



**ST DAY & CARHARRACK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## Vision and Values

We are the **CHANGE-MAKERS** of OUR WORLD!

**ENJOYING, ENGAGING, EXCELLING**

Happy, healthy children, **enjoying** learning for life - surrounded by kind, respectful relationships and **engaging** in rich learning experiences. **Together** we will enable and encourage **ALL** our children to discover their unique gifts of character, talents and abilities. Our children will enthusiastically contribute to society, **excelling** in all they choose to do. They will communicate confidently, listen openly, think critically and question respectfully – our children will be the responsible **Change-Makers of Our World**.

### LIVING OUR VALUES

**ENJOYMENT**

Laughing - Loving - Learning

**ENGAGEMENT**

Communicating - Collaborating - Contributing

**EXCELLENCE**

Be your best - Be even better - Be brilliant



# A message from Ms Storey

## 'Every Child, Every Day - a Reader and a Writer'

As the festive season approaches, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support throughout this term. Our choir were amazing last Sunday and the environmentally friendly decorations made by the children were of a high quality - thank you to everyone who supported this special 'Made in St Day' event.

We are receiving lots of alternative Father Christmas letters from our children which are truly inspiring. Next week we will share them around our festive tree - so do get writing this weekend and your ideas will be shared with everyone.

This Christmas, let us all remember the importance of being kind - to ourselves, to one another, and to those in need. Small acts of kindness can brighten lives and bring our community closer together.

Please read class emails and follow the links to your child's learning page - our teachers are updating pages weekly - sharing lots of wonderful learning, photos and achievements.

We are excited to see you all next week for our special Christmas Carol Performance. Do make sure you have your tickets!





# Golden Stars

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS !

We celebrate all of our children each week in class. In our special celebration assembly, we praise the children who have made an extra special effort with their learning goals and living the 'Rights of the Child'. So many of our children have been displaying **ENJOYMENT, ENGAGEMENT and EXCELLENCE** in all aspects of school life.

WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!

### Opal class – EYFS/Year 1

**Reina** - for being an excellent role model and always engaging and excelling in all her learning.

### Amber Class - Year 2

**Herbie** - for his resilience in writing - completing a brilliant piece of work.

### Emerald Class – Year 3

**Stanley**- for engaging in his learning and being a kind friend

### Sapphire Class - Year 4/5

**Laila** - for fantastic reading at home and brilliant handwriting in class.

### Turquoise Class – Year 5/6

**Violet** - for her contribution to school life.

### Hot Chocolate with Ms Storey

All our 'Stars' will celebrate their achievements with a hot chocolate break with Ms Storey.



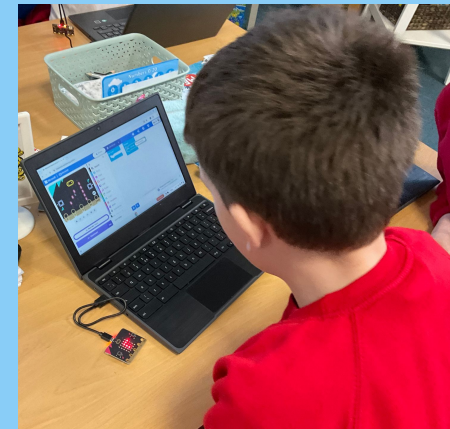
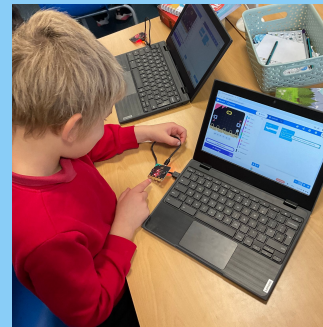
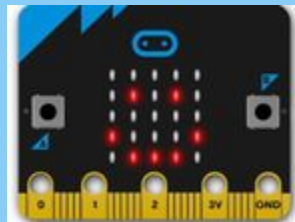
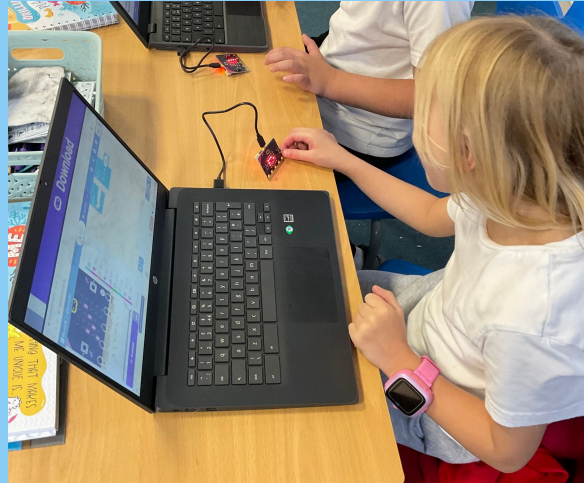


## News from around the school

It's been an exciting week for Emerald Class! In Computing they started learning how to use the brilliant Micro:bits and absolutely loved it.

