



**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



# We are a Rights Respecting School

2024 – 2027



**Rights  
Respecting  
Schools**

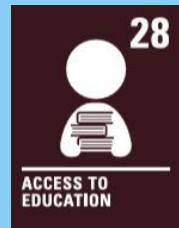
UNITED KINGDOM



**Silver  
Rights Aware**

## Autumn Term Rights Focus

Across all classes, we are building positive relationships and discussing the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**. Staff and children are working together to create safe and happy classrooms where everyone's voice is heard and we can all **Enjoy, Engage, and Excel**. Every class has now completed their very own 'Class Charter' to support a positive learning environment and to ensure that 'Rights' are respected, protected and promoted for everyone in our School community. Please go to your child's class page to view their Class Charter.



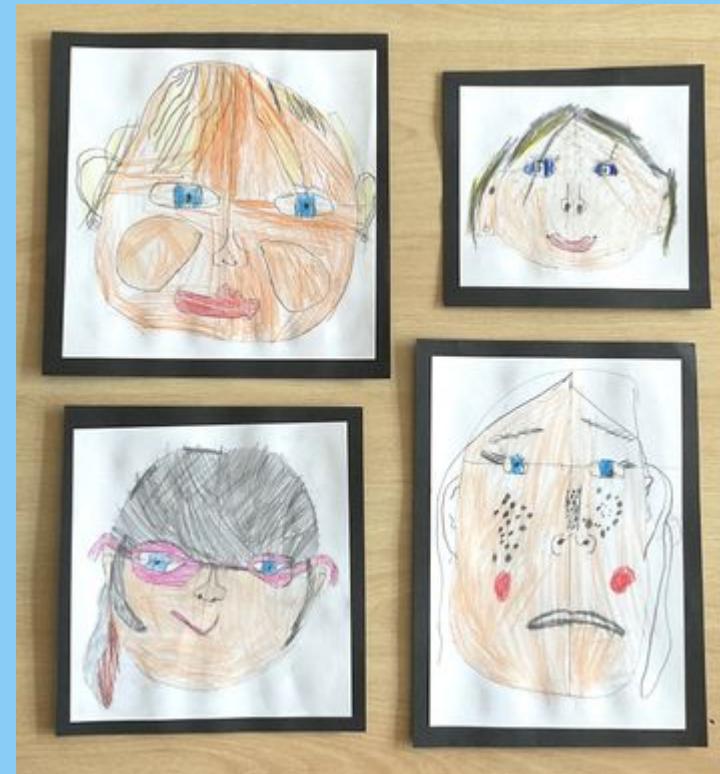
**We are working towards GOLD...**



## A message from Ms Storey

We have had an exciting week ending with our Opal and Amber families joining us today for a samba song, harvest soup and bread - all prepared by our wonderful children. Thank you for joining us and making this a memorable experience.

This last month, we have had a number of visitors in school, keen to look at our provision and best practice. On Thursday, we had a monitoring visit and what is standing out is the praise we are receiving for providing a nurturing, caring and warm environment with a broad range of opportunities for our children to be Enjoying, Engaging and Excelling in their learning. Our children are proud of their school and were so keen to tell visitors why! We have a brilliant team of committed professionals here who want the best outcomes for everyone and support every child to achieve their best. This year, we are focusing on our creative arts offer with Miss Clark leading the whole school on Art and Design and Technology - take a look at all the portraits! Can you spot your child? With computing, we have been fortunate to benefit from the very latest resources for coding - thanks to Mr Belling. Mr Autie's class have had great fun learning this week - take a look at what we have been up to...



## WE ARE ALL ARTISTS!

This year we have a brand new and exciting art and DT classroom which is visited by each class once a week. Through art we are celebrating our local area, the wider world, digging deeper in to history and championing diversity with our new, bespoke art and design and technology curriculums. This half term we are drawing inspiration from all over the globe and experimenting with a range of traditional and non-traditional art materials.

To launch the new term, each class has created self-portraits which are now proudly displayed in our art room. Everyone who sees them has been amazed by them and it is wonderful to see the journey children make through art during their time with us here.

Take a look at the portraits on the next couple of pages, can you guess who is who?







## News from around the school

Amber class were very excited this week to use some of our incredible new computing equipment! We spent time programming our Sphero mini cars to learn the basics of **block coding** in a physical, hands-on way.

We had so much fun! We learnt about **algorithms**, **programming** and even managed to successfully **debug** faulty programs.

How lucky we are to have access to such innovative, exciting technology.





# News from around the school

## Multi Sports Event

What a brilliant start to our sporting year!

Our year 3 and 4 children took part in a multi sports competition at Redruth school! All showed engagement and excellence as a team- led by one of our year 6 sports leaders who ran a warm up and encouraged them throughout! All children were engaged in article 31 (the right to rest, play, culture and arts)

What a fantastic start St Day!





## Parent Partnerships - RRS Article 18

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

Thank you for all the wonderful Dark, Dark Tales! It was a pleasure to read them all, we will be sharing a few in assembly.

As it is Hello Yellow day on Thursday, with your family can you write a poem all about kindness. Here are some sentences to start you off:

Kindness is the colour of...

It smells like...

It sounds like...

It feels like...

