

ST DAY & CARHARRACK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER October 2025

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It has been an exceptional half-term - we hit the ground running - and our whole community has certainly been 'actively' engaged all the way through - big thanks to our amazing children, staff and parents! 'Actively Belonging' is our top priority this year, running through everything we do - to ensure everyone feels included. Please take time to read our Vision and Values on the next page - this guides everything we strive to do. Huge thanks to our families for supporting all of our community events - including the marathon, harvest, the Horticultural Show and 'Yawn to Yay' participation! It has been wonderful to see so many of you working closely with us in partnership - this really benefits all children - and they love you being in school. Thank you. Please enjoy our newsletter - there is lots of great news - including everyone in Turquoise Class wanting to go to University!

Wishing everyone a restful and safe break before we enter the lead up to Christmas!



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

'Actively Belonging' Together









Working with Rosi from St Day Parish Council to assist them in community consultation regarding the village plan for 2030 to 2050. Their village - their vision - their voice!

Hello Yellow!

What a fantastic day we had taking part in World Mental Health Day 2025.

All of the children had such a brilliant time enjoying our outdoor space and taking part in our Hello Yellow Mini Marathon to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day 2025.

All together we raised over £500 - what an achievement! This money will go towards a whole school event to benefit the well-being of our community.

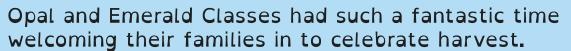
It was lovely to see so much support from our school community and a special well done to all of the parents and grandparents who managed to get a few laps in too!



Harvest Festival







They had worked so hard in their DT lessons to cook a beautiful autumn vegetable soup with crusty rolls and it went down a treat with everyone!

Of course, it isn't a harvest without singing and our youngest children did thenmselves proud - singing with confidence and joy.

Well done EYFS and Key Stage 1!





News from around the school - Active Outdoors



We have had a busy few weeks in Active Outdoors. The children have been learning how to use tools safely and have used hammers to create some beautiful Hapa Zome prints. The size and complexity of their dens has increased each week and they have shown good development in their knot tying (and untying!) skills. Hunting and identifying minibeasts continues to be popular with some very large spiders being found and a devil's coach horse beetle - a very exciting find!











News from around the school- Opal Class

What a busy and productive term it has been! The children have worked so hard, and we're incredibly proud of them. Look at our learning for the Horticultural Show!









News from around the school- Opal Class

We have some wonderful, imaginative artists in Opal Class. Here are some samples of the books written and illustrated by Year one and self portraits painted by all children. This week we have been learning about the celebration 'Diwali'. Look at the children hard at work moulding their clay to make traditional Divas.













News from around the school- Emerald Class

Making Bread for Harvest

Emerald Class have been busy preparing for Harvest by making their very own bread rolls! The children worked hard to write clear and detailed recipes, thinking carefully about the order of steps and the ingredients needed. They then put their writing into action in the kitchen — measuring, mixing, and doing plenty of kneading! The classroom was filled with wonderful smells, and the children were very proud of their delicious results.

















News from around the school- Emerald Class

Emerald have been doing a brilliant job in computing - learning all about the Digital Citizens (challenge them to tell you about them!) and, this week, working together to program our incredible robot cars.

The year 3 children did a great job of remembering their previous learning and sharing this knowledge with the year twos who were exploring the cars for the first time.



The skills developed will build a solid foundation for all children as they move into more technical coding throughout school - amazing!







News from around the school - Sapphire Class Preparing for the horticulture show.



Sapphire class have spent the last couple of weeks working hard on their contributions for the St Day Horticulture Show. Taking inspiration from the shapes seen in nature and our RE learning - Hinduism - they used 2D shapes to design mandalas. They took so much time and care over their designs and they turned out beautifully.



News from around the school - Sapphire Class

Poverty Posters

Another contribution to the Horticulture Show made by the children in Sapphire Class was their brilliant and informative Rights Respecting posters. When discussing the articles and the global goals, the children expressed great concern for the amount of poverty in the world and in particular in our local area. The children shared heart-warming stories of their generosity towards the homeless people they have seen when out and about and this sparked us to explore further, collecting statistics about this issue. Come and read our posters - you will be shocked!

As the children are so passionate about this topic, after the half term as part of our geography topic, we will be collecting data about the amount of food waste we create as a school.











News from around the school - Turquoise Class

We're all going to university! That was the general consensus after a brilliant visit to Falmouth University. The children teamed up with first-year sustainable design students to create a solution to tackle climate change. Their ideas were brilliant. From self-planting football boots to a machine to produce ice sheets, the level of creativity was phenomenal. Drawings were done then prototypes created. The university students will go on to build these prototypes and we can't wait to return in December to see the final product.















