



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week it has been, and what a wonderful sense of community we have felt in school over the past few days. We are delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

On Tuesday, we hosted an Autism Drop-In Café for parents. It was fantastic to welcome so many of you, and we hope those who attended found it supportive and informative.

On Wednesday, our Year 5/6 pupils visited Cape, where they enjoyed a special assembly with Year 7 students from the Acorn Theatre. The session promoted an exciting new after-school club that will be running at the Acorn in the new year. Year 5/6 also returned to Cape later in the day to take part in a Multiskills afternoon led by talented Year 10 students—an experience they thoroughly enjoyed.

Yesterday brought one of the most joyful events of the season: our Christmas Fayre. We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your generosity, we raised over £3,098.49, which means our target for the outdoor classroom has now been met. The fayre had a truly warm community spirit, and it was lovely to see former pupils returning to join in the festivities.

We would also like to give a very special mention to our incredible FSA, who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes since September—organising raffles, preparing stalls, and making sure every detail was in place. Without their dedication, none of this would have been possible. You are a very special bunch of ladies who truly capture the essence of St Just Primary, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.



We are also proud to share that our Christmas tree in the Miners Chapel has been decorated this year with the theme of the festive classic Jingle Bell Rock. The annual Christmas Tree Festival opens this weekend and will run throughout the festive period. Our staff will be running the café on Tuesday 16th—we would love to see you there!

Finally, a reminder not to miss the Light Switch-On in the Square this evening. Our school choir will perform at 6pm, with the lights being switched on at 7pm. You may even catch a special appearance from Father Christmas between performances! After the switch-on, families are welcome to continue the celebrations at the disco at The Commercial.

Wishing you all a magical weekend.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'K Bird'.

Mrs Bird

Deputy Headteacher

On behalf of Mr Hall



DIARY DATES SO FAR...

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON—CHOIR 6pm and Switch on at 7pm followed by a Disco in The Commercial.
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER	KS1 NATIVITY 1:30PM AND 6PM
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY—DRESS FESTIVE!
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER	YEAR 3 BRASS CONCERT—coffee from 9am—concert 9:30am (until 10ish)
MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER	COMMUNITY CONCERT AT THE MINER'S CHAPEL—CHOIR TO SING
TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER	STAFF RUNNING THE CAFÉ AT THE MINERS CHAPEL—come and visit
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



STARS OF THE WEEK

Perseverance

TATER DU	Kyro - For showing wonderful perseverance throughout this week and feeling much more confident in making contributions to our whole class learning.
LONGSHIPS	To Millie, for showing great perseverance in all her learning and never giving up. We are very proud of you well done Mille!
ROUND ISLAND	Zack for persevering emotionally and academically. You have worked so hard this week and I am so proud of you! Keep it up!
SEVENSTONES	Lev—for always persevering to be the best version of himself. He endeavours to produce the highest quality work every day. Keep it up!
BISHOP ROCK	Emmie—for showing perseverance in all areas of learning in year 4
GODREVY	Jack—for showing real perseverance and determination I completing some of the DecemBAR challenges in maths this week.
WOLF ROCK	Zenna - For fantastic perseverance learning her part and preparing for our play, NaTWITity, but especially for her amazing singing.

Lunchtime Legends

KS1— Finn	Having amazing manners
KS2— Brendan	Always being polite and asking how you are!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



Sevenstones—98.8%



Bishop Rock - 98.5%



Tater Du—98.44%

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



94.3%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



97.35%

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

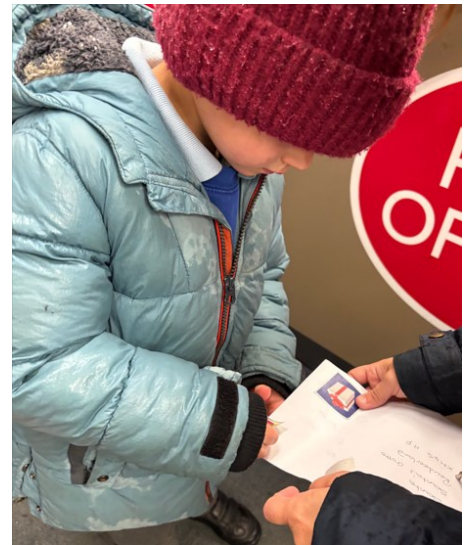
IF YOUR CHILD IS 15 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY THEY WILL MISS 2 WEEKS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR.

MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!



