



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week it has been in school!

Our children have been working incredibly hard as they completed assessments across the school. We are so proud of the resilience, perseverance and positivity they have shown throughout—well done to each and every one of them.

Today we were treated to a very special musical experience as the Elmore String Quartet visited us. Their wonderful performance of classical pieces captivated the whole school and created a lovely atmosphere to end the week.

Our Year 6 pupils have had an unforgettable residential trip to Plymouth. Their adventures included skiing on the dry ski slopes, exploring the aquarium after dark; and enjoying a magical performance of 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' at the Theatre Royal. They have returned full of stories, smiles and memories we're sure they'll treasure for years to come. A big thank you to Mr Curnow, Mr Kevern, Mrs Snelson and Mr Corser who have given up their time and made the trip extra special for all of the children.

Children in Year 5 have also been busy this week, taking part in football and netball matches. They represented the school brilliantly, showing fantastic enthusiasm, superb sportsmanship and excellent teamwork throughout. We are extremely proud of them. Thank you also to our parents who have not only transported their child but given valuable support on the sidelines.



Across the school, classes are beginning to feel very festive as they start decorating in preparation for our Christmas Fayre, which will take place next Thursday from 2pm–4pm. A big thank you to everyone who brought in a jingle jar today—these will make a wonderful addition to the stall next week.

A gentle reminder that KS1 performance costumes are due in by Wednesday. If you haven't sent them in yet, please do so as soon as possible so staff can ensure everything is ready for the children.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff, who have gone above and beyond this week while we have a number of colleagues unwell. Their dedication and care for our children and school community is truly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another joyful and busy week ahead!

Yours Faithfully

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

Mrs Bird

Deputy Headteacher



DIARY DATES SO FAR...

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER	TPAT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT—TRURO
TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER	PARENT AUTISM CAFE
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER	HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS RECEPTION AND Y6
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS FAYRE (2pm-4pm) Collection letters are out—2pm, 2:30pm, 3pm
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON—CHOIR 6PM
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER	KS1 NATIVITY 1:30PM AND 6PM
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY—DRESS FESTIVE! Please pre-order using the form from school.
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER	YEAR 3 BRASS CONCERT
MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER	COMMUNITY CONCERT AT THE MINER'S CHAP-EL—CHOIR TO SING
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

Kindness

TATER DU	Morwenna—for always showing kindness to her peers. Morwenna is always able to say or do something to put a smile on our faces and this is something we really love about her.
LONGSHIPS	Leighton, for always being kind to everyone he meets, but also to himself allowing him to blossom in all his learning.
ROUND ISLAND	Ivy Ann has consistently shown kindness to everyone around her. She is a true role model, not just for Year 2, but also for the whole school!
SEVENSTONES	Bella—for always showing kindness to ALL. She has the biggest, brightest smile and is a joy to have in school.
BISHOP ROCK	Logan, for being helpful, kind and caring
GODREVY	Astyn—for being so incredibly kind, polite and respectful to all including Miss Grose who said she felt very welcomed by you
WOLF ROCK	Amber and Charlie—truly happy campers. They brightened the trip with their positivity. Superb!

Lunchtime Legends

KS1— Elijah	In Year 2 for being Brave and trying new things.
KS2— Torran	In Year 5 For trying the vegetarian option all week.



