

June Newsletter 2025

Welcome to the June Edition of our Newsletter!

Despite the changeable weather, the past few weeks have been filled with a fantastic array of activities and events across the school! As we step into June, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the highlights of the term so far—and look ahead with excitement to the final half term of the academic year.

While we were disappointed that the weather forced us to postpone Sports Day, our incredible Year 6 children rose to the occasion by planning and leading an action-packed afternoon of physical fun. From obstacle races and bench ball to target throwing, the playground was buzzing

with energy and laughter. The day was rounded off with a well-earned ice lolly, kindly provided by our amazing **FOSMS team**.

Our residential programme continues to go from strength to strength, with Year 4 children enjoying their very first school sleepover! Their adventure included a delicious meal at **Treyarnon Youth Hostel**, an evening of beach games, and an exhilarating day of water sports with Newquay Adventure. We were lucky to have the weather on our side—and even luckier to see so many happy, sandy smiles.

In May, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs and we couldn't be prouder of them. They approached each assessment with determination, positivity and resilience. A special thank you goes to **Fryer Tucks Café**, who generously donated a fish and chip lunch for the children, which was delivered to them at Treyarnon Beach—what a treat! Our pupils have written heartfelt thank-you letters, which were proudly displayed in the café window.

As we move forward, our assessment season continues. Year 1 children will soon take part in the **National Phonics Screening Check**, Year 4 will complete the **Multiplication Tables Check**, and Year 2 children are preparing for their **end-of-Key-Stage SATs**. These assessments help us shape our teaching and learning plans going forward and are delivered in a completely supportive and low-stress environment—many children even say they enjoy them! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are excited to share the arrival of our brand new **Book Exchange Shed**, generously donated by **Piran Advanced Composites**. This wonderful addition will be open on dry days, giving children the opportunity to bring in a book they've finished reading at home and exchange it for a 'new' one. With a wide selection of good quality books available, we kindly ask that any books brought in for exchange are also in good condition. Happy reading!

With the days getting longer and (hopefully!) a little warmer, there's much to look forward to: surf weeks for Years 5 and 6, a rescheduled Sports Day, and our always-popular Community Night. Summer fun is just beginning!

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter, which is packed with key updates and celebrations. As always, thank you for your continued support

Best wishes,

Mrs. King

FOSMS News



Sports Day

Unfortunately sports day was postponed this month, but the FOSMS after school treat wasn't! All the children enjoyed an ice lolly, thanks to our three Barn Owl volunteers for handing them out. Reminder we will be selling tea, coffee and pastries on the morning of sports day (9th July)

FOSMS Book Exchange

Hopefully you have all seen our amazing new 'Book Exchange' in the entrance to school, which was opened for the first time last week. This will be opened up hopefully daily for the children to borrow a book to take home. We would like to say a massive thank you to Piran Advanced Composites for their generosity who have donated our shed and book crates. We have already been donated some books, but we are looking for more. If you have any good quality books that need a new home please drop them into the school office.

Activities - Help painters needed?

The school benches need some tlc and the literacy shed needs a refresh. Can you spare an hour or two, to either sand, repair or paint please? We bought some new benches last year with

money raised. It would be really great if they can be looked after to help preserve them. If you can help please let us or the school know your availability so we can arrange.

Tuck Shop

The tuck shop is very popular again this year which is great but we need your help to keep it open. Is there one Friday this term that you could run the tuck shop? Please let us know if you can.

Arts Night

Plans are underway for **Arts Night**, if this isn't your child's first year at school you will know what a big event this is and because of this we need lots of help. We are looking for people to help for just 30 minutes throughout the evening, a signup sheet will soon to going up near the school office.

Reminders

Have you joined the school lottery? You can support us by joining our school lottery. Winners are drawn every week with the opportunity to be entered into the big draw where you can win up to £25,000!

For details, please ask one of the FOSMS team or see our facebook page.

Our uniform shop is still available to all. If you require anything then please see Vicky in the office or Sarah Hodson who will be more than willing to help.

Keeping up to date: Join our facebook group and keep an eye on the blackboard for the latest information.

Meeting:

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 18th June at 2pm** Everyone is welcome.



PAINTERS NEEDED

Can you help please?

School picnic benches and literacy shed need a fresh look.

Let us know your availability.



