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# Half Term Round Up!

*A huge welcome back to our families! The children have been telling wonderful stories about the half term adventures, it sounds like they've all had a fantastic break!*

*We have another packed schedule for this half of the term with World Book Day, Rocksteady concerts, parents evenings and not forgetting our Easter Service! Keep an eye on the diary for upcoming events.*

*We hope everyone has a wonderful rest of this term and we look forward to updating parents on all the fantastic things the children are getting up to!*



**You're never too young to make a difference.**

*1 Timothy 4:12*

# We're on the Ball!

*Sunrise class have had a brilliant time practicing their ball skills, this week. The children have used the sides of their feet to try and improve their aim and practiced dribbling, all to help them build to a game of football!*





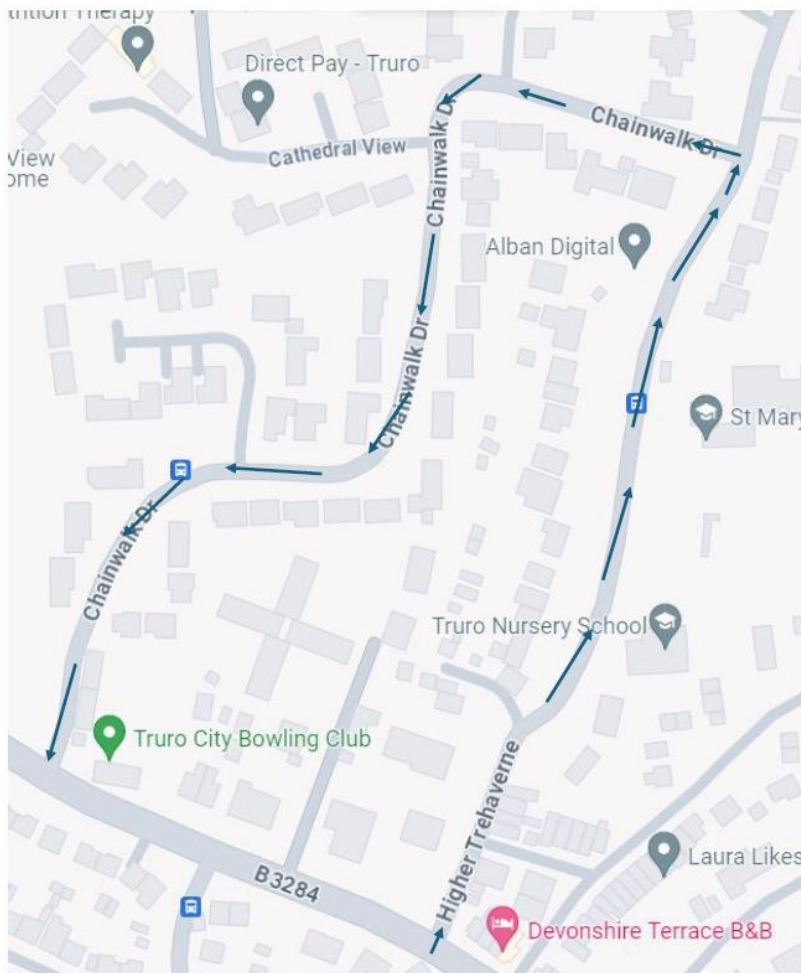


# Road Safety



We have had a number of reports of unsafe situations on the road outside of school and as such, we would like to encourage our parents and carers to adopt the unofficial one way system, when dropping off and collecting children from school.

This would mean that drivers would come in to the turning for Higher Trehaverne and drive along the road and exit via Chainwalk Drive. If you follow this road around, it will take you back out onto the main Kenwyn Road. This can help to ensure there is a steady and safe stream of traffic outside our school.



We urge drivers to be aware of children walking along pavements and be mindful of this when manoeuvring their vehicles. We ask that drivers avoid mounting pavements and to also be aware of children crossing.

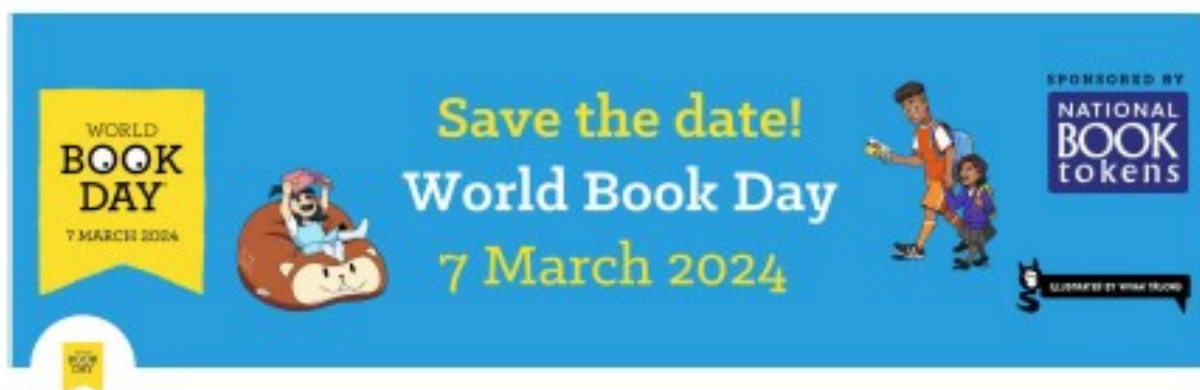
It is also for the safety of pedestrians and road users that the law states 'No Parking' on zig-zag lines.