They learnt how to connect the mini computers to the Chromebooks before using their existing programming skills to upload sequences that they had created.

Every child engaged and succeeded - what a brilliant piece of learning!



## News from around the school



Turquoise Class have enjoyed a physically active week - taking part in a host of activities designed to increase the heartbeat and prepare them for a life of physical activity.

As part of the **MADE** project they learnt to dance in **canon** - a technique which requires dancers to take it in turns to perform a movement that is then identically copied and performed by others.

In PE they enjoyed working on speed, agility and stamina.





# News from around the school

## Basketball Competition

A group of our year 6's took part in a basketball competition last week at Redruth school- it was a great success! With students enjoying the experience and playing fantastically well. They worked together as a team, making mature decisions under pressure and excelling on the court. We are proud of their teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination throughout the competition.

Flo got a medal and special mention for being brilliant throughout the tournament!



## News from around the school

### RJ Working - Community Climate Conversation

We were thrilled to welcome our friends from RJ working into school last week to host an engaging discussion on how we can all work together to create a more sustainable future for our community.

This builds on work taking place in school with our older children - our Change-Makers of the future.

Parents, children and staff attended and had the opportunity to share experiences, worries and hopes (and pasties!) as well as a fun craft activity for the younger children.

Our brilliant, caring community has a voice and we are always interested to hear it - thank you to all who attended.





## Key Stage 2

## Maths

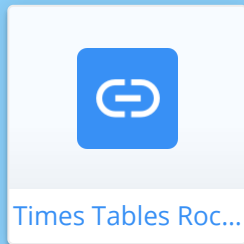


**Congratulations to Lily in Sapphire Class on becoming a BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST!**

**Congratulations to Oliver in Sapphire Class on becoming a BUSKER!**

**Congratulations to Sonny in Sapphire Class on becoming a ROCK LEGEND!**

Well done to our two superstars who have elevated their Rock Star status on TTRS in November. Key Stage 2 children have access to TTRS at home. They can level-up their Rock Star status by playing fluency games. Who will make the podium in January?



## Key Stage 2 Leaderboard

1st Place - Leo (Sapphire)

2nd Place - AJ (Sapphire)

3rd Place - Oscar (Turquoise)

Click here to access



# Parent Partnerships - RRS Article 18

## 'Every Child, Every Day - a Reader and a Writer'

Can you finish the story or write an alternative letter to Father Christmas?

### Story starter

The snowflakes had finally stopped falling, all was calm and quiet until a loud whistle pierced the stillness of the winter night. The magnificent steam train chugged along the tracks, its billowing smoke swirling into the crisp night air. This was no ordinary train; it was the legendary Christmas Express, embarking on its annual and highly important journey to the North Pole. Every December, the train embarked on its vital mission. However, this year, an unexpected problem awaited at the station...

Continue the story.



Can your child write a letter asking for something that will change the World for the better? Letters can be placed in an envelope and put around our tree to share in assembly. We always love learning from our children and the ideas they come up with.





## eSafety Updates

Whether Black Friday, Cyber Monday, or your Christmas shopping is on the horizon – here's how families can ensure that children and young people can enjoy and stay safe with any new technology and devices they may receive.

We're sure that many young people have devices on their Christmas list, whether that's a tablet, phone, games console – the list goes on!

Getting a device can be an exciting time for young people, and there may be considerations for parents and carers to make as they consider buying it.

These top tips will help you prepare for giving your child a device as a present and establishing ongoing conversation and guidance with your child about their relationship with it.

**Tap or click the link below to access the tips.**

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/christmas-2022/>







## Safeguarding Information

### Safeguarding Concerns

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Susannah Storey

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Laura Vallance

Safeguarding Governor

Sally Miners

**01209 820456**

#### Raise a concern about a child

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





## SEND Information

### Our Brilliant Nurture Provision

As part of this series of half term newsletters, we continue to look at the support and provision on offer in our nurture provision. This week - **Well-being !**

Being mentally healthy and well is key to enable children to focus on their learning. In our well-being groups, we help children to recognise when their mental health might not be feeling so good and to identify what works for them to turn that around.

