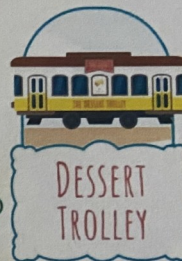
RAINBOW  
**ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Salads

Green Salad



**BIG  
TOPPING**  
Filled Jackets

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo



DESSERT  
**TROLLEY**

Strawberry  
Frozen  
Yoghurt



AVAILABLE DAILY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Mild Chicken  
Tikka Biryani

Veggie Bean  
Fajita with Rice

Green Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Coconut  
Cookies

Roast Chicken,  
Stuffing, Skin on  
Roasties and Gravy

Cheese and  
Potato Pie  
with Skin on  
Roasties & Gravy

Carrots  
and Peas

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Peach &  
Pineapple  
Jelly

Pineapple  
Chicken Rundown  
with Rice

Sweet Potato  
Coconut Bean Stew  
with Rice

Sweetcorn

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Toffee Apple  
Crumble  
and Custard

Golden Fish  
Fingers  
and Chips

Vegetable Fingers  
and Chips

Baked  
Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Brookie  
(Brownie &  
Cookie Mix)



AVAILABLE  
EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta  
topped with  
Homemade  
Tomato Sauce &  
Cheese