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Run Pudsey!

The children were overjoyed to receive their well-deserved medals following last year's Run Pudsey event! Their patience and enthusiasm shone through as they eagerly awaited their awards for participating in an event that raised an incredible £1,689 for Children in Need. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the St. Mary's community for their generosity and support of this truly worthy cause.



You're never too young to make a difference!

1 Timothy 4:12

Hitting the Right Notes!



Compassion class were so excited this week when they finally got their new instruments out and had their first brass lesson with Mrs Orchard and Kirsten from The Cornwall Music Service Trust.

Between the children, they are

learning to play the cornet, trumpet, trombone and euphonium. The class learned to read and play two notes and were so encouraging to each other as playing a brass instrument for the first time is very difficult. Kirsten was so impressed and Mrs Orchard and the children can't wait to put on a concert at the end of the term.

Most children also got to take their instruments home to practice, ready for next week. Mrs Orchard would like to encourage the

children to bring in the consent form if they haven't already done so. We are all really excited to see how well the children improve over the weeks - Mrs Orchard is learning right along with them and finding it so much fun!





Dress up for Digits!

on

Friday 7th February 2025

Join us after school for a fun maths trail...prizes to be won!

Donate here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-marys-c-of-e-school-17?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Our Library Needs You!

We're excited to announce that our school library has recently received new furniture, and we need your help to make it shine!

To get everything organised and ready for our students, we are looking for parents to come into school on Tuesday, 4th February, from 1:00 pm - 3:20 pm to help us load shelves, label books, and get everything in place.

Your support will make a huge difference in creating a welcoming and well-organised space for our students to enjoy. If you're able to assist us, please let the school office know.

We are so grateful for our amazing parent community, and we can't wait to see you there!

Spring Term Librarians, Jack, Carmen and Issy would like to thank you for your ongoing support



New Year Book Plea

As we begin the new term, we're looking to give our school library a boost and we need your help! If you're having a post-Christmas sort-out at home, we'd love to receive donations of non-fiction information books and reference books to expand our library for KS2 pupils. These could include atlases, science books, history, geography, or any other topic children can use for research and to fuel their curiosity.

We're also on the lookout for picture books to refresh our KS1 library. If your children have outgrown their picture books and they're in good condition, we'd be delighted to give them a new home where they'll be loved and well-used by younger readers.

Lastly, if any school books have accidentally ended up tucked away on your bookshelves at home, now's the perfect time to send them

back to school! We'd be very grateful to have them returned so they can continue to support children's learning.



Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us nurture a love of reading across the school. Every book makes a difference!

MEET OUR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Tuesday 28th January

2:30PM

St. Mary's School Hall

MEET OUR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
PRACTITIONER

LEARN ABOUT SUPPORT AND
SERVICES AVAILABLE

UNDERSTAND THE REFERRAL
PROCESS

DISCUSS ANY CONCERNS

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME






SEN TEAM

Miss Vowles and Mrs. Spencer are passionate about supporting every child at St. Mary's. They are always available to listen, offer guidance, and work together with parents to make sure each child gets the help they need to thrive.

To make it even easier for you to reach out, we've introduced a new dedicated email address. Whether you have a question or need support, they're here to help!

Contact us at:

 SENDCO@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk

Bean Bag Donation

Our Stay and Play sessions are an invaluable resource for our families and we are so happy to see how much the children enjoy them. On sunny days, the children love playing outside, but when the weather isn't as kind, they enjoy playing with toys or even relaxing and watching films with their friends indoors. To make these indoor moments even more comfortable, we are kindly asking if any of our families have bean bags they no longer use and would like to donate to our Stay and Play area. Having some extra bean bags will help create a cosy space for the children to relax and enjoy their time with us. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Class Dojo

We have now moved to Class Dojo as our primary communication platform for parents. This platform allows you to stay updated with important announcements, classroom activities, and messages from your child's teacher.

We have noticed that some families haven't yet connected to their children's classes. If you haven't joined Class Dojo yet, don't worry it's quick and easy! Simply speak to your child's teacher or visit the school office for assistance.

We don't want you to miss out on all the exciting updates and opportunities to stay involved in your child's school experience.



