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Cornish Pasty Making!



This week, in Compassion Class, the children had the amazing opportunity to welcome Ferg and Amelia from Ann's Pasties! They shared their pasty-making expertise and gave a brilliant demonstration of how to make a traditional Cornish pasty.

First, they showed the children how to prepare the ingredients: the perfect mix of beef skirt, potatoes, turnip, and onion. The class learned about the importance of seasoning and how to layer everything inside the pastry. Ferg and Amelia also explained why the crimping of the pastry is so important - making sure everything stays nicely tucked in during baking.



After watching the demo, it was their turn! With some help from Ferg, Amelia, and the teachers, Compassion Class got stuck in, rolling out the pastry and carefully filling and crimping their own pasties. It was a lot of fun, and some of the children even added their own creative twists! It was such a fantastic experience to learn a skill that is so important to Cornish culture, and we are incredibly grateful to Ferg and Amelia for taking the time to teach the children. A huge thank you to Ann's Pasties for making this day so special!

You're never too young to make a difference!

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Student Council Elections!

After some fantastic manifestoes and a lot of enthusiasm, the children of St. Mary's have cast their votes for this year's Student Council class representatives. We are thrilled to announce the elected representatives for each class:

Year 2: Bee and Ruben

Year 3: Sam, Zac and Jacob

Year 4: Elowen and Theo

Year 5: Isabella and Finley

Year 6: Aksel and Neva

Congratulations to all our new Student Council members! We look forward to seeing the positive impact you'll make this year.



TT Rockstars!

A huge congratulations to our top performers from KS2 for their incredible effort during the Times Table Rockstars competition! Over the last week, they have shown excellent dedication to improving their multiplication skills and contributing to their class total.

Below are our current "Most Valuable Players" (MVP):

Hope Class

MVP - Ruby

2nd MVP - Tabitha

3rd MVP - Samuel

Friendship Class

MVP - Angel

2nd MVP - Zane

3rd MVP - Ethan

Compassion Class

MVP - Alina

2nd MVP - Connie

3rd MVP - Louis

Courage Class

MVP - Freddie P

2nd MVP - Aksel

3rd MVP - Sophie

Top Class - Compassion Class!

Well done, everyone! Keep practicing!



Parent Group Meetings

We're delighted to share that our first Parent Group meeting of 2024 was a great success. We were pleased to welcome Amy, Jo, MD, and Rachel to the group. With Mrs. Rundle serving as chair and Mrs. Jenkin as Clerk, we had a productive discussion on a range of important topics related to life at St. Mary's.

During the meeting, we covered several key areas, including school events and clubs among other topics. The insights and feedback from our Parent Group are invaluable in helping us shape the best possible experience for our children and their families. Your input not only strengthens our community but also ensures that we continue to meet the needs and expectations of our school community.

The minutes from this meeting will be available soon, providing a detailed overview of what was discussed and any actions we plan to take moving forward. We encourage all parents to review these minutes to stay informed about the topics that matter most to our school community.

If you were unable to attend this meeting but would like to get involved, we warmly invite you to join us at our next gathering. Your voice is important, and we would love to have you with us as we continue these meaningful conversations. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you're interested in participating or if you have any questions.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making our first Parent Group meeting of the year a success. We look forward to working together throughout the year to support our school and our children.

The next Parent Group meeting will be held here at St. Mary's at 2pm on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

Art Club with Miss Vowles

This week in Miss Vowles' Art Club, the children have been exploring the wonderful world of watercolours! They've been learning new techniques and experimenting with how water affects the shades and tones of the colours they use.

The focus of this week's session was understanding how the amount of water added to the paint can change the shade and darkness of the colour. By adding more water, they discovered how to make lighter, more delicate shades, and by using less water, they were able to create bolder, darker colours.



After practicing these techniques, the children applied what they had learned to create their own beautiful watercolour artwork. It was wonderful to see them experiment with colours and shading in new and creative ways.

We look forward to more artistic adventures in the weeks ahead!

Whole School Staff Training

Following recent emails, this is just a reminder to all parents and carers, that due to whole school staff training, there will be no wrap-around care or clubs available after school on Wednesday 25th September. This includes Board Games Club, Benchball/Netball and Running Club as well as PAYG Monday-Thursday After School Club.

Please collect your child at the usual time of 3.20pm.



