



ST DAY & CARHARRACK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

November 2025

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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



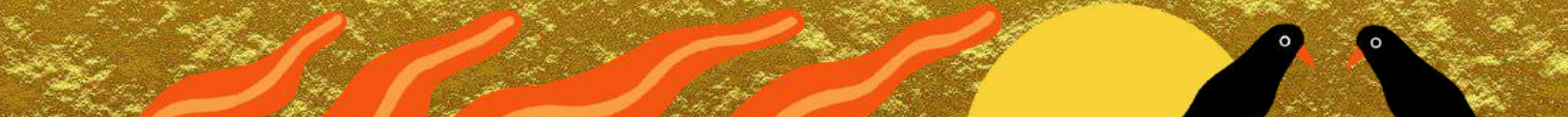


A message from Ms Storey

WE DID IT!

**We are now officially a GOLD RIGHTS
RESPECTING SCHOOL!**

Of the thousands of schools across the UK, we are now part of a small group, reaching this exemplary standard. This is down to our whole community upholding, living and embracing the Rights Respecting approach over the years. Our Rights Respecting journey started in 2020 - so we have our young people, now at secondary schools, to thank for their determination in leading our school through this ongoing change and all they did in establishing our vision and values as 'Change-Makers - their legacy being the inspiration for other children to take on this lead each year. During our inspection assessment day last month, the assessors were blown away by our children and how children's rights are fully embedded and underpin every facet of school life. Thank you to everyone in our community for the role you play - as governors, parents, staff and children - we are GOLD!





Article 12 - Respect for Children's Views

'We've been working towards this for so long, so it is great to be recognised!'

'I'm proud of how far we have come!'

'We have a great school and everyone's voice is heard!'

GOLD CELEBRATIONS - pupil voice!
Friday December 5th in School

- **Come in your own clothes - GOLD/Yellows**
- **Wear GOLD accessories - gold tinsel!**
- **GOLDEN playtimes**
- **GOLDEN lunch and pudding (book online)**
- **Class and whole school celebrations and dancing**
- **Planning is underway for a GOLD DISCO!**
- **Guest visit from the High Sheriff of Cornwall!**

2025 – 2028



**Rights
Respecting
Schools**

UNITED KINGDOM



**Gold
Rights Respecting**



A message from Ms Storey

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life.

A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted - this is our school! Huge CONGRATULATIONS to our whole community! Special thanks must go to Viv Horne who has oversight of all things Rights Respecting and her relentless commitment to inspiring our Rights Respecting Change-Makers every year.