It looks like...

It tastes like....

When I am kind I feel...



# Celebrating Attendance

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

Thank you families - being 'on time' is having a positive impact on our whole school environment with a productive and settled start to the day for everyone!



Opal	88.9%
Amber	99.3%
Emerald	96.3%
Sapphire	98.6%
Turquoise	96.9%

**Well done to Amber, Emerald, Sapphire and Turquoise for having attendance above 96%**

## REMINDERS

Please remember to complete an 'absence request form' in advance if you know your child will not be in school. Every family has received information from Cornwall Council regarding 'Penalty Notices'. We are unable to authorise term time holidays. Thank you to families who have maintained open and honest communication with us - it is supportive to know what is going on for you as we will always try and help to ensure your child does not fall behind with learning or friendships. Please book an appointment if you would like to discuss attendance.





# School Office Reminders

## Nasal Flu Vaccines

Monday 7th October 2024

If you would like your child to receive this vaccine, please consent online via the following link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Please ensure you enter the full unique school reference code: **EE111840**

or contact the School Immunisation Team on 01872 221105 and they will be happy to complete the form with you over the phone.

What to do if your child is unwell

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school please contact the school office before 8.45am and leave a message on the answer machine.

If your child has been unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea. Your child can return to school 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

Please arrange medical appointment out of school times or later in the afternoon after registration. Should this not be possible, please inform the school office of the date and time of appointment. You will be required to provide evidence of the appointment for this to be an 'authorised absence'.

## Important Dates Reminders

### **OCTOBER 2024**

- Black History Month
- 7th Nasal Flu Immunisation
- 10th World Mental Health Day
- 14th Last week of clubs
- 16th Parent Partnership Meetings 3.15 - 6.00pm
- 21st -Yr 6 Bikeability
- 24th Yr 6 Bikeability
- 24th **Break up for half term**
- 25th **INSET DAY 2 - SCHOOL CLOSED**

### **NOVEMBER 2024**

- 4th Term Starts for pupils
- 4th Clubs start
- 5th SEND 'Tea & Talk' - 9am
- 11th Anti-Bullying Week - info to follow
- 15th Children in Need - Cake Bake
- 20th World Children's Day
- 29th St Day Christmas Lights switch on 5.30pm
- Santa visiting St Day at 6pm





## Starting School - September 2025

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so you will need to apply for a place in Reception Class 2025.

We would like to invite any families with children starting school in September 2025 to a viewing day on:

Thursday 17th October - 9.30am  
Tuesday 19th November - 9.30am

You can see our Reception classroom, EYFS provision and meet the team. Please arrive at the school office at 9.30am and we will show you around and answer any questions.



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Together  
for Families





Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2025 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2025**.



**Please note:** you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system.





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# Information on School Emergency Closures

Please see details of our parent / carer guide to School Emergency Closures.

This document gives details of who to contact during a possible school closure together with useful websites and contacts. Our School website will always be updated on the front page.

## School emergency closures

### A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

#### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

#### Social Media

- Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/TFFFCornwall](https://www.facebook.com/TFFFCornwall)
- Instagram  
[www.instagram.com/TFFFCornwall](https://www.instagram.com/TFFFCornwall)
- Twitter  
[www.twitter.com/TFFFCornwall](https://www.twitter.com/TFFFCornwall)

#### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

#### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

#### Useful websites

- Cornwall Snow Advice  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- Met Office  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- Environment Agency  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- Devon and Cornwall Police  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

#### Contact us

Email: [togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: 0300 1234 101



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# 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 telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116






# eSafety Updates

Running through all that we do to support our children online is our SMART poster. It is displayed around school and the children know that each letter gives them important advice to help them use the internet safely

Over the next few weeks we will showcase each letter - starting this week with S for SAFE

You can find out more information at [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) and the poster is also on this page as a PDF for you to download and print at home



	<p><b>S is for safe</b></p> <p>Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too.</p> <p>Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.</p>
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## SEND Information

Moving forward, our SEND Information page on the newsletter will be focusing on different areas of need and how all adults can support with this. Over the next few weeks, we'll be focusing on...

### WORKING MEMORY

**Working Memory** is the short term storage system our brain uses to hold information we are using in a moment. It also helps us to block out distraction and focus on the task in hand. Working Memory has limited capacity and can become easily overwhelmed - this is when information then gets lost or confused. As an adult, our working memory can hold 5-7 items; children can hold 1-2 items at a time.

Working memory capacity can vary from child to child and when it becomes overloaded with too much information it can look like children are:

- avoiding tasks
- not listening
- struggling to organise themselves
- forgetting things
- daydreaming or lost
- disengaging



**Next Week:**  
Find out 'Top Tips' on  
how we can support  
working memory...  
What games do you  
play at home that  
support with this?





# 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

Sienna E for being brave, kind and caring!

### Amber Class – Year 2

Jake for brilliant efforts to remember our Ernest Shackleton story map

### Sapphire Class – Year 4/5

Jago for brilliant engagement across all his learning

### Emerald Class – Year 3

Lara for always having a positive attitude to learning

### Turquoise Class – Year 5/6

Katy for a wonderful attitude to her learning



### Hot Chocolate with Ms Storey

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







**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**