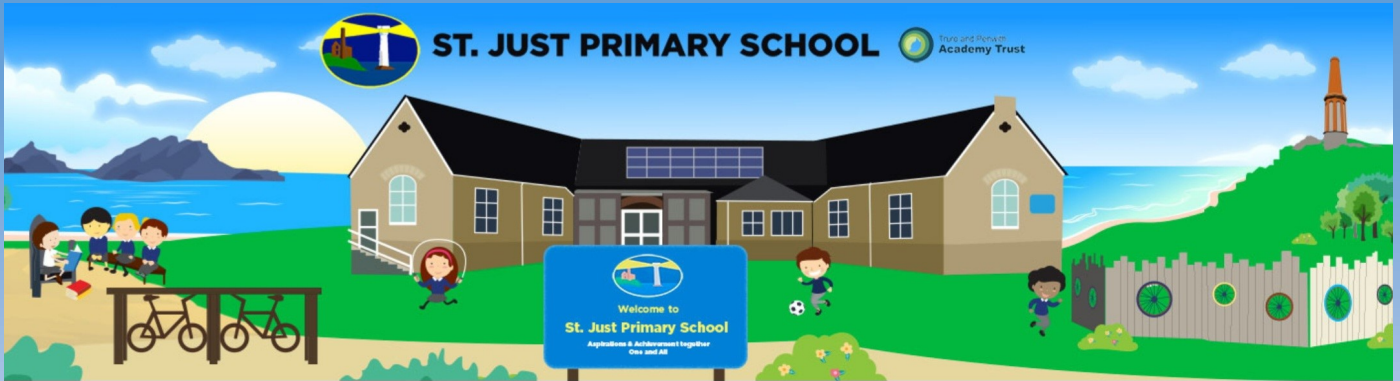
Maths Wizards of the Week

TATER DU	Lottie for being unstoppable in sharing her knowledge about 4 and 5 this week.
LONGSHIP	Ernie for his great understanding of fact families and his amazing math explanations when being challenged.
ROUND ISLAND	Henry has shown fantastic understanding when exchanging his tens and ones– well done!
SEVENSTONES	Piran—for working hard on his maths assessments this week
BISHOP ROCK	Lucas for working hard on his Maths assessments
GODREVY	Lilly-Rose for focusing super hard in Mrs Harradine’s maths group, where you always put in 100%. Keep practicing this



English Expert of the Week

TATER DU	Emme—for the progress and determination that she has shown in her letter formation. Emme is so careful when she writes and really enjoys showing us what she can do.
LONGSHIPS	Ava for showing great determination and progress in her handwriting daily.
ROUND ISLAND	Charlie has worked really hard to learn his lines for the Nativity– well done!
SEVENSTONES	Gracie—for trying hard in assessment week and being resilient
BISHOP ROCK	Arthur B for resilience with assessment week and trying his best.
GODREVY	Maise—for having a real go at putting your hand up and sharing your answers in reading—especially tricky inference questions.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



Bishop Rock and Godrevy—100%



Sevenstones - 96.02%



Round Island—95%

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



94.3%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



97.6%

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!





Football News



On a very wet and foggy Thursday afternoon after school, our Year 5 football team showed every school virtue playing against some other local schools.

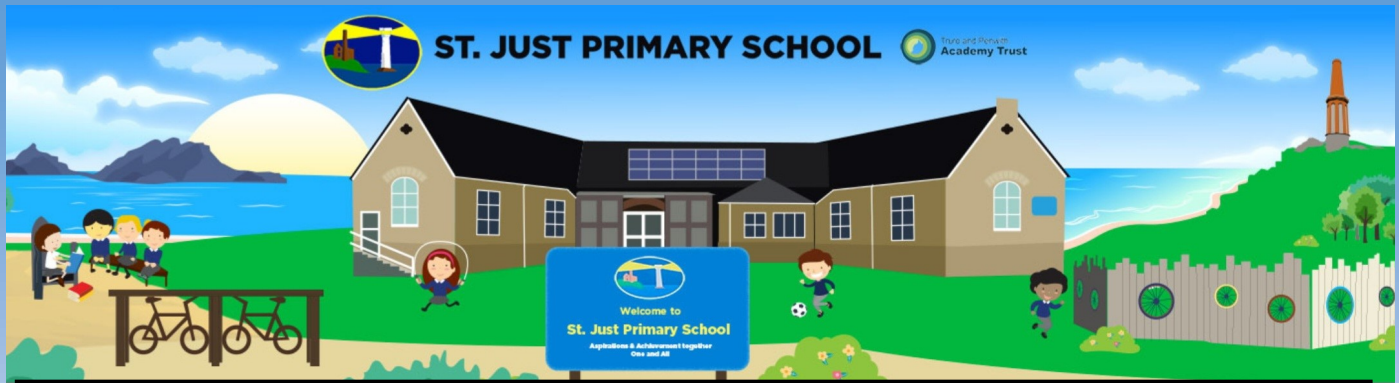
With only 7 members compared to the 8 members in the other teams, they out played all the teams, without conceding a goal.

St Just 2 Pendeen 0

St Just 4 Newlyn 0

St Just 4 Sennen

A massive shout out to James, Jack, Lucas, Freddie, Joss, Aldous and Paige. We are so proud of your commitment and team work. Well done!



Netball News



Our high five netballers faced tough competition last night against St Ives and Heamoor.

We are so proud of the way the children played. Passing through the court was brilliant, lots of interceptions were made and awareness of their players as well as their perception of where the ball is going was fantastic. They were all really taking on board what has been taught at netball club.

A massive well done to returning players Isla, Florence, Merryn, Orla and Lowenna—as well as Brendan and Georgiana who played in their first matches for St Just.



Please make sure you have stated the time you will be picking up your child. Slips have been out. Times: 2pm, 2:30pm or 3pm. Any walk home pass children will go at 3:10pm as normal if no adult can collect before that.