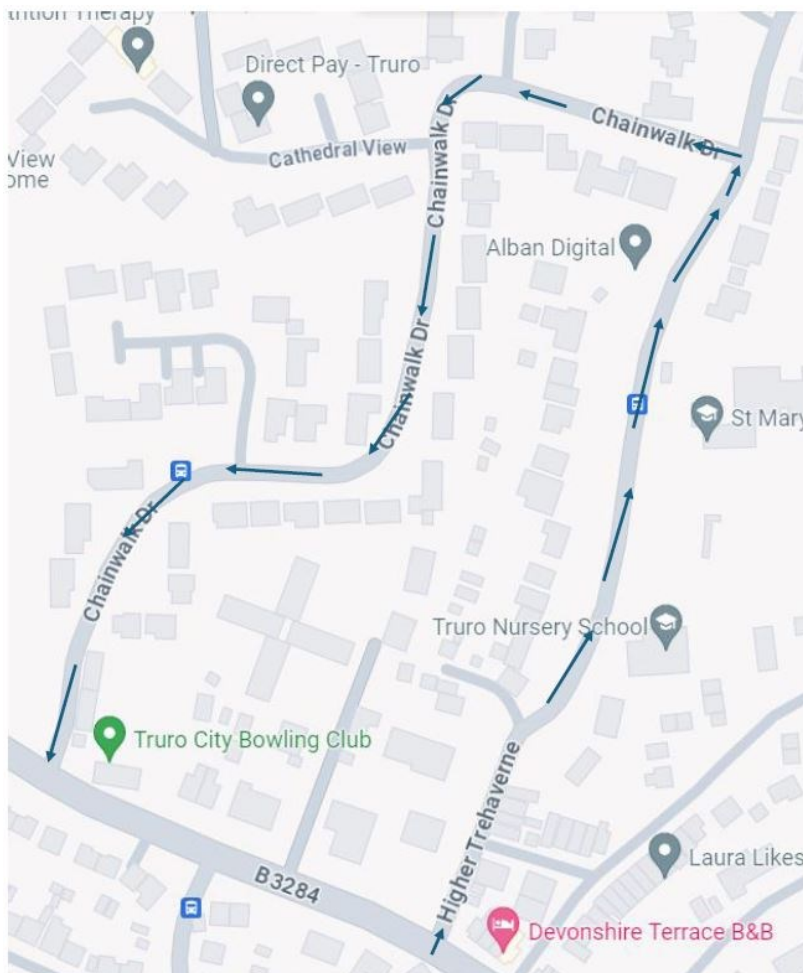


Road Safety



We have had a number of reports of unsafe situations on the road outside 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, drive along the road and exit via Chainwalk Drive. If you follow this road around, it will take you back out onto 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 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.

2024-2025 Term Dates

Below, you will find the proposed term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year, as published by Cornwall Council. Please be aware that these could be subject to change:

Cornwall Council 2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

October 2024						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

November 2024						
Mon			4	11	18	25
Tue			5	12	19	26
Wed			6	13	20	27
Thurs			7	14	21	28
Fri		1	8	15	22	29
Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24		

December 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

January 2025						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

February 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22		
Sun	2	9	16	23		

March 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

April 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

May 2025						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

June 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

July 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

August 2025						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024
(HALF TERM 28 October -1 November 2024)

SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

Our Inset Dates are confirmed as follows for 2024-2025:

Monday 25th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Diary Dates

Wednesday 25th September 2025	Year 5 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum
Thursday 26th September 2025	Year 5 Porthpean Trip and Residential
Monday 30th September - Friday 11th October 2024	Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 8th October 2024	Harvest Festival at Kenwyn Church - 9.30am
Monday 14th - Friday 25th October 2024	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 21st October 2024	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 23rd October 2024	FOSM UV Disco!
Friday 25th October 2024	Hatchbox Photography - Individuals
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024	Half Term
Monday 4th - Friday 15th November 2024	Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 6th November 2024	Freaky Fiction
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Parent Group - 2pm
Monday 25th November 2024	Inset Day
Tuesday 17th December 2024	Christmas Festival at Kenwyn Church - 1.45pm
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January 2025	Christmas Break
Monday 6th January 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday 21st January 2025	Parent Group - 2pm
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Tuesday 11th March 2025	Parent Group - 2pm
Tuesday 1st April 2025	Easter Service at Kenwyn Church - 1.45pm
Monday 7th - Thursday 17th April 2025	Easter Break
Friday 18th April 2025	Good Friday Bank Holiday
Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Monday 5th May 2025	May Bank Holiday

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Year R	Sunrise	Patrick Riches For trying so hard with his letter formation
Year 1	Joy	Sebastian Perry For attention to detail in maths, independent thought and challenging a misconception with explanation and reasoning
Year 2	Trust	Rosie Gray For beautiful work in your sketch book
Year 3	Hope	Xymon De Los Reyes For a fantastic attitude to learning and great understanding of partitive nouns
Year 4	Friendship	Angel Lin For being a learning superstar! You are on it 100% of the time
Year 5	Compassion	Aveline Rankine For fantastic artwork!
Year 6	Courage	Connor Preston-Banks For excellent teamwork and supporting others during PE this week

Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

This week, we will be celebrating people who:

Try to make our school community a better place

Mikey Studley, Aengus Mitchell, Thomas Trethewey, Sennen Stevenson, Amelia Abdalla, Luna Miller, May Hannon, Daisy Adams, Bee Aucott, Karam Talab, Dotti Daly, Ruby Whaley, Hilary Alibuyog, Freddie Booker, Tabitha Buist, Callum Williams, Ivy Wyatt, Jacob Trenerry-Talbot, Aurelia Rankine, Sam Treganowan, Thalia Pengas, Aiyla Mills, Gabriella Lloyd, Zane Rago, Finley Endean, Eddie Thurlow, Rose Perry, Lily Walker, Alice Jones, Connie Tucker, Edith Warner, Isla Whaley, Louis Burrows, Prisha Dhumane, Carmen Watkinson, Hattie Welsh, Sophie Bostock, Christobel Bowen, Damian Gabriel-Williams, Ben Hocking, Isaac Shirley, Neva Taylor, Lily Stobbs