2025 - 2028



**Rights
Respecting
Schools**

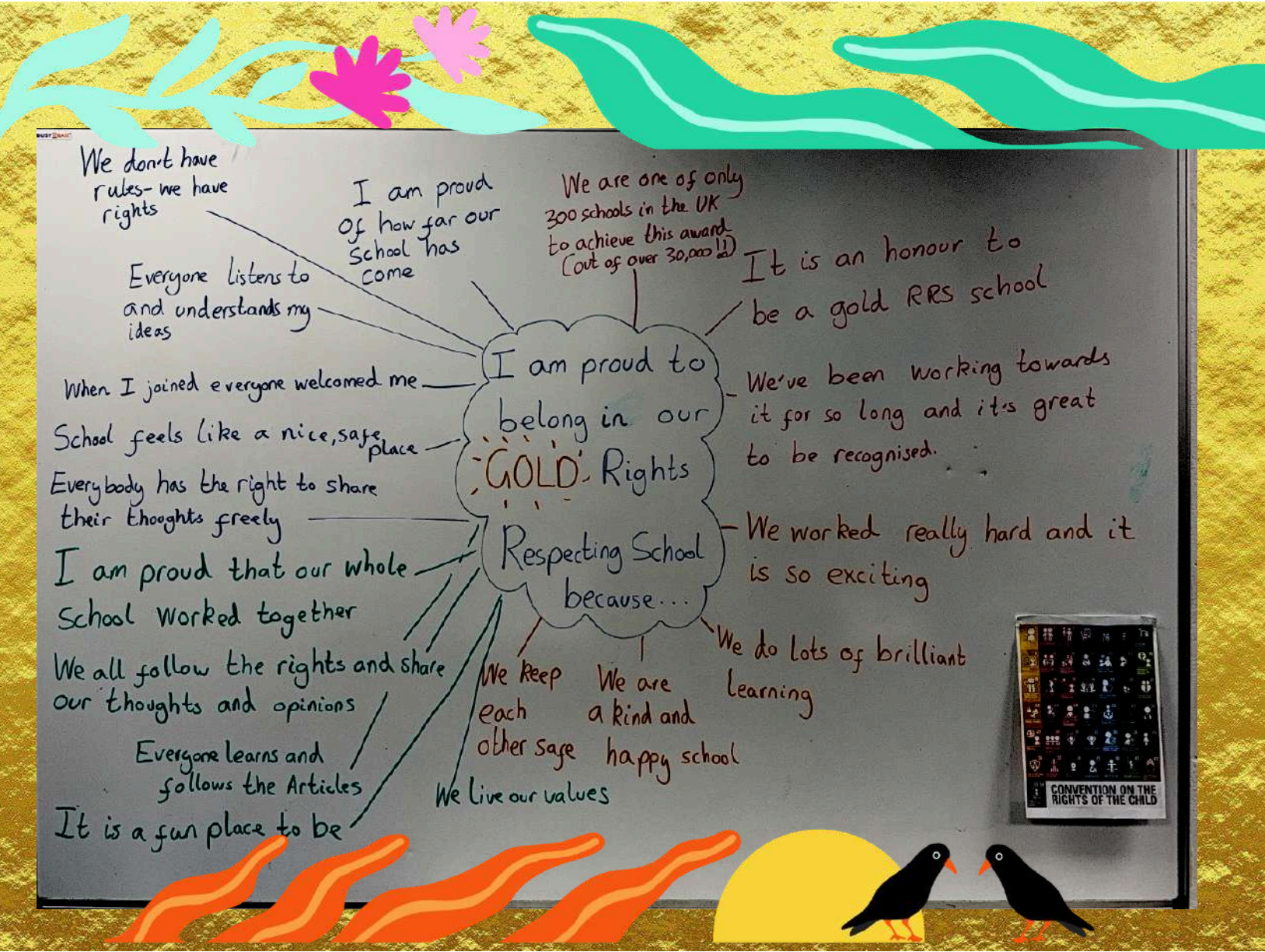
UNITED KINGDOM

unicef 

**Gold
Rights Respecting**

Children - I'm listening - there's talk of a GOLD DISCO...! In the meantime, we will all be celebrating together next Friday!





JUST INK

We don't have rules- we have rights

Everyone listens to and understands my ideas

I am proud of how far our School has come

We are one of only 300 schools in the UK to achieve this award (out of over 30,000!)

It is an honour to be a gold RRS school

We've been working towards it for so long and it's great to be recognised.

We worked really hard and it is so exciting

We do lots of brilliant learning

We are a kind and happy school

We keep each other safe

We live our values

When I joined everyone welcomed me

School feels like a nice, safe place

Everybody has the right to share their thoughts freely

I am proud that our whole School worked together

We all follow the rights and share our thoughts and opinions

Everyone learns and follows the Articles

It is a fun place to be

I am proud to belong in our GOLD Rights Respecting School because...



News from around the school - Active Outdoors



During November the children have been developing their skills to use tools safely. They have been using hammers, bow saws and a brace and bit drill to make fantastic winter decorations. They have shown great determination, focus and a responsibility to use tools safely.



News from around the school- Opal Class



Opal Class have loved learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy. Inspired by his creative approach to using natural materials, the children made their own beautiful works of art both inside and outside the classroom. Their imaginative creations really reflect Goldsworthy's unique style and show how confidently they can experiment with texture, pattern, and the environment.