Sporting News



Sports Events

Camel Challenge

We were so unbelievably proud of our Year 6 children that represented St Merryn School with such energy, kindness and determination. Children took the time to support and coach one another and played amazing football! They came an incredibly close 2nd place – we might even consider a re-match! Well done to every single one of you.

Golf Lessons

All Key Stage 2 children were lucky enough to have a golf lesson from a professional coach from Trevose Golf Club. This was such a great experience, with the children thoroughly enjoying learning or improving their golf skills. As usual, all the children were amazing, and the coach was very praising of their behaviour.

Year 3 and 4 Swimming Lessons

What a fun, busy and tiring week the Year 3 and 4 (and a couple of Year 5s) had taking part in daily swimming lessons for a whole week! The progress every child made was just incredible, from total beginners to those more confident swimmers. Every child came back to school each day with a big smile on their face! Well done to all of you.

Clubs

We are excited to offer a great range of clubs again this half term – whether you enjoy sports or the woodland, art or Lego, we hopefully have something for everyone. Please make sure you have returned your clubs letter as soon as possible, as the clubs do get filled quickly.

Dates for the diary:

Y5 surf week – 10th – 13th June

Y6 surf week – 17th – 20th June

Monday 16th June – Y6 Quad Games

Monday 23rd June – Upper KS2 District Sports

Wednesday 25th June – EYFS Games

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June Science Week

Thursday 26th June – Year 5 Junior Life Skills

Thank you,

Mrs Cooper



























Talents outside of school...





Celebrating Our Children's Achievements – In and Out of School!

At our school, we love recognising the amazing talents of our children—not just in school, but in their activities outside of school too! It's always inspiring to hear about their achievements and the dedication they show in all areas of life.

Football Glory for Solly, Jack & Fred!

A huge congratulations to Solly, Jack, and Fred who played a key role in helping their team, St Mawgan, win the **Cornish Under-11s Football Cup**!

A special shout-out to Fred, who was named **Player of the Tournament**—an incredible achievement, especially as he's a year younger than most of his teammates!

Solly and Jack both received the **Coach's Award** for being solid, reliable all-rounders. Jack has also had a couple of **Man of the Match** nominations this season—fantastic work, boys!

Gymnastics Success for Ivy & Indi!

Over the weekend, Ivy and Indi competed in the **NGA Coastal Classic gymnastics competition**, and both gave impressive performances.

Indi competed at **Level 3 Silver**, bringing home her **first gold medal** for Vault, **3rd place on Floor**, and **4th on Bars**—a brilliant result!

lvy competed at **Level 4 Gold**—her highest level yet—against older competitors. Out of 12 gymnasts, she placed **6th overall**, with a **4th place on Beam** and **5th on Floor**. An outstanding achievement!

We're so proud of all of you—your passion, resilience, and hard work are truly inspiring. Keep it up!









Early Years Updates



Early Years

This term is a hugely exciting time for Nursery children as they prepare to start their schooling journey. We have a comprehensive transition programme to allow them to feel secure in their leap from nursery to full time school. We can't wait to see them enjoying the experience.

If you have a child who is joining reception, please see below dates for transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Muller or the office.

Mrs Muller

Dates for Reception Transition

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 9th June	9am (School Hall)	Preparing for school' presentation by Mrs
		Muller and Mrs King in the school hall.
		Please inform the school office if you are
		attending this session.
Monday 16th June	2 – 3pm	'Parent and Child stay and play.
		Come along with your child to Robins
		classroom for an exploring afternoon.
Monday 23rd June	2 – 3pm	'Stay and play' Children only afternoon.
		Drop your child into Robins classroom for an
		exploring afternoon.
		Children in Nursery that afternoon will attend
		as well.
Tuesday 1 July	9 – 1pm	'Stay and Play' Children only morning.
		Activities with Mrs Muller
		Please bring your child in, even if they are not
		in nursery normally. Children will spend the
		morning in Robins and then have lunch (school
		dinner) in the school hall.
Monday 7 July	2 – 3pm	Stay and play' Children only afternoon.
		Drop your child into Robins classroom for an
		exploring afternoon.
		Children in Nursery that afternoon will attend
		as well.
Monday 21 July	2.15pm in the school ha	
		Parents are invited to bring their children for a
		graduation ceremony from St Merryn Nursery.
		Children will be presented with their book bags
		to take away with them.