Please could we also request that road users do not use the entrance to the car park to turn around.

Please follow the above route and exit via Chainwalk Drive.

Please help us to keep the area outside School as safe as we can by driving and parking responsibly.

Thank you for your continued cooperation  
and helping to keep our children safe.



## World Book Day

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We are pleased to confirm that the theme for this year's World Book Day will be 'Sam Francisco - King of the Disco' by Sarah Tagholm.

We are encouraging everyone to dress as either disco cats or pyjama cats to tie in with the characters within the book.

We are also excited to welcome author Sarah Tagholm, who will be working on some fun, creative and inspiring activities with the children throughout the day.

Below are a few examples of the characters found within this story to inspire your outfits! We can't wait to see you in your disco finest!






# BRILLIANT BOOK Fair



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Join us for our brilliant Scholastic book fair in the hall on the 1st and 2nd April after school. Children will visit the book fair throughout the week to look at the latest releases available in fiction and non-fiction. Parents are then invited in to purchase books if they would like. All books purchased will raise much-needed funds for our school library.

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Scholastic Book Fair 1st and 2nd April



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Year R	Sunrise	Tristan Baden For super ball control when dribbling around cones
Year 1	Joy	Rose Holmes For always trying your best in all areas of learning
Year 2	Trust	Callum Williams For creating a brilliant story map and always trying his best
Year 3	Hope	Oliver Keast For working hard to improve his handwriting
Year 4	Friendship	Prisha Dhumane For an amazing diary recounting events of the Easter story
Year 5	Compassion	Connor Preston-Banks For putting 100% effort into maths lessons
Year 6	Courage	Elsie Jones For consistently having an excellent attitude towards her learning and trying her best in everything she faces



# Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

*This week, we will be celebrating  
people who:*

*Have made a healthy choice*

*Daisy Adams, William Parker, Harry Vanes, Reva  
Dhumane, Harvey Headly-Brown, Ross Pritchard,  
Harrison Shaddick, Karam Talab, Emily Bostock, Bee  
Aucott, Alina Paul, Aliyah Kanagaraj, Monty Cannon,  
Ralph Trevail, Ivy Wyatt, Jack Savage, Rose Perry, Eddie  
Thurlow, Travis Stock, Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Eliza  
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Arthur Hagan, Carmen Watkinson, Isaac Shirley, Samuel  
Rippington, Olivia Stock, Ruan Lewis, Idris Gough,  
Elowen Chase, Bella Clapp, Toby Duke, Joshua Gardner-  
Chicote, Laila Green, William Galloway, Zak Howard,  
Zoe Lewis, Isabelle Middleton, Alfie Naylor, Chloe  
Pengas, Elissia Neil, Olly Pitt, Ava Rowe, Rosie Stephens,  
Sophia Somerville, Poppy Whitford*





# Reading Awards



**Bronze:** Kai Capulong, Xymon De Los Reyes, Lily Walker, Kimberly Moyo, Lola Julyan

**Silver:** Reza Mokarram, Arlo Wolf Rothon, Leila Kippax, Edward Buist, Luna Rose Blaney, Rose Holmes, Chloe Ituen, Zak Abdalla, Tabitha Buist, Evelyn O'Reilly, Bear Thomas, Kayden Plows, Zachary Young, George Williams, Bethany Bryant-Toy, Lenny Pearson, Annabelle Young, Emilia Insa-James, Aksel Middleton, Ruan Lewis, Elowen Chase, Lola Julyan, Neva Taylor, Chloe Pengas, Zak Howard, Oscar Julyan, Iris Blomfield, Laila Green, Isabelle Middleton

**Gold:** Edward Williams, Henry Smith, Leon Insa-James, Reva Dhumane, Sebastian Perry, William Parker, Rosie Gray, Bee Aucott, Sofia Mitchell, Dotti Daly, Ross Pritchard, Jack Neil, Oliver Keast, Isabelle Gray, Evie Albert, Isla Whaley, Lacie Salmon, Poppy Whitford, Esme Lindsell, Elissia Neil, Iris Blomfield, Laila Green, Connor Campion