News from around the school- Opal Class



Engaging, enjoying and excelling! The children in Opal Class are never afraid of hard work and love a challenge—just look at them using a bow saw in Forest School as they prepare to make Christmas decorations. We have also been learning about the season of Winter, and our Year One pupils carried out an experiment to explore the properties of melting. Great learning, everyone!

News from around the school- Emerald Class

New Science Topic- Rocks

This term, we started our new science topic on rocks, and the children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm. In our first lesson, we explored the similarities and differences between different types of rocks and their properties. To help us understand features such as layers, textures, and air pockets, we compared rocks to chocolate bars —spotting bubbles like those in a Wispa and layers similar to a Kit Kat. This hands-on approach really helped the children visualise how rocks can form in different ways.



News from around the school- Emerald Class Remembrance Day



Emerald Class marked Remembrance Day with great thoughtfulness and respect. We began the morning by attending a special assembly, where the children learned about the significance of Remembrance Day and took part in a reflective silence. Back in the classroom, the children created their own thoughtful remembrance poems. They also used watercolours to paint beautiful poppy-themed backgrounds for their writing, taking great care with their artwork. We were very proud of the empathy and maturity the children showed throughout the day.



News from around the school - Sapphire Class



Inspired by ancient Roman siege engines and war machines, Sapphire Class have been building models of catapults from lolly sticks and elastic bands in their design technology lessons. They had so much fun testing their firing power and comparing their designs with one another. In our next lesson, the children will get creative, changing various factors to try and improve the range of their catapult's shot. Some of the features they will experiment with will be the length of the catapult arm, the height of the base, the number of elastic bands and the tightness of the elastic bands. They will record their findings to create a list of instructions for building the perfect catapult. Have a go at making one at home by following the video tutorial below:



News from around the school - Sapphire Class



In Sapphire Class we all agree that we are so very lucky to live and learn in Cornwall. For the Made in St Day Christmas Fayre we decided to celebrate this with a Kana Kelyn themed ornament. Kana Kelyn is our favourite Christmas song to sing as a school and the children love to speak Kernewek (the Cornish language) in the chorus. Kana Kelyn translates to 'Sing Holly' so we have upcycled jar lids, paper scraps and old buttons to create these beautiful holly themed ornaments.

We hope to see you there at the Fayre on Sunday 30th of November where you can purchase one for your Christmas tree.



News from around the school - Turquoise Class



It's been a busy and exciting month with brilliant learning throughout. We're particularly enjoying Science and PE. The children are investigating forces in Science. Parachute making was a real highlight. The children created four different designs to test air-resistance and concluded which one would work best. PE has all been about bench ball. The games are fast, energetic and ultimately exciting. They are showing incredible teamwork as well as individual determination and resilience.



News from around the school - Turquoise Class



Another month of collaborations with organisations outside our school community. The children finished their involvement with the Plymouth Research Project and we will be updated in January with the findings. Turquoise Class also linked up with landscape architects to brainstorm ideas for the development of St Day Recreational Field. Some great ideas and the children used their voice brilliantly - Article 12 - to get their opinions heard.

Actively Belonging - PE and Sport around the School

Children (and parents!) have been actively engaging in a wide range of physical activity across school - we are enjoying working our bodies which helps keep our minds healthy too!



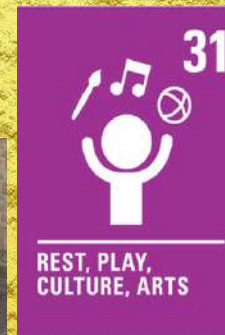
Well done to all the runners attending running club - everyone has made huge progress against *their* personal best - despite some very nasty weather!