ST. JUST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Pys and Pys
Academy Trust



PARENT AUTISM CAFÉ

**ST JUST PRIMARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER
9:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.**

**AUTISM ADVISOR
BEC THOMAS**



**SUPPORTED BY
SCHOOL AUTISM CHAMPIONS**

ALL WELCOME



Keepsake Tea Towels

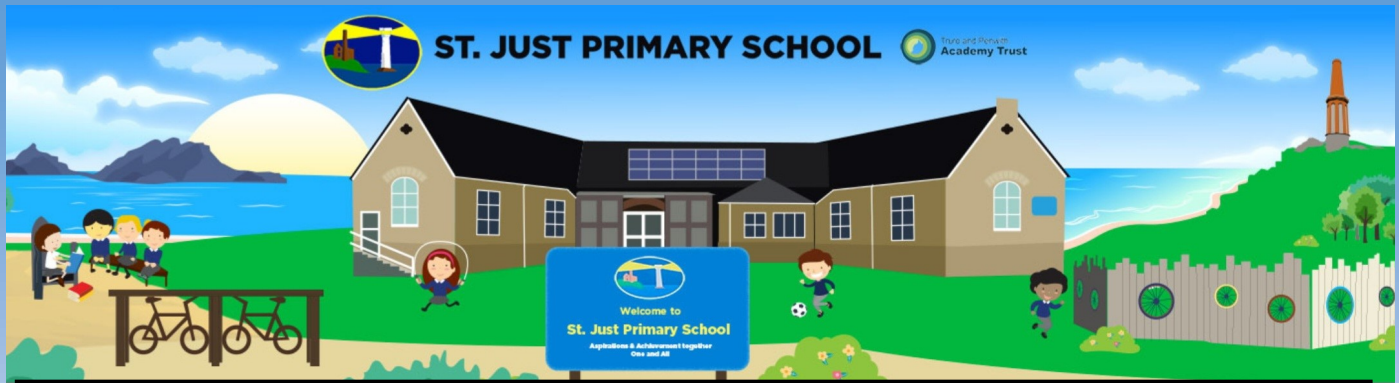


Thank you to all who have purchased a tea towel so far. They have been sent out through the week.

We now have a card reader in school for payments.



Raffle tickets for our Grand Raffle go on sale on Monday 24th November. £1 a strip—see our FSA Members on the school gate. Cash or card options available. Thank you to anyone who has donated a prize so far—if you would like to donate a prize—please contact FOSJ@stjust.tpacademytrust.org



EYFS and KS1 present...



Wednesday 10th December 2025

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

Tickets are £1—on sale now in the
School Office.

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

Many Thanks

Year 6 present...

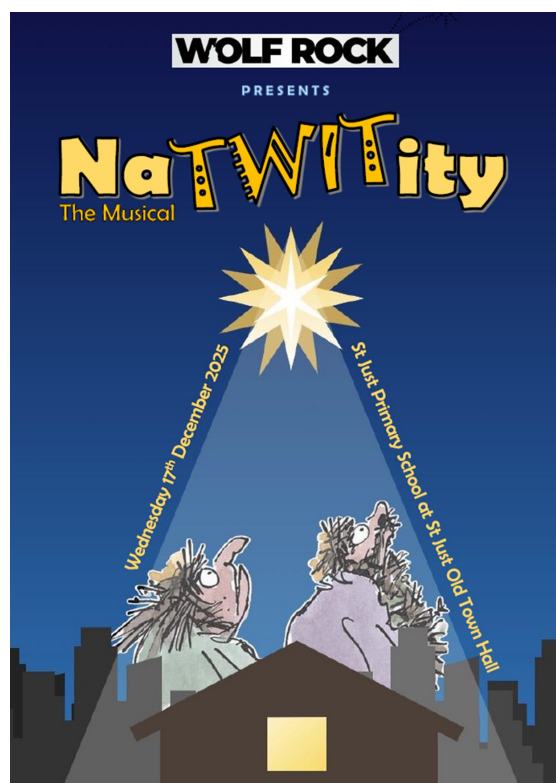
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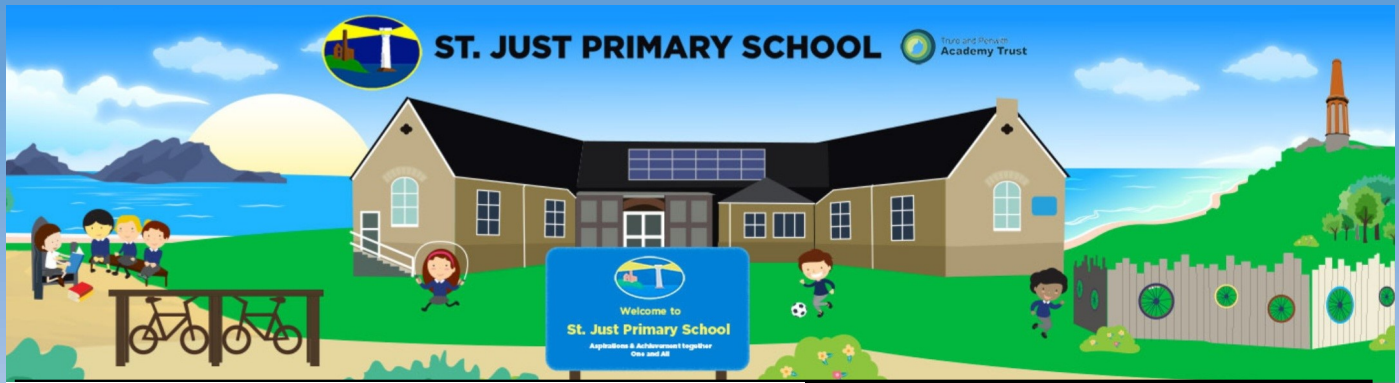
Performances at 1:30pm and
6pm at The Old Town Hall.