Cathedral Choral Club

We were delighted to hold the first session of our Cathedral Choral Club on Tuesday after school, led by Mr. Wyatt, Assistant Director of Music, and his accomplished choral scholars from Truro Cathedral.

This wonderful initiative provides free singing workshops, offering children a unique opportunity to develop their musical skills. One of the highlights of this project will be the chance for participants to join the Cathedral Choristers at the end of each term for an internal performance at Truro Cathedral.

The aim of this project, led by Mr. Wyatt, is to share the wealth of musical expertise and experience from Truro Cathedral with the wider community. The inaugural session began with a remarkable performance from the choral scholars, which was met with great enthusiasm by the children.

We are pleased to announce that there are still limited spaces available for children in Years 3 to 6 who wish to join this exceptional opportunity.



TT Rockstars!

A big congratulations to our TT Rockstars of the Week! These top performers have been smashing their times tables with speed and accuracy. Well done to everyone for their hard work and dedication. Keep practising, and let's see who will rock the charts next week!

Hope Class

Sam T

Arlo

Ruby

Friendship Class

Zane

Wilfred

Freddie

Compassion Class

Prisha

Louis

Connie

Courage Class

Neva

Isaac

Lily

Well done, everyone! Keep practising!



Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

This week, we will be celebrating people who:

Keep trying even when its difficult

Jowan Pill, Luna Alibuyog,, Harry Vanes, Orla Jones, May Hannon, Luna Miller, Lamorna Chase, Isabelle Thomson, Arlo Wolf, Chloe Wolf, Rueben Norton, Emily Bostock, Arlo Julyan, Tabitha Buist, Aliyah Kanagaraj, Ruby Whaley, Zak Abdalla, Ralph Trevail, Aurelia Rankine, Arlo Taylor, Monty Cannon, Jaxon Mugford, Xymon De Los Reyes, Kimberly Moyo, Bethany Bryant-Toy, Annabelle Young, Otto Butler, Freddie Green, Eliza Shirley, Edith Warner, Carmen Hadfield, Daniel Gomez, Aveline Rankine, Louis Burrows, Finley Senior, Prisha Dhumane, Freddie Adams, Ahdia Afshen, Eve Baker, Sophie Bostock, Damian Gabriel-Williams, Idris Gough, Rudo Keeler, Aksel Middleton, Neva Taylor, Lily Stobbs



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Year R	Sunrise	Emile K For always being such a kind, thoughtful and considerate member of Sunrise Class
Year 1	Joy	Isabelle Thompson For amazing recall of facts and interpretation of the parable of the lost son
Year 2	Trust	Sofia Mitchell For fantastic creative writing when describing a scene setting
Year 3	Hope	Chester Grigg For overcoming adversity, coming back stronger and brightening our classroom up with your smile
Year 4	Friendship	Georgie Tann For writing her Arctic story
Year 5	Compassion	Isla Whaley For always working hard, contributing ideas and being kind, caring and helpful
Year 6	Courage	Sophie Bostock For consistently being ready to learn, trying her best in all aspects of school life and looking out for others



Reading Awards



Bronze: Teddy Bennetts, Isaac Bradbury, Maria Filat, Arlie George, Layla Georgiou, Elara Goddard, Hugo Henderson, Reggie Keast, Emile K, Stevie Ley, Theo Masters, Aengus Mitchel, Lucinda Norton, Patrick Richards, Ivy Stephens, Mikey Studley, Willow Thomas, Thomas Trethewey, Oliver White, Niamh Whitehouse, Henry Wilhelmsen, Reuben Woodman, Jowan Pill, Sebastian Perry, Edward Williams, Tristan Baden, Isabelle Thompson, Tommy Booker, Leon Insa-James, Reva Dhumane, Regan Martin, Sofia Mitchell, Chloë Ituen, Arlo Wolf Rothon, Emily Bostock, Orrin Lewis, Sol Bailey, Leila-Rae Kippax, Rosie Gray, Ross Pritchard, Sebastian Hadfield, Verity Burrows, Harrison Shaddick, Arlo Julyan, Evie Albert, Rex Aucott, Louis Burrows, Prisha Dhumane, Carmen Hadfield, Alice Jones, Finley Senior, Edith Warner, Carmen Watkinson, Neva Taylor, Isla Tann, Olivia Stock, Ahdia Afshen, Isaac Shirley, Ben Hocking, Idris Gough

Well done, readers!