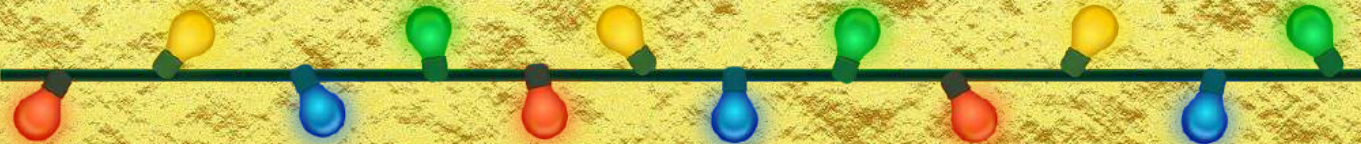
Active Playtimes

Having listened to the children - Articles 12 + 13 - we have restructured our playtimes. The children now have zones to choose from: a calm zone, creative zone and a physical zone. The feedback from the children has been really positive. 'The best playtime ever!' - 'Now I am ready to learn' - 'That was so much fun' - 'Just brilliant!'



Active Playtimes





Active Parental Engagement - 'Every Child - Every Day - a Reader, Writer and Mathematician'



With your family, write down a few “Golden Wishes” for the world and the year ahead.

These can be hopes, dreams, or positive changes you’d love to see—big or small!

You might wish for:

- More kindness in our daily lives
- Peace and safety for all communities
- A healthier planet
- Joy, learning, and friendship
- Or anything your family hopes the future will bring!

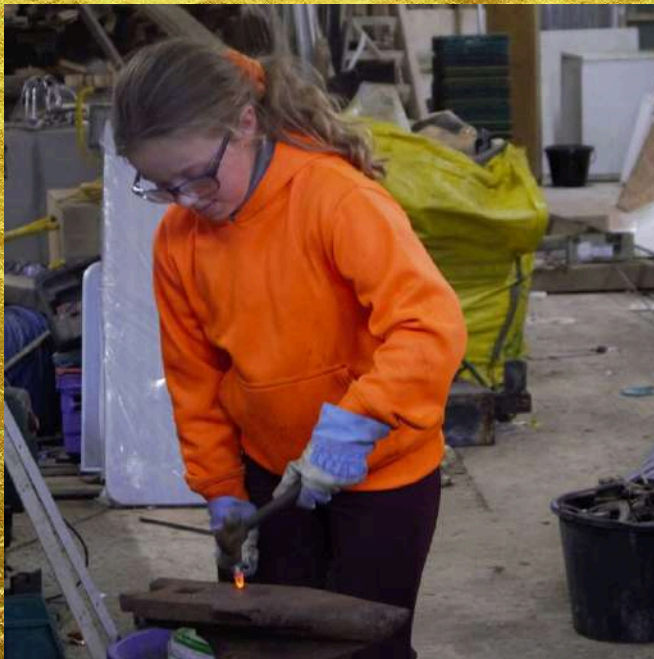
Once your family has created your Golden Wishes, send them in to be shared in assembly and written on golden stars to be hung in our hall.

We can’t wait to read your heartfelt ideas and wishes.



Parent Engagement - Article 18

Gracie and Harry had a fantastic experience learning to make horse shoes and spirals using traditional techniques with their father who is a farrier. What a fantastic opportunity! Well done!





Maths Fluency at school and home

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

Teaching of Mastery in Maths continues to be a strong focus across the school. Every child, every day is accessing sessions to support their fluency, understanding and reasoning around number. The Principles of Mastery shape why we are engaging, whole school, in this new approach.

Every child can learn and enjoy mathematics.

Learners reason and seek to make mathematical connections.

Mastery has been developed so all children make sustained progression over time.

It has been another exciting month of Mastery and we can't wait to see and share the children's progress with you. Please keep an eye out for sentence stems to the children are using in weekly class emails and talk to your children about their understanding.