## Recommended Read



*Cosima Unfortunate Steals A Star*

*Author:* Laura Noakes

*Illustrator:* Flavia Sorrentino

To her friends, 12-year-old Cosima is Cos. To the Stains (the unpleasant brother and sister who manage the Home for Unfortunate Girls) she is simply 'number one' - she was the first child they took in, as a baby. Over the years, she's been joined there by many other 'unfortunates' - disabled children to be hidden away from Victorian society. In the rare moments they are not painstakingly unpicking old rope for the despicable duo, the girls find solace developing their respective hobbies and skills and (in Cosima's case) concocting scams for stealing cakes, with varying levels of success.

When a mysterious visitor wants to adopt all 20 girls for his dubious 'Empire Exhibition', Cos and her friends forge a plan - an ambitious heist which will take their previous pranking to a whole new level. Pooling their skills and creativity, they set out to expose the villain and steal the priceless Indian Star tiara from his exhibition. Along the way, Cos will find clues to help solve another mystery & the identity of her parents.

This is an innovative, well-paced adventure story, fusing historical settings with current and relatable themes. The concept of a jewellery heist conducted by a band of disabled children make it both absorbing and memorable. Cos is a delightful protagonist - determined, flawed and charismatic. The author (like her heroine) has hypermobility spectrum disorder, and effectively blends in authentic detail within the ingenious storytelling. Crafting props from rope to fool those around you might sound implausible, but here it just adds to the magical appeal of this unusual book!

Funny but also thought-provoking, it's a mystery adventure with a difference.

**Interest Age:** 8+

**Reading Age:** 9-11



# Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th March 2024	Rocksteady Easter Concert
Monday 26th February 2024	Parents Evening
Tuesday 27th February 2024	Parents Evening
Wednesday 28th February 2024	Parents Evening
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day
Tuesday 26th March 2024	Easter Service - Kenwyn Church
Friday 29th March 2024	Easter Break - Happy Easter!
Monday 15th April 2024	School Opens
Wednesday 1st May 2024	Schoolastic Book Fair
Tuesday 2nd May 2024	Schoolastic Book Fair
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May 2024	Half Term
Monday 3rd June 2024	School Opens
Tuesday 4th June 2024	Hatchbox Class Photographs
Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th June 2024	Year 6 Camp
Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th June 2024	Year 4 Camp
Monday 24th June 2024	Sports Day
Wednesday 17th July 2024	Rocksteady Summer Concert
Monday 22nd July 2024	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Inset Day
Wednesday 24th July 2024	Inset Day
Thursday 25th July 2024	Summer Holidays Begin!
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	School Opens



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- **Thursday 7 March**
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- **All Saints Church,  
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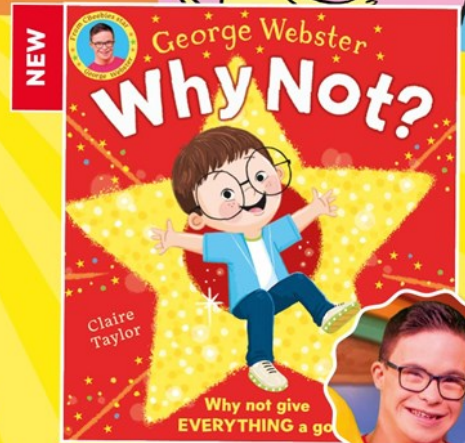


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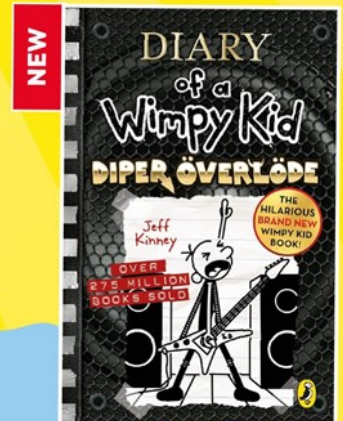


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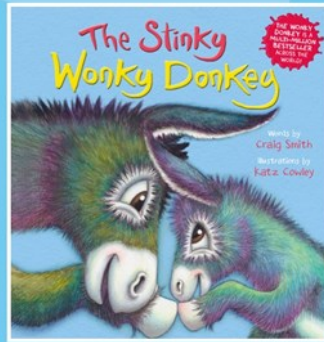
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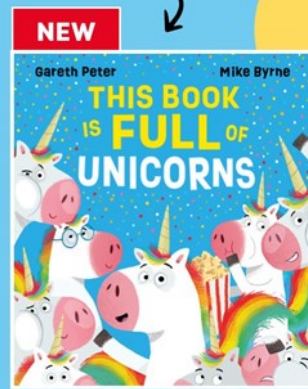
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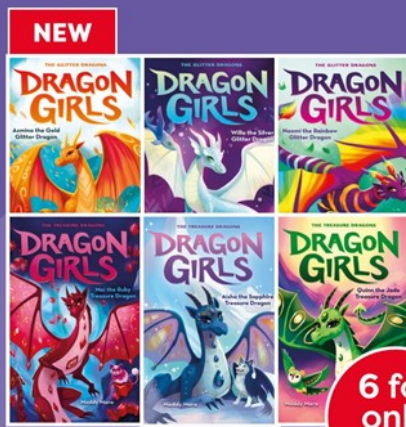
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Together for Families