Diary Dates

Friday 7th February 2025

NSPCC Numbers Day

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

Half Term

Tuesday 11th March 2025

Year 1 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum

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

Wednesday 14th May 2025

Year 3 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum

Monday 26th May 2025

Spring Bank Holiday

Bitesize Parenting

Bitesize parenting workshops are weekly 2-hour sessions delivered by our parenting team to support on a wide range of topics. Turn over for more information about what each topic covers. Please book on by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Workshop Dates:

Date	Time	Topics
Monday 6 th Jan 2025	18:00-20:00	Solihull Approach workshop for parents (ages 0-11)
Friday 10 th Jan 2025	12:30-14:30	Supporting Healthy Relationships
Monday 13 th Jan 2025	18:00-20:00	Supporting Healthy Relationships
Friday 17 th Jan 2025	12:30-14:30	Solihull Approach workshop for parents (ages 0-11)
Monday 20 th Jan 2025	18:00-20:00	Technology and safety
Friday 24 th Jan 2025	12:30-14:30	Remaining calm
Monday 27 th Jan 2025	18:00-20:00	Introduction to the teenage brain
Friday 31 st Jan 2025	12:30-14:30	Supporting education and school
Monday 3 rd Feb 2025	18:00-20:00	Remaining calm
Friday 7 th Feb 2025	12:30-14:30	Sibling rivalry and conflict
Monday 10 th Feb 2025	18:00-20:00	Special time with your child
Friday 14 th Feb 2025	12:30-14:30	Introduction to the teenage brain
Monday 24 th Feb 2025	18:00-20:00	Praise and rewards
Friday 28 th Feb 2025	12:30-14:30	Technology and safety
Monday 3 rd Mar 2025	18:00-20:00	Routines and boundaries
Friday 7 th Mar 2025	12:30-14:30	Supporting Healthy Relationships
Monday 10 th Mar 2025	18:00-20:00	Sibling rivalry and conflict
Friday 14 th Mar 2025	12:30-14:30	Praise and rewards
Monday 17 th Mar 2025	18:00-20:00	Supporting education and school
Friday 21 st Mar 2025	12:30-14:30	Solihull Approach workshop for parents (ages 0-11)
Monday 24 th Mar 2025	18:00-20:00	Solihull Approach workshop for parents (ages 0-11)
Friday 28 th Mar 2025	12:30-14:30	Special time with your child
Monday 31 st Mar 2025	18:00-20:00	Supporting Healthy Relationships
Friday 4 th Apr 2025	12:30-14:30	Routines and boundaries

To book scan the QR code or visit:

[Bitesize Parenting Sessions \(office365.com\)](http://office365.com)



Bitesize Parenting

Topics include:

Solihull Approach workshop for parents (ages 0-11): This workshop is an introduction to the key messages from the Solihull Approach 'Understanding your Child' programme. You can attend this session to find out more about the programme, or just for some tips and strategies.

Supporting healthy relationships: This workshop supports you to manage stress and communicate more effectively within your relationships with your partner or co-parent.

Supporting education and school: This workshop includes tips around supporting your child's education and learning and working closely with school.

Sibling rivalry and conflict: Tips to manage conflict between siblings in the home.

Special time with your child: How quality time with children can help with behaviour.

Technology and safety: This workshop focuses on boundaries around technology use at home and how to support children and young people to stay safe online.

Remaining calm: How to look after yourself as parents.

Praise and rewards: This workshop focuses on using praise and rewards to support behaviour you'd like to see more of.

Introduction to the teenage brain: Learn about the changes adolescents experience in their brain development and how parents can support their young person.

Routines and boundaries: Looking at why routines and boundaries are important and how these can be put in place effectively to support children, parents and family life.

Contact us:

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk

Website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting



Solihull - Understanding your Child

A 10-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Responding to how your child is feeling
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

When?

Thursdays 18:00-20:00
starting 23rd January 2025

Where?

Delivered virtually over
Microsoft Teams



To book scan the QR code or click:
[Parenting children aged 0 to 11](#)
(office365.com)

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