1 - Reception Transition Timetable

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Monday 23rd June	2 – 3pm	'Stay and play' Children only afternoon. Drop your child into Robins classroom for an exploring afternoon. Children in Nursery that afternoon will attend as well.
Monday 30th June	1.30 – 2.30pm	Teddy Bears Picnic Bring your child, their favourite teddy and yourself along to a teddy bears picnic in the woodland (weather permitting).
Monday 7 July	2 – 3pm	Stay and play' Children only afternoon. Drop your child into Robins classroom for an exploring afternoon. Children in Nursery that afternoon will attend as well.

2 - Nursery Transition Timetable

Nursery News



A Busy and Exciting Final Half-Term Ahead!

We have a very busy and exciting half-term ahead for all of our children. Not only are the Wrens preparing for their transition into the Robins class, but our Chicks will also be experiencing some exciting changes as we move towards forming an Early Years Unit. It's a big time of growth and development for everyone!

As we approach our final term together in Nursery, we're looking forward to making it a memorable one. Our theme this term is 'Under the Sea'. The children will be exploring the fascinating world beneath the waves, learning about a variety of sea creatures from around the globe, and discovering the different jobs people do at sea. We'll also be transforming our nursery into an amazing ocean-themed environment to really bring the topic to life!

With the warmer weather approaching, we kindly ask that all children come to nursery with sun cream in their bags and a sunhat each day so they can enjoy outdoor activities safely.

We're excited for a wonderful half-term full of fun, learning, and adventure!

Nursery Team

Outdoor Learning - Gardening







Our Gardening Curriculum – Blooming with Success!

We've had a wonderfully green-fingered term here at school, and we're excited to share just how much our young gardeners have been growing—literally and figuratively!

St Merryn Garden Society - 98th Annual Show

Mark your calendars for **19th July**, as the St Merryn Garden Society hosts its **98th Annual Show!** Our **Robins class** is already getting their hands dirty growing **potatoes in buckets** for the competition, but the great news is that **any child can enter**.

There are lots of fun categories to explore, including **gardening**, **baking**, **and crafts**. The Garden Society is especially enthusiastic about seeing the amazing efforts of young participants and would love to see even more entries from children this year.

If your child is interested, entry forms are available from Mrs Worrall's office—don't miss out!

Polytunnel Projects & Friday Tuck Shop

Our school polytunnel has been bursting with life! From broad beans and lettuce to cucumbers, tomatoes, and aubergines, we've had a fantastic harvest. Some of our delicious produce has already made its way onto plates at school lunches, much to everyone's delight.

We'll also be **selling our homegrown vegetables at the Friday tuck shop**. Donations are warmly welcomed, and all proceeds will go directly into funding more **gardening equipment and supplies**—thank you for your support!

Royal Cornwall Show Success

It's been a creative and colourful time for **Robins, Nursery, and Woodland Club**, who have been hard at work making entries for the **Royal Cornwall Show**. We're thrilled to share that we've already won **at least three prizes** for our incredible contributions!

Be sure to look out for our **dream catchers**, **vegetables**, and a delightful **Peter Rabbit display**—a real highlight of the children's creativity and effort.

Mrs Muller









Outdoor Learning - Wild Tribe Teacher Training!



Wild Tribe Adventures Continue! 🥬 🤚



Our weekly Wild Tribe sessions continue to provide fantastic opportunities for children to build resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, all while developing a deeper connection

with the **natural world**. These sessions have become a much-loved part of our curriculum, offering hands-on experiences that inspire curiosity and confidence.

This term, we were excited to take outdoor learning even further. All teaching staff participated in a dedicated **outdoor learning staff meeting**, where we shared best practices and enhanced our skills—particularly benefiting from the expertise of our most experienced colleagues. Not only was it a brilliant professional development opportunity, but it was also **great fun!** From building fires to cooking up a variety of tasty campfire treats, we embraced the Wild Tribe spirit ourselves.

With renewed inspiration and new ideas to bring back to the classroom (and the woodland!), our children are certainly in for a treat this term!







Forest School



Exciting Adventures Await at Forest School This Term!

Forest School is gearing up for another exciting term packed with creativity, discovery, and outdoor fun! With nature as our classroom, students will have the chance to explore, learn, and grow through hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and build confidence.