# Early Help Parenting Newsletter – Spring 2024

**Free** information, support and guidance for parents and carers.

## Need help?

Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.

If you have immediate concerns, are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116.

## Parenting Support Workshops

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face. For more information about our parenting support on offer and to book onto a workshop please visit:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

The programmes currently available are:

**Solihull: Understanding your Child – Supporting parents/carers of children aged 1 to 3, 4 to 8, or 9 to 11 (10 x 2-hour sessions)**

**Take 3 – Supporting parents/carers of teenagers aged 12-17 (10 x 2-hour sessions)**

**Living with Parents – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.**

**Supporting Healthy Relationships – (3 x 2-hour sessions)**

- **Me, You and Baby Too** (for parents pre-birth – 12 months)
- **Arguing Better** (for parents of children aged 1 – 19)
- **Getting it Right for Children** (for separated/separating parents with children aged 0 – 19)

**Understanding your Child with Additional Needs – a self-guided course accessed through Solihull:**

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36>. To access the course, please register for an account using the code TAMAR

- If accessing from a computer, please [click here](#)
- If accessing from a mobile/tablet, please [click here](#)

## Bitesize Parenting

Bitesize parenting workshops are weekly 2-hour sessions (12:30 – 14:30) delivered by our parenting team to support on a wide range of topics. Please book on by visiting [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

Date	Bitesize Child (for parents/carers of children aged 4-11)
06.02.24	Remaining Calm
13.02.24	Praise and Rewards
20.02.24	Technology and Safety
27.02.24	Sibling Rivalry and Conflict
05.03.24	Bullying
12.03.24	Special time with your child
19.03.24	Supporting Education and School
26.03.24	Routines and Boundaries
Date	Bitesize Teen (for parents/carers of young people aged 12-19)
07.02.24	Sibling Rivalry and Conflict
14.02.24	Teenage Brain
21.02.24	Supporting Education and School
28.02.24	Mental Health and Wellbeing
06.03.24	Remaining Calm
13.03.24	Drugs and Alcohol
20.03.24	Technology and Safety
27.03.24	Body Image

“I found the agreements and I-statements to be valuable tool to tackle this week. You (the facilitator) have been amazing. Very clear messaging every week.”

– Parent of teenager attending Take 3

## Positive Parenting Top Tip!

### Special Time – Let's Play

Parents need to juggle a lot of different roles in the family, and we can sometimes overlook playing with our children. Children need our attention, and they will gain that any way they can. Giving more positive attention to your child in positive situations, will reduce the need for them to gain attention through negative situations.

We challenge you to spend a minimum of 10 minutes a day of quality, child led play time with your child. This will help your child's self-esteem, mental and emotional health, social skills, communication skills, relationships, and behaviour issues.

So put down your phones, leave the dishes until later and go and get involved in your child's play, they will love you for it.

## Service Spotlight

Parent Carers Cornwall is run by parents and carers and our aim is to support and offer guidance to families who have a child with SEND 0-25 years of age.

Our aim is to gather information from Parent Carers and using these unique shared experiences, we take part in consultations and participation work which helps us to shape the development and delivery of services to our children. We also pass on information to families via a newsletter and e-bulletin, arrange coffee and chat sessions and organise training and workshops for parents.

Support is offered to families to help complete DLA/PIP forms if required.

We are on all social media channels as Parent Carers Cornwall or for any information please contact us through our website

<https://parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/>



## New Booking Platform

Parents/carers or professionals can access the parenting offer by visiting [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting).

Parents/carers or professionals will be able to self-book onto workshops using the parenting booking portal, which can be found at the above website. If a family requires targeted or specialist support, an Early Help Request for help should be made via the Early Help Hub: <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub>.

If parents/carers or professionals would like support booking themselves or a parent/carer onto a workshop, they should contact the Early Help Parenting Team using the contact details below. An advice line will be available Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm to support queries.



Parenting children aged 0 to 11

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## Further Parenting Support

For further parenting support, including self-help and support from our partner organisations please visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting).

## Contact us

Email: [parenting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@cornwall.gov.uk)

Call: 01872 324323

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

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