Tickets are £5—on sale soon...we
will announce asap!

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

Many Thanks





Advent

Christmas is coming!



So come along to the Miners' Chapel on **Monday 1st December**, after school until 5pm

Children must bring an adult with them

Songs, stories, crafts, candles
and a meal for the children



Contact Bronwen or Marna to find out more.

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

FACE PAINTING ~ ARTS AND CRAFTS ~
POST A LETTER TO SANTA UNDERGROUND ~ REINDEER TRAIL

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS

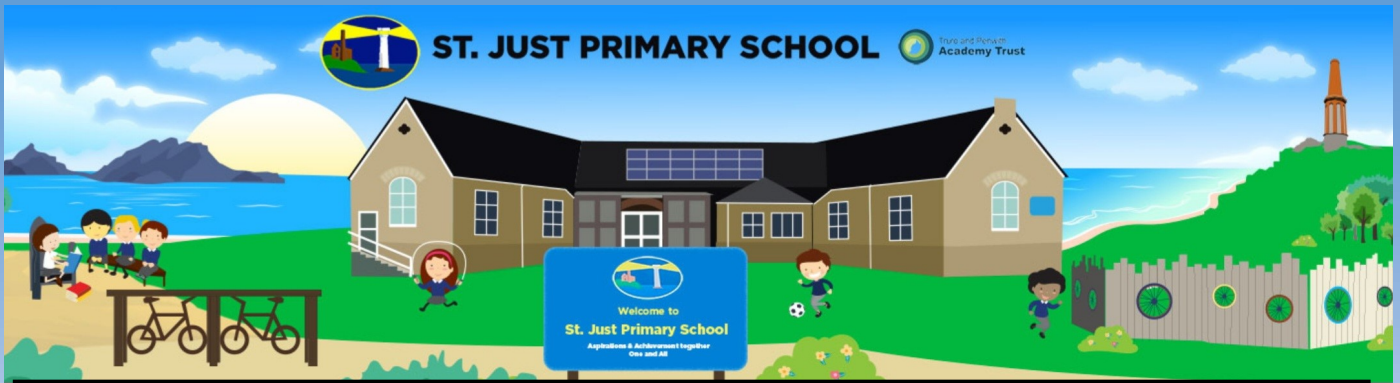
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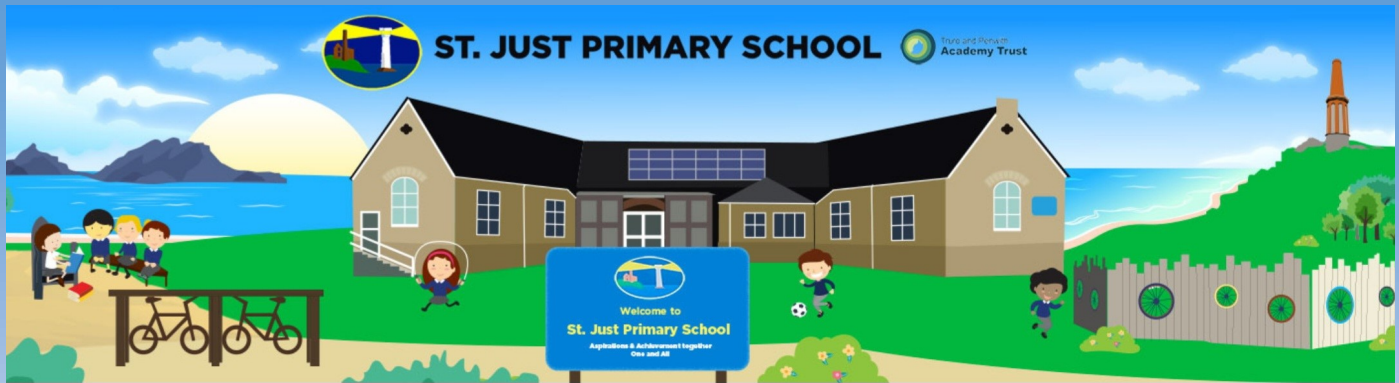
CHRISTMAS 2025

- 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