Parent Engagement - Article 18

Maths - Activities and Games



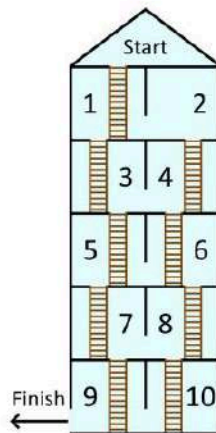
The Tall Tower

You have been imprisoned at the top of a tall tower by a wicked magician!

You can get out by climbing down the ladders. As you come down you collect useful spells.

You can go down the ladders and through the doorways into an adjoining room, but you cannot go into the same room twice, nor climb up the ladders.

The numbers in the rooms show how many spells there are in each one.



Which way should you go to collect the most spells?

And which way to collect as few as possible?

Can you find a route that collects exactly 35 spells?



Four-digit Targets

You have two sets of the digits from 0 to 9.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

The idea is to arrange these digits in the five boxes to make four-digit numbers as close to the target number as possible.

You may use each digit once only.

- largest odd number
- largest even number
- largest multiple of 3
- smallest multiple of 5
- number closest to 5000

Try out some ideas. Can you find other ways of doing it?



eSafety Updates

As part of our involvement with Common Sense Media and Ofcom pilot project all about online safety, this week we welcomed Pip Bhol from Common Sense Media into school.

He worked with our newly elected Digital Leaders - considering what online safety means to them and linking it to the UN Rights of the Child - building our Online Safety Charter.

They then shared their thoughts during a whole school assembly where children were reminded of the Digital Citizen characters before enjoying a song all about staying safe online (included on this page!)

The afternoon finished with a parental workshop all about online safety with useful links shared to help parents set limits on internet use at home.

Wow!



eSafety Updates

Useful links shared during the parent Online Safety Workshop.

Common Sense Media ratings

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Internet Matters parental controls

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Google Family Link

<https://families.google/familylink/>

We will be hosting another workshop on Friday 16th January - it would be fantastic to have lots of families attend.



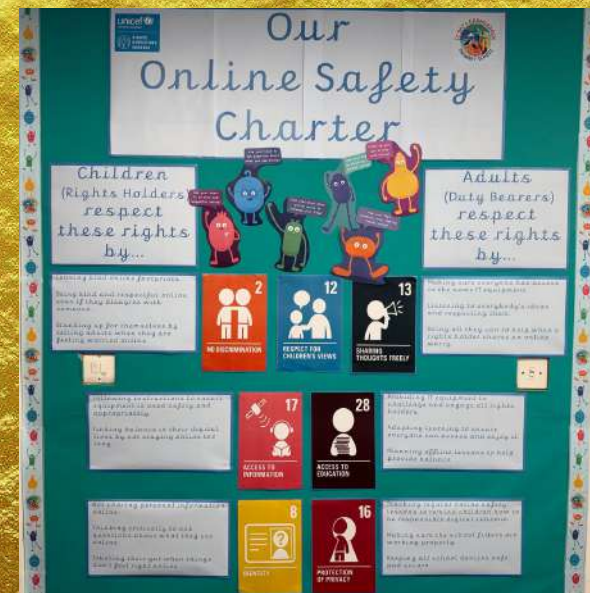
eSafety Updates

We are very proud of our Online Safety Curriculum and the value we place on being responsible Digital Citizens.



Across school, lots of work has been taking place to introduce and embed the key concepts of online safety - empowering our children to be safe, responsible and kind when using the internet.

Check out the displays that are on show in our dedicated computing room along with some excellent posters all about the Digital Citizens!







Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding Concerns

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Susannah Storey

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Beth Popperwell

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.

Celebrating Attendance

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



Overall attendance



0.7%
greater than



Overall attendance is 96.4% which is 0.7% higher than the national average.

A super well done to everyone for achieving great attendance this month despite all the bugs and illness flying around. Our target for this next month is punctuality - please help us by arriving on time every day as this supports everyone to have a settled start to the school day.