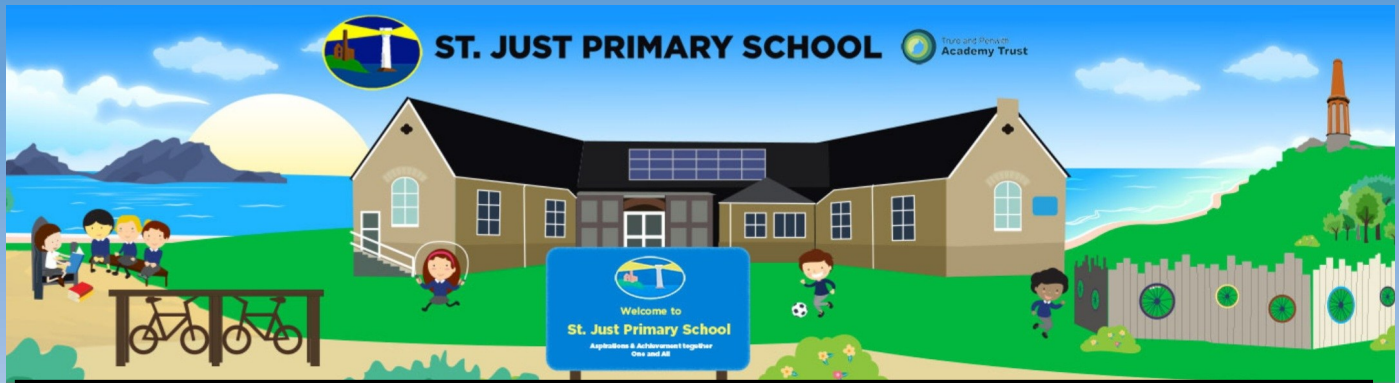


On Thursday Tater Du wrapped up warm and walked up to the post office to buy a stamp for our letters to Father Christmas. The children practised what to say and showed wonderful manners — the grown-ups were very impressed! After buying our stamps, we crossed the road to post our letters in the post box. Before letting go, we all closed our eyes and sent a Christmas wish on its way.

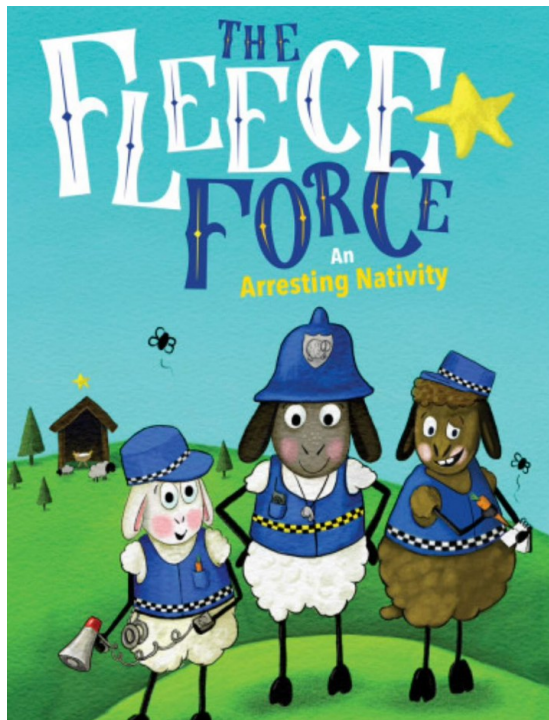


A big thank you to Pat and Rachel in the post office for serving us and being so patient.





EYFS and KS1 present...



Wednesday 10th December 2025

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

We have a very limited number of
seats left for each performance.

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

Many Thanks

Year 6 present...