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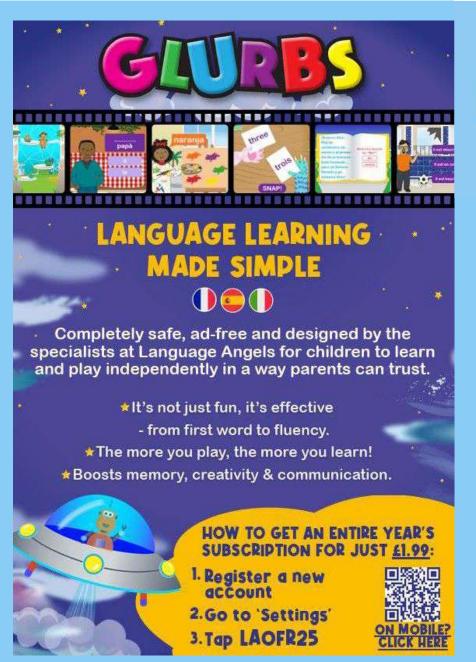








It's been a very active month in Turquoise Class and we've been **enjoying** as much outdoor time as possible with a number of brilliant outdoor learning activities. The children have **engaged** in dance with a fantastic 'Men In Black' routine coming together superbly. Finally, Turquoise Class have **excelled** in their research project on Climate Change. They have created a number of activities to enable others to help combat this crisis. They have been truly inspirational all month.





Our language learning platform, Language Angels, has launched a fantastic app to help you continue your child's Spanish education at home.

Follow the instructions on the attached flyer to download the app and use the code to get a 95% discount on a yearly subscription!



Active PE and Sport around the school

We have had another very **Active** month with our children excelling in running club and netball club. They have shown huge resilience and teamwork and have been challenging themselves to achieve their personal bests! We have been able to use our new football goals and are looking forward to arranging some football matches soon! Well done to Frankie who received player of the tournament last week!





















Active Events - Parent Engagement - Article 18























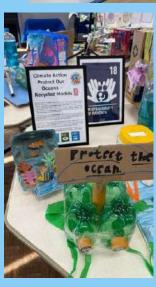


Active Events - Parent Engagement

The St Day Horticultural Show was a huge success and the children's learning was simply fantastic. The highlight of the show had to be the amazing recyled sea- themed models that were brought in from home! We had everything from a sting ray, squid, turtle, jellyfish and many other brilliant models that emphasised the message of keeping our Oceans clean and plastic free -Global Goals 13 and 14











Maths Fluency at school

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

In partnership with the National Centre of Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

In September, a new maths fluency scheme was launched across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Maths fluency is more than just memorisation. It is based in efficiency, accuracy and flexibility.

Efficiency and accuracy:

This means being able to recall key facts quickly and accurately, such as times tables and number bonds to 20. This frees up mental energy for more complex problems.

Flexibility and choice:

It is the ability to choose the best method for a problem from a "toolkit" of strategies, and to move between different contexts and representations of mathematics (e.g., from a word problem to a diagram).

Understanding and connections:

It involves a deep understanding of "why" facts work, not just the "how". For example, understanding how 5+3=8 relates to 8-5=3 is key.

We will be sending home fluency ideas for you to try out at home - making maths real for your child in everything you do daily will boost confidence and support your child to enjoy, engage and excel in maths.

Maths Fluency at home

Practice key facts:

Spend a short amount of time each day practicing basic facts, like times tables or number bonds to 10, as this quickly leads to improved fluency.

· Use different methods:

Encourage your child to explain their method and listen to how they are thinking about the problem.

Make connections:

Help your child see how different math ideas are connected. (6 x 6 is double 3 x 3 or 7 + 3 is the same as 3 + 7)

• Use games and real-life situations:

Play games to practise facts - playing cards is great for this! Involve your child in real-life math situations, like using fractions for a recipe, eating together - sharing food. We will be sending ideas out weekly to support you at home.

Try this at home

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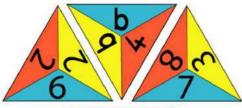
If you have ten counters numbered 1 to 10, how many can you put into pairs that add to 10?

Can you use them all? Say how you got your answer.

Maths - Activities and Games



Here are nine triangles. Each one has three numbers on it.







Your challenge is to arrange these triangles to make one big triangle, so the numbers that touch add up to 10.

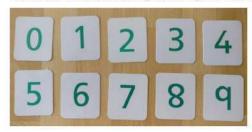
Once you've finished making the big triangle, think about these questions: How did you get started? What did you do next?

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Sealed Solution

Here is a set of ten cards, each showing one of the digits from 0 to 9:



The ten cards are divided up between five envelopes so that there are two cards in each envelope.

The sum of the two numbers inside it is written on each envelope:



What numbers could be inside the "8" envelope?

Thank you to Alan Parr who inspired this task.

nrich.maths.org/1177 University of Cambridge Please click the icon for a great KS2 problem-solving activity. Great for parents too.



eSafety Updates

Meet Head - a Digital Citizen who knows you can stay safe when using the internet by asking questions about what you see online.

Check out the video for more information and some top tips from Head!