We use these lovely journals for our children in Key Stage 2 in our well-being groups. They are full of beautifully illustrated pages to help children learn about the importance of the following ways to help keep mentally healthy:

- Connecting with others - including animals
- Noticing the world around us - taking time to stop and do this
- Moving - exercising outdoors where possible
- Give to others
- Sleep and eat well
- Balance screen time with other activities





# Celebrating Attendance

Be an attendance HERO - aim for 96% and above!

Thank you families - being on time supports your child to have a positive start to the day.  
Gates are open from 8.30am.



Opal	98.9%
Amber	98.6%
Emerald	98.4%
Sapphire	100%
Turquoise	

98%

Whole School 98.9%

A super well done to

Sapphire class for  
achieving 100%

attendance this week.

Letting us know about anything going on at home means we can support you and help to resolve any issues which may be contributing to absence. Please don't hesitate to pop in.

## REMINDERS

Thank you families  
- we continue to  
have the best  
attendance ever for  
all of our children!  
Our children want  
to be in school!  
Let's keep this up!





# School Office Reminders

## Christmas Lunch - Friday 13th December

This Year we will be serving our Christmas Lunch on Friday 13th December.



If your child would like a Christmas Lunch, please ensure this is booked on ParentPay by Monday 2nd December.  
(Please note Fish and Chips will be served on Wednesday that week).

## Favourite Jumper Day- Friday 13th December

On Friday 13th December we invite all children to come to school wearing their favourite Jumper for a **£1 donation**.  
All monies raised will go towards Christmas celebrations for the children.



## Important Dates

### DECEMBER 2024

- 9th Yr4/5 Mini Police Programme
- 9th Assessment Week
- 11th Christmas Performance at the Holy Trinity Church, St Day  
1.30pm - 2.30pm  
or 6.00pm until 7.00pm
- 13th Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- 17th Whole School Christmas Pantomime at the Hall for Cornwall
- 20th Break up for Christmas - 1.15pm  
No Afterschool Childcare

### JANUARY 2025

- 6th Term starts for children
- 13th Clubs start
- 16th CENSUS DAY - Special School Menu



# School Office Reminders

## Time 2 Move - Holiday Programme



**Take part in family experience days this Christmas!**

This Christmas there will be activities, trips and experiences available for families to access together.

You will be able to access sites such as The Eden Project, Heligan, Rogue Theatre and many more!



Scan here to find out more information on our website and see what is available.



For more information:  
W: [www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/)  
E: [Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk)  
T: 01872 324287



Scan here to book!



**Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the school Christmas holidays**

- Multi sports, dancing, forest schools, reindeer feeding, horse riding and lots more!
- For children aged 5 to 16.
- A hot, healthy meal available for all children.
- Funded places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.



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**FIND AN ACTIVITY NEAR YOU!**



**Time2Move Holiday Programme Goes Swimming!**

This Christmas the Time2Move Holiday Programme, in partnership with pool providers in Cornwall, is offering fully funded swimming sessions.

This is for children eligible for benefits related free school meals along with their parent/guardian and siblings!



Scan here for more information and to find out which centres are included!



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# Upcoming Community Events

Supporting Others within our Community

Why not take part in the United Downs Environment Group Tree Event, details below.

Come and purchase a Hot Chocolate at the end of the school day on Friday 13th December to support the Young Lives vs Cancer Campaign!



**Let's Plant**  
**(MORE THAN) 100 TREES!**



Join us to plant a new hedge  
and 30 trees at the  
Richard Jory Playing Field

**SUNDAY 8TH  
DECEMBER  
2-4PM**

Followed by tea and  
cake!

*Bring a  
sharp spade and wear  
sturdy boots!*

Any Questions? [andreafreeman@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:andreafreeman@gwennap-parish.net)



**Festive  
Hot  
Chocolate**  
and sweet treats!

**Friday 13th,  
2pm**

Cash only, please bring  
change!

Supporting the Young Lives vs  
Cancer Not Driving Home for  
Christmas campaign



# Upcoming Community Events

## Muppets Christmas Carol film screening and free workshop

The Ladder are excited to invite our children and families to a fun-filled festive event hosted by Eyes Peeled!

### Event Details:

What: The Muppets Christmas Carol Film Screening

When: Saturday, 14th December, 12 PM (Pay What You Can)

Pre-Film Creative Workshop:

When: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (Free!)

Activities: Christmas card-making and magic painting inspired by The Muppets Christmas Carol—perfect for letting out your inner creative!

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with a beloved classic film and hands-on activities that spark creativity. We'd be thrilled if you could share this event in your upcoming newsletter.

For more details please visit The Ladder's website using the link below: <https://theladderredruth.com/events>





**Thank you  
for taking the time to read or listen to our news.**

**Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.**

**Susannah Storey  
and  
The St Day and Carharrack Team**