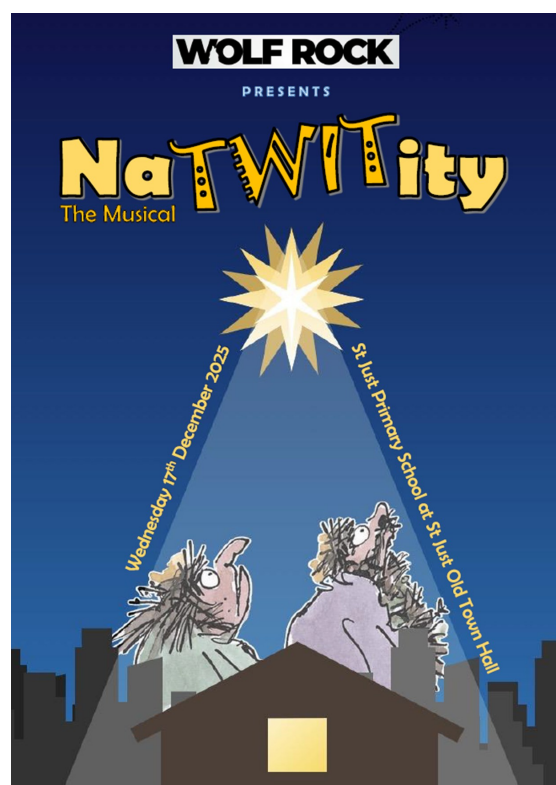
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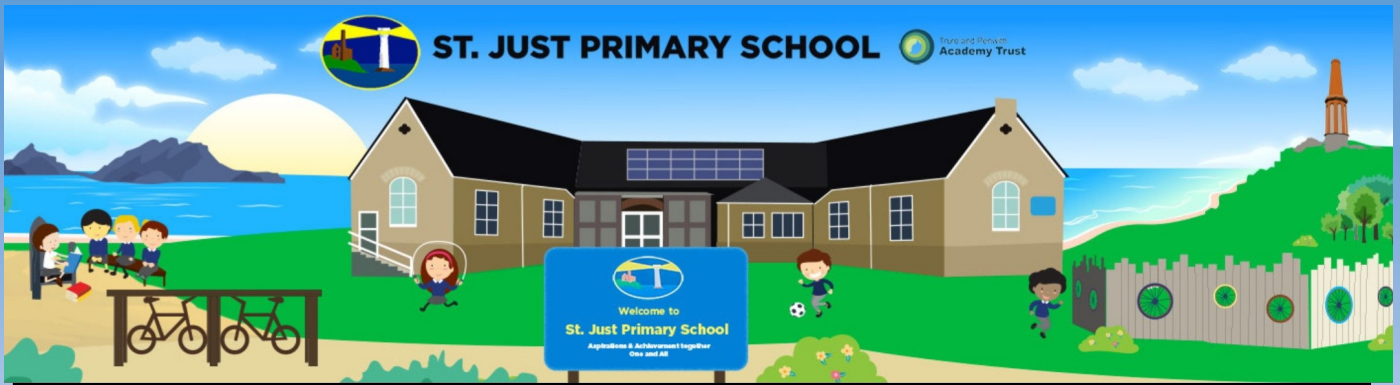
Performances at 1:30pm and
6pm at The Old Town Hall.

Tickets are £5 and on SALE NOW,
click on the poster or visit:

<https://www.minack.com/whats-on/natwitivity>

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





Thank you to all who have purchased a tea towel so far.

We still have a few left if you are looking for a last minute Christmas gift.

We now have a card reader in school for payments if required.

Keepsake Tea Towels



£6 each



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Academy Trust



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7 DEC	14 DEC	ADULTS
SANTA	SANTA	£15
REINDEERS	THE DANCING FLEA ORCHESTRA	CHILDREN FREE
PENDEEN SILVER BAND	TOWNSHEND LOVE TO SING CHOIR	(PRICE INCLUDES A GIFT FROM SANTA AND ALL ACTIVITIES)

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POST A LETTER TO SANTA UNDERGROUND ~ REINDEER TRAIL

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS

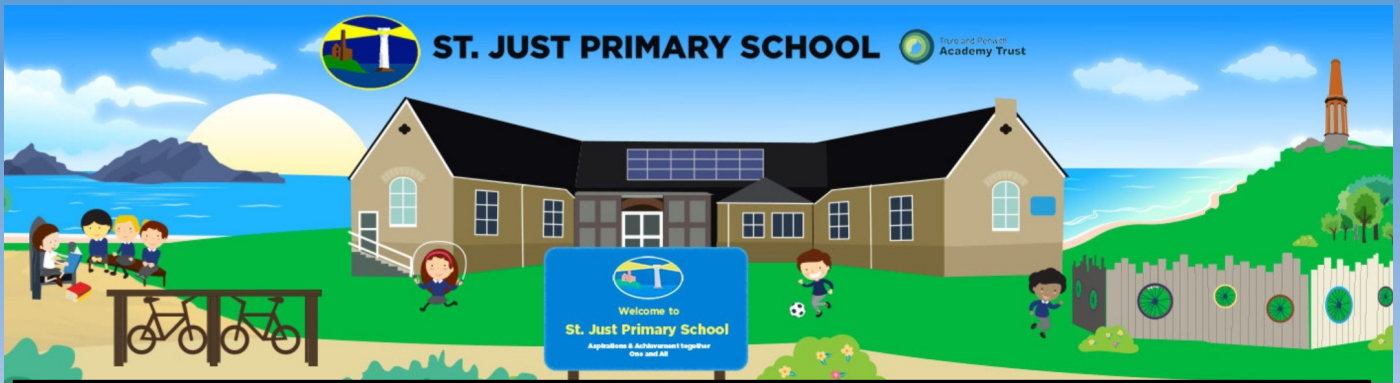
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CHRISTMAS 2025

- Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more – for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays on 22nd Dec, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 2nd Jan

Scan here
to book!





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