Safeguarding Concerns

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Susannah Storey
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Beth Popperwell
Safeguarding Governor	Sally Miners

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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.

Celebrating Attendance

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

A super well
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Turquoise
Class for
achieving the
highest
attendance
this month!

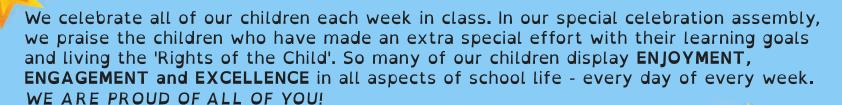


Opal - Yr R/1 - 96% Emerald - Yr 2/3 - 97% Sapphire - Yr 4/5 - 96% Turquoise - Yr 5/6 - 99%

Whole School 97%

Golden Stars

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS!









All our 'Stars' celebrate their achievements with a special break with Ms





A huge well done to all our Summer Readers who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. We are very proud of you and what you have achieved!







Celebrating with Ms Storey

All our 'Summer Reading Challenge Champions' will celebrate their achievements with Ms Storey - yet to be discussed and agreed!



Mini Marathon Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and purchased Raffle tickets. The winners of our big prizes were:

Aayda - National Maritime Museum Family Day Pass

Lily - 2 x Hall for Cornwall Christmas Panto Tickets

Rory - Waterstones Voucher

Jimmie - Surf Lesson

School Office Reminders

Important Upcoming Dates

October 2025

24th Break up for half term

November 2025

3rd Term starts for pupils

10th Clubs Start

10th Anti-Bullying Week

11th SEND Tea and Talk

11th Remembrance Day

14th Children In Need

20th Global Children's Day

Please use the following link to access our Parent Calendar and Term Dates.

https://www.st-day.cornwall.sch.uk/term_dates

December 2025

1st Assessment Week

5th Preloved Christmas Gift Sale

8th Last week of clubs

8th Mini Police Program (all week Yr5)

10th Christmas Carol Concert

11th Christmas Lunch

11th Christmas Jumper Day

17th Christmas Pantomime at the Hall

For Cornwall

19th Break up for Christmas - 1.15pm

No afterschool Childcare

January 2026

5th Term starts for pupils

12th Clubs start

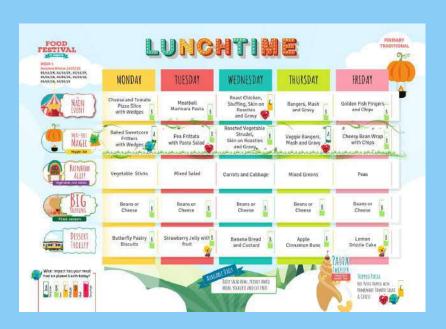
15th CENSUS DAY special school menu

20th SEN Review Parent Meetings



New Lunch Menu Monday 3rd November

Our new lunch menu commences on Monday 3rd November 2025. Please log onto ParentPay to view the menu and choose with your child which meal they would like each day.













October Half Term Activities

Plymouth Argyle are bringing their multisport activity days to St Day School this October half term at a reduced price of £16.00 per child for the whole day!!

The day will be full of a range of games & activities all centred around one thing...

FUN!! We would love to see as many children on the day as possible!

If you have any questions, please contact harry.hounsome@argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

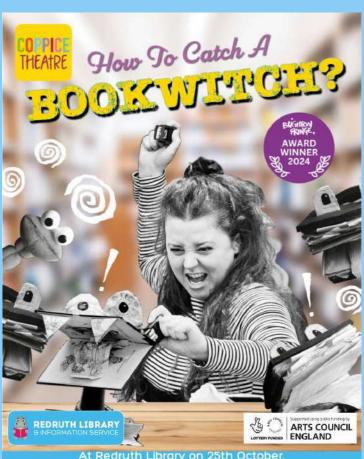
To book on, please use the link below and password STDAYOCTOBER.



https://www.abler.io/shop/pact/holidaycamps/product/Q2x1YlNlcnZpY2U6NDc5ODE=?







At Redruth Library on 25th October. Two showings at 14:00 & 16:00.

£4 a ticket -To book tickets find Redruth Library on Eventbrite or visit our Facebook page for more details.

Local Activities



£24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordines available for 48 hours rescluding Free Talko	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

Local Activities







Free Open Day

10am - 12pm Wednesday 29th October 2025

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For more information, please get in touch: 01326 331920 contact@gel.energy Website: gel.energy



PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

A relaxed drop-in event for Parents and Carers of Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).



- Grab a free drink and snack.
- Meet other Parents and Carers.
- Ask your questions and give feedback.
- Have a look through our resources and signposting information.

WHERE AND WHEN

Date: Thursday 11th December 2025

Time: 09:30-11:30am

Location: Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, Redruth, TR15 1NA.

Hosted by: Georgie Watson (she/her)
rg.uk georgiepcc@outlook.com

www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk





Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Susannah Storey and The St Day and Carharrack Team