CONGRATULATIONS

A special mention to all our weekly **GOLDEN STARS** across the School - we will be celebrating with hot chocolates upstairs!

Christmas Card Competition Winner!

A huge congratulations to Pawel for winning the Perran Moon MP's Christmas Card Competition.

Well Done Pawel, a great achievement!



Bikeability Success!

Congratulations to our Year 6 Bikeability team who completed their level one and two course last week.

A great effort shown by you all. We are very proud of you, well done!





Christmas Card Competition Winner!

A huge congratulations to Pawel for winning the Perran Moon MP's Christmas Card Competition.

Pawel's winning design will feature on Perran's official Christmas Cards this year, which are sent to people and businesses across the constituency and beyond - including local organisations, community groups, and even the Prime Minister!

Well Done Pawel, a great achievement!



CONGRATULATIONS - Super Swimmers!



On Thursday 27th November, four super swimmers took part in a swimming event at Redruth Highschool, competing against several schools in a series of races.

Our super swimmers enjoyed, engaged and excelled throughout the event, modelling kindness, positivity and good sportsmanship.

They came first in all but one race, where they came second, and finished the day in first place overall, leaving with a medal each and exiting to a standing ovation from all those in attendance.

What a fantastic achievement!
Well done!



School Office Reminders

Important Upcoming Dates

November 2025

30th Made in St Day Christmas Fayre

December 2025

1st Assessment Week

1st KS1 Christingle Service

3rd Recycled Festive Lantern Making Event

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 Favourite Jumper Day

**17th Christmas Pantomime (at the Hall
For Cornwall)**

18th Christmas Movie Night 4.45pm - 6.30pm

19th Break up for Christmas - 1.15pm

No afterschool Childcare

January 2026

5th Term starts for pupils

12th Clubs start

15th CENSUS DAY special menu

**16th Online Safety - Parent workshop
hosted by Common Sense Media**

20th SEN Review Parent Meetings

February 2026

2nd Last week of clubs

9th Children's Mental Health Week

10th Safer Internet Day

11th Parent Partnership Meetings

12th Parent Partnership Meetings

13th Break up for half term

23rd Term starts for pupils

25th Junior Life Skills Visit - Year 5

School Activities

**ST DAY AND CARHARRACK
PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELOVED CHRISTMAS
GIFT SALE**

**WANTED
GOOD CONDITION**
- toys
- books
- games
- puzzles

Please drop off at the school from
24th November.

**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
1:30PM - 2:30PM**

**Supporting local
makers and artists**

School Choir performing at 12.15

Love Where You Live
**MADE IN ST DAY
Christmas Fayre**
Star Inn @ Vogue
Marquee
TR16 5NP

Mulled Wine

**Sunday 30th
November
12pm-4pm**

Christmas all
wrapped up & on
your doorstep!

Gift wrap
ideas that
won't cost
the earth!

**Shop
local!**
Plastic free &
planet friendly gifts

All proceeds to St
Day & Carharrack
Community School

Follow us on facebook
United Downs Environment Group

For more info email: unitddeg@gmail.com

Friends of St Day and Carharrack School Christmas Activities

Friends of St Day and Carharrack School (FOSDAC) brings you...

3RD DECEMBER
3.30-5.30PM
SCHOOL HALL

(Please be there for 3.30pm
to watch a demonstration
from Mrs Brandreth)



£3 PER JAR

**FAMILY EVENT:
RECYCLED
FESTIVE
LANTERN
MAKING**

**HOT CHOCOLATE
MULLED PUNCH
MINCE PIES**

Our 2025/26 fundraising goal: All money raised will go towards purchasing new equipment to enhance our Enjoying, Engaging, Excelling Active Outdoors curriculum offer. We want swings, slides, exercise equipment and more!

**BRING
COSY CLOTHES
AND BLANKETS**

FRIENDS OF ST DAY AND
CARHARRACK SCHOOL
(FOSDAC) PRESENTS...