This term, we're especially looking forward to diving into some imaginative art projects. With the sun (hopefully!) shining, we'll be making beautiful **sun prints** and **suncatchers** to brighten up our learning spaces and celebrate the outdoors.

Our learners will also begin to explore **new tools**, developing practical skills and learning the importance of **tool safety** along the way. Under close supervision, they'll gain confidence handling tools responsibly—a valuable lesson in independence and care.

And of course, what would Forest School be without the magic of fire? Children will learn the basics of **fire safety** and enjoy the wonder of warming up around a safe campfire setting, while developing a respect for nature and the elements.

We're excited for a term full of laughter, learning, and outdoor adventure. With creativity, teamwork, and a bit of sunshine, there's no limit to what we can achieve in Forest School!

Mrs Williams





Year 6 £20 Challenge

£20 Challenge in 20 days for Year 6 – starts 16th June- 11th July 2025!

Back by Popular demand, Barn Owls are extremely excited to be undertaking the £20 challenge again this year to raise money for the Children's Hospice South West. The children have

brainstormed many different ideas of how to use our £20 to make as much money as we can. There will be stalls, crafts and active events, we are even hoping to hold a coffee afternoon! The dates for all of these events will follow shortly, we look forward to having some well earned fun whilst raising money for such a worthy cause.

Mrs Golav

Key Stage 1 SATS

As part of the National Curriculum, KS1 SATs will take place for Year Two children during the week commencing **Monday 23rd June**. Alongside teacher assessments, the results provide information about your child's progress and attainment in **reading**, **writing**, **mathematics** and **spelling**, **punctuation** and **grammar**.

It is extremely important to us that all children feel comfortable and relaxed and we aim to make the experience as positive as possible by encouraging all children to do their best.

To support your child at home you can;

- Encourage a positive attitude toward school and learning.
- Continue regular reading at home.
- Ensure your child gets plenty of rest and maintains a routine.
- Reassure them that they just need to try their best.

If you have any questions or concerns about the KS1 SATs please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Olivey

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

Y1 Phonics Screening Check – Final Tips

The Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week commencing **Monday 9th June**. Here are some last-minute tips to support your child:

- Find 10 minutes per day to watch RWI Virtual Classroom films using the QR codes sent home before half-term.
- Please prioritise any highlighted sounds these are ones your child finds tricky and will benefit most from practising.
- The Word Challenge films help your child practise the 'Special friends, Fred talk' routines with a mix of real and nonsense words great practice for the screening check.
- Keep reading at least three times a week. Choose a quiet time when your child is wide awake. Help your child to:
- Read the sounds and words at the front of the book, before they read the story.
- Sound out any unfamiliar words as they read the story.
- Read back each page to them, after they have read it.
- If your child has enjoyed the story, encourage them to read it again on the next day to increase their fluency.

If you have any questions, please come and see us.

Mrs Olivey

Multiplication Check Last Minute Tips!

As you are aware, the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will take place over the first couple of weeks of June. Some last-minute practise that I would advise would be to revise the tables that your child is not as confident with and ensure these are practised out of order as the tables check is randomly generated. Also, children can practise at home using the website timestables.co.uk (the link is provided) Multiplication Tables Check - 2025 - Timestables.co.uk¹ as this is the closest website matching the real test. Good luck to all the year 4 children taking the test, I know you'll do amazingly well!!

Miss Redman

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Music Updates

This term, Starlings, Kestrels, and Barn Owls have embarked on an exciting musical journey, each exploring a different family of instruments. Starlings have been learning the recorder, Kestrels have taken up the ukulele, and Barn Owls have been getting into rhythm with djembe drums. It's wonderful to see our pupils gaining hands-on experience with wind, string, and percussion instruments—ensuring that every child leaves St Merryn with a broad and balanced introduction to music.

Meanwhile, our peripatetic music pupils have been working diligently with Issy and James. Their enthusiasm and commitment are now building toward a highlight of the summer term: a concert on **Tuesday**, **16th July**, where they will perform for both their peers and proud parents. We're so looking forward to celebrating their achievements and sharing the joy of music with our school community!