Reading Awards



Bronze: Teddy Bennetts, Reggie Keast, Theo Masters, Aengus Mitchell, Lucinda Norton, Patrick Riches, Willow Thomas, Henry Wilhelmsen, Reuben Woodman, Jake Morgan, Ivy Wyatt, Bear Thomas, Ruby Whaley, Tabitha Buist, Sam Treganowan, Aliyah Kanagaraj, Monty Cannon, Kayden Plows, Alina Paul, Eddie Thurlow, Oliver Keast, Georgie Tann, Wilfred Allen, Travis Stock, Evie Albert, Ethan Barnard, Louis Burrows, Prisha Dhumane, Arthur Hagan, Carmen Hadfield, Alice Jones, Isobel Lewin, Henry Paul, Finley Senior, Evelyn Shaddick, Connie Tucker, Isla Whaley, Freddie Paul, Isla Tann, Erica Green, Neva Taylor, Ahdia Afshen, Sophie Bostock, Idris Gough, Damian Gabriel-Williams

Well done, readers!

AUTISM CAFE



Wednesday 2nd October 9-10am

We invite parents of students that either have an autism diagnosis, are on the pathway for diagnosis, or have questions about the pathway to an informal session with our autism advisor Emily Miles. Emily will talk through a range of differences our young people face and share helpful ways that we can support them.



AUTISM
Awareness



There will be time for questions, discussions and refreshments. Miss Vowles, SENCo, will also be attending.





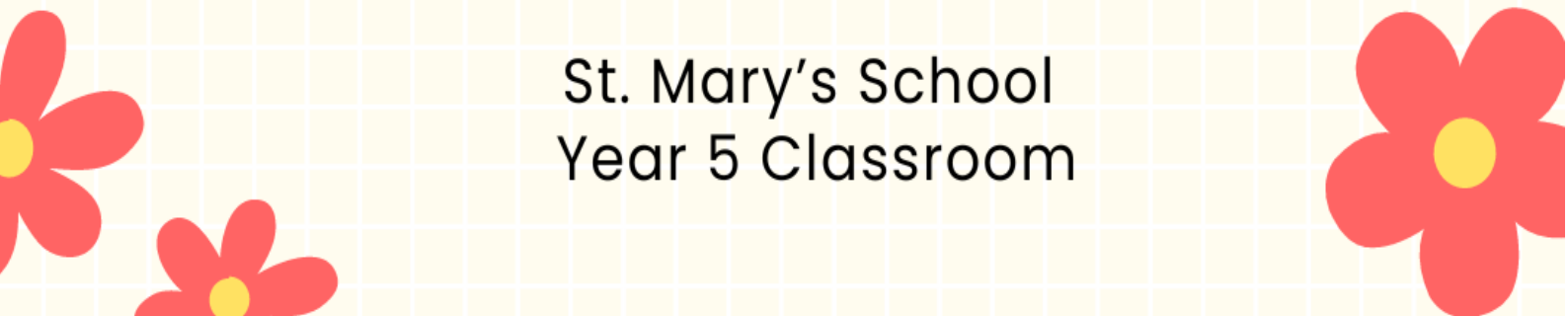
Meet & Greet

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S WELCOME YOU

**WEDNESDAY 2ND
OCTOBER**

3.30PM

St. Mary's School
Year 5 Classroom





St. Mary's Church of England School
Presents

HARVEST

Festival

TUESDAY 8TH
OCTOBER
FROM 9.30AM
AT
KENWYN CHURCH



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WEDNESDAY
23RD
OCTOBER

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



WOMEN'S SQUASH COURSE!



Every Tuesday from the 24th of September
6 weeks - £18

Beginners & returners - 7pm - 7.45pm
Improvers - 7.45pm - 8.30pm

A fun relaxed course to start, get back into or improve your squash.

Over the course learn or improve on serves, drives, drops, boasting, volleying and more!

Run by TS&LC coach - Tim Smith

Limited spaces apply

Book in early to not be disappointed, email:

womenssquashtruro@outlook.com

to register & take part

Music in Cornwall



Cornwall Music Service Trust provides instrumental lessons, classroom support, music therapy and music ensembles in many educational and community settings throughout Cornwall.

There are currently spaces for new flute, clarinet, saxophone and bassoon pupils. Children can start from as young as Year 3 (saxophone normally from Year 5). All lesson costs, terms and conditions and where to sign up can be found on our website.

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COMMUNITY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME 2024/25

A fun and friendly FA coached football session open to all
reception aged children through to year 6
First session free, no subscriptions, £4 a session thereafter

Commencing Sat 14 Sept 2024

At 10:00 am



**Astro Pitch, Penair School,
Truro TR1 1TN**



More Info :

See Facebook:
Truro City Youth Football Club
Community Youth Programme

<https://www.trurocityyouthfootballclub.co.uk/>