**CHRISTMAS
MOVIE
NIGHT**

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER
**DROP OFF 4PM-
COLLECT 6PM**
£4 PER CHILD,
INCLUDES POPCORN,
DRINK AND FILM

**TUCK SHOP
ALSO
AVAILABLE SO
PLEASE
BRING SOME
CHANGE!**

OUR 2025/26 FUNDRAISING GOAL: ALL MONEY RAISED
WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING NEW EQUIPMENT TO
ENHANCE OUR ENJOYING, ENGAGING, EXCELLING ACTIVE
OUTDOORS CURRICULUM OFFER. WE WANT SWINGS,
SLIDES, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND MORE!



CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11

FLU

MMR

HPV

**DIPHTHERIA
TETANUS
POLIO (DTP)**

**MENINGITIS
ACWY**

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

Call us on

01872 221105

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net



Merry Christmas!



December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm




CHRISTMAS 2025

Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:

- Bissoe Trail
- Seaton Country Park
- Pentewan Trail

Rides are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays between 22nd Dec and 2nd Jan

Meet time is 1000
Bike check optional
For all ages & abilities

Scan here to book!



www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme
Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk





PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR ST DAY RECREATION GROUND

You're invited to have your say on the future of St Day Recreation Ground!

Please complete our online survey below. Your feedback will help shape future plans

Scan this QR code to take an online survey and tell us how you use the recreation grounds, or follow the link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StDay_Recreation_Ground




Local Activities



HELSTON RAILWAY

Christmas Trains



Santa Train Dates (December 2025)
6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd


Santa Train Times
10:00, 11:30, 15:00

Train of Light Time
17:30

Ticket Prices
Adult £10
Child £11.50
Under 5 years £5


Child and under 5 prices include present from Santa!

visit www.helstonrailway.co.uk



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)
georgiepcc@outlook.com

www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk

Local Activities

UNITED DOWNS ENVIRONMENT GROUP

COMMUNITY MARKET

MILLS HALL, CARHARRACK
TR16 5QW
1-3PM

SEPT 13TH, OCT 11TH, NOV 8TH, DEC 13TH, JAN 10TH, FEB 14TH

- Bettina's Textile repairs & Renewals
- Local plants, jams and chutneys
- Peat-Free compost
September 13th
October 11th
- Carley's seed & nut butters
- Naked Sprout toilet rolls
- Locally grown fruit and veg produce
- Incredible Bulk zero waste refill
- Peber's Artisan Sourdough bread
- Homemade cakes including vegan cakes
- Cusgarne Organic Farm Produce

Contact email uniteddeg@gmail.com
Facebook United Downs Environment Group

GWEALAN TOPS
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

WINTER OPENING

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
TUESDAY 4TH NOV TO
FRIDAY 19TH DEC
3.15 TO 5.30PM
SATURDAYS 12-4PM

YOUTH CLUB FRIDAYS 5.30 - 7PM

SCHOOL LANE, REDRUTH, TR15 2ER
WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG

COMMUNITY FUND



Wraparound Care

Child-Care Club

£3.50
per
session

Breakfast
Included

From 8am
every day

Book on
ParentPay

More information
on the school
website or from
the school office

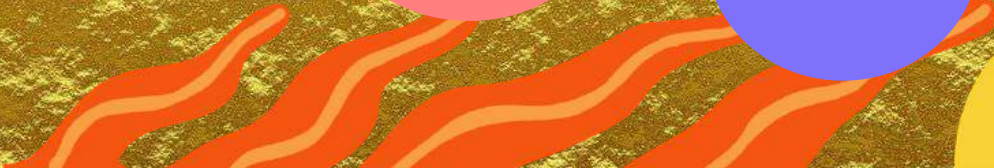
Games
and
Crafts

Afterschool Wraparound Care

Prices
start
from £5

From the end of
the school day
until 4.30pm /
5pm or 6pm

Healthy
Snack and
Drink
Included





**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**