Mrs Muller

Online Fun





With the summer holidays fast approaching, some children might be looking forward to spending more time on computers as well as ensuring they get outside for some fresh air and exercise! Why not check out some coding courses for children that can help them learn valuable, practical and life-long coding skills in a fun and exciting way. It will encourage creativity, independent coding and problem solving so that members can use their coding abilities in all aspects of life. Below are a couple of coding clubs that you can sign your child up to with some aspects being free of charge and then as your child develops, there will be a small cost. Why not give it a go and see how your child gets on!

Game Dev Club - coding club for learning to code and building games!²

Coding courses for kids, games design and tech³

Miss Redman

Inclusion Information

Transition

As the end of the school year approaches, it's normal for children to feel a little anxious about moving to a new class or starting at a new school. These transitions can bring excitement, but also uncertainty, and it's perfectly natural for children to have questions or worries during this time. We want to reassure parents and carers that we are here to support you and your child.

²https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thecodezone.co.uk%2Fgame-dev-club&data=05|02|kking%40kernowlearning.co.uk|99a1fd3b89704fbdae6008dd9f51877f|4069dd172dda44348f72fc516948a319|0|0|638841894713643060|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIslIdUIjoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=%2FyjONKaGro0iHr%2BHpDs%2FWZH4odJpzpSDrCTAher718U%3D&reserved=0

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Please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or Mrs Golay if you have any concerns.

For more persistent or heightened anxieties, we are also able to request support from **Headstart Kernow** and their Mental Health Support Teams, who offer a range of services designed to support children and families through these changes.

Autism Café at Trevisker School

We're delighted to announce that our Trust will be hosting the next **Autism Café** for local schools at **Trevisker School, St Eval**. This welcoming and supportive event is open to all parents and carers—your child does not need to have a diagnosis to attend. It's a great opportunity to connect with others, share experiences, and find support from families who may be on similar journeys

Mrs Golay





The NHS Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our: Year 6 Transition Workshop

This is an hour long online session aimed at parents and carers. The session covers how to help and support young people with the transition to secondary school.

*Please note this group is open to parents/carers of children in Year 6 only

Upcoming Sessions:

- Tuesday 20 May at 11am or 1:30pm
- Monday 2 June at 10:00am
- Thursday 12 June at 1:30pm

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided: https://forms.office.com/e/q
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Sign up will close 1 week before the workshop date



Additional Information





The Sea Show Squashbox Theatre SAT 14TH JUNE 11AM

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New Toddler Group

Every Wednesday 10 am to 11:30 am

At Trevone Village Hall

Starting on June 4th
(Parent/Carer must stay with child...£2.00 charge)









Dates for the Diary



June

Wk beg 9th - Year 5 Surf Week

Wednesday 11th - Class Photos

Wk beg 16th - Year 6 Surf Week

Wk beg 16th - £20 Challenge begins for Year 6

Tuesday 17th - Robins trip to Bodmin Steam Railway

Wednesday 18th - FOSMS meeting 2:00pm

Wk beg 23rd June - Science Week

Monday 23rd - District Sports

Thursday 26th - Year 5 Junior Life Skills trip

Wk beg 30th June - Year 6 Transition Week (Mon-Wed)

July

Thursday 3rd - Saturday 5th July - Year 6 London Residential

Wk beg Mon 7th: Arts Week

Wednesday 9th July - Sports Day 9:30-12:00

Thursday 17th - Reports out to parents

Friday 18th - Arts/Community Night

Monday 21st - Parent Consultations

Monday 21st - Nursery Graduation 2:15pm

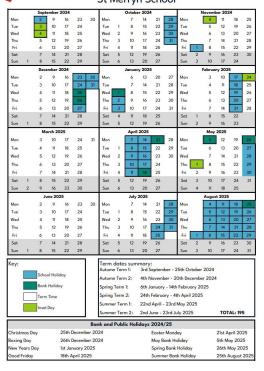
Tuesday 22nd - Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd - Year 6 Leavers meal and disco

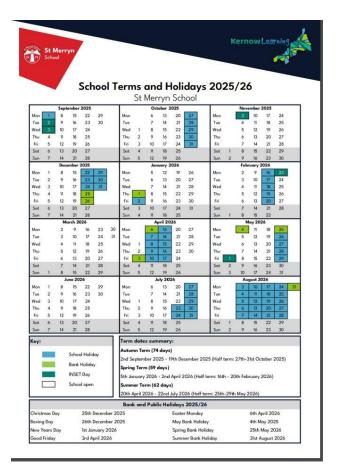
Wednesday 23rd