

It's been a wonderful start to the new academic year, filled with energy, creativity, and community spirit. From sporting achievements to artistic exploration, our children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm and resilience. I am particularly proud of the children for embracing our new values of Ready, Respectful and Responsible. I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to all staff and to our families for your ongoing support with our wonderful school. It has been 9 months since I started and I am so glad to you chose me!

A special thank you to parents for supporting our **attendance drive**. We're in a much better position than this time last year, but we're still aiming for 96% or above.....we are so close currently at 95.7%. Let's keep working together to make this happen.

We are now firmly in the Ofsted window. Much is happening in the background to get us prepared and ready. The new framework has recently been published, and myself and the staff team are getting to grips with the content and format of the new inspections. Parents will have an opportunity to share their views when the time comes.

Thank you for attending our Harvest assembly and for the generous donations. I know they will be gratefully received.

We are interviewing for both the After School Cub and Maternity Cover the week after the ½ term. More information will follow.

Football before school on the MUGA

We have been made aware of two instances recently where children have got into an altercation whilst playing football before school in the morning. Both issues have spilled into school with children being dysregulated and hurt, and this is impactful. This is an out of school matter, but we strongly suggest that if your child wishes to play football, parents are there at the side of the muga. Children being on their own, or parents monitoring from their car, is not sufficient supervision as things can escalate rapidly, this is especially important if your child can get overly competitive and physical. If issues continue, then there is doubt as to whether there is the right level of responsibility to join or play in school matches.

Please also find a link to a Trust parent survey regarding term dates, and specifically the 2-week October ½ term option for the next academic year. My initial observation is that it has been welcomed by parents, but I may be wrong, so do complete the survey. Further to the communication regarding the Term Dates 2026-2027 / 2027-2028 please find below the link to the Parent survey to be shared with all of your parents please:

https://forms.office.com/e/YWiQxeTeAY (we have added to the email so the link will work)

Have a super ½ term and enjoy the extra week. See you on the 3rd November.

Ms Gillion



Autumn Term 1 Highlights....snapshot!

Nursery Opening

We're thrilled with the opening of our Nursery! Huge thanks to our dedicated staff team for making this possible, and to both new and existing parents for trusting us with your children's early education. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled in. Lots to do, but what a start!

Minack Magic: A Performance to Remember

The children had an incredible time performing at the Minack Theatre — their acting skills truly shone. It was an unforgettable experience for everyone. A huge thank you as always to the amazing education team at the Minack for their support and dedication in making this opportunity so special.



Cross Country Event

Our pupils did us proud at the recent Cross Country event, showing fantastic resilience and team spirit. A big thank you to Miss Clackworthy and Mrs Tindall supporting the children so brilliantly.



Enrichment Arts Day

Creativity was in full flow during our Enrichment Arts Day! The egg cups are currently being glazed and fired. It was a joy to see the children's imaginations come to life and we can't wait to see the finished results. **We plan to have a STEM enrichment day in January...if any parents work in a STEM related industry, we'd love to hear from you.**

After School Clubs

We're delighted to see such enthusiastic participation in our after-school clubs. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Tindall and Mrs Baker-Jones for their dedication in running these enriching sessions. Next term Ms Gillion is running an art club for KS2, and Miss Clackworthy is running a cooking club for KS1 – children have already signed up and a reminder have been sent this week. Football club is also starting, see letter sent earlier this week.

Autumn Term 2....what's next?

New Website

After ½ term we will be launching our **new website** and overtime we will continue to develop its content. We hope you will find it easier to navigate. We are paying particular focus to ensuring curriculum content is clear and well organised, so you can see what is covered in each class, as this is something parents have asked for and this too will continue to develop over time.



Improving day to day communication and systems

Hopefully by Christmas we will have moved across to using Arbor in a more effective way. This will involve parents signing up to use the Arbor app and/or website. It will mean that everyday messages will be sent as an app message, with teachers being able to do this directly. Consent form, signing up for parents' evenings will also move across to this platform. We will introduce gradually to ensure we get full sigh up before switching. This will be used in conjunction with the school website.

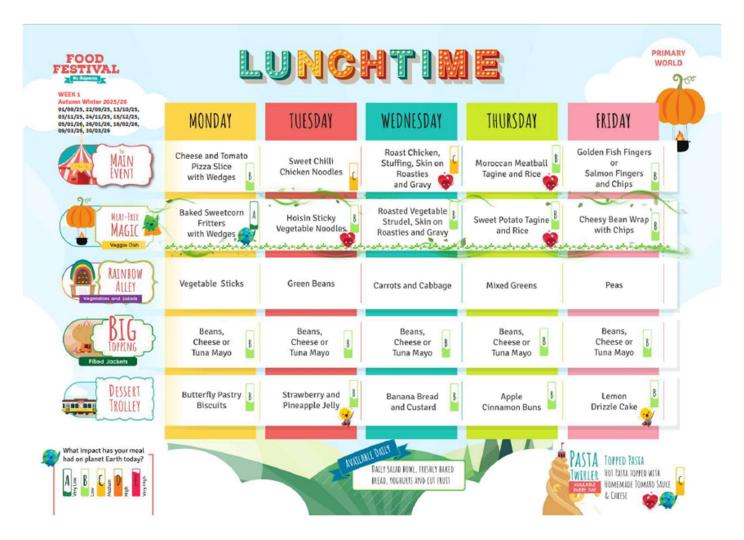
Key dates Autumn Term 2

November	
3 rd	Autumn Term 2 starts
15 th	FOSS Christmas fair / Choir singing
21 st	Children In Need charity day
December	
5 th	House team event: Christmas decs afternoon (parent helpers needed)
15 th	Aire Class Christmas circle time with parents
16 th	Brisons Class Nativity performance <mark>2pm</mark>
17 th	Longships and Cowloe Christmas Production 6pm
19 th	End of term – finish at 1.30pm
W/C 22 nd & 29 th	Christmas Holidays

For all key dates please refer to the parent calendar, emailed previously and further notices attached below...



Lunch Menu w/c 3 November 2025 and Special Menu 5 November:





Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025





Other notices for the diary:

Penzance Gym Club





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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:

https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)









STAR DUST AT CAPE CORNWALL CLUB WALK, TALK & LISTEN TO MUSIC Friday 7th November 8:30p.m till late - £5/ person

A unique opportunity, within West Penwith Dark Sky Park, to attend an event at Cape Cornwall Club to explore the wonders of the stars then enjoy nibbles at the bar whilst listening to night sky inspired live music. Special guests are Pete Truin on Saxophone & Martin Bowie on guitar.

To book required number of tickets, email Clare at Cape Cornwall Saxophone Course (using link below), headed Star Dust Booking; you will then be given bank details to pay.

Course Website: contact page

Note: there are contingency plans to go ahead with an equally informative event, even if it is cloudy or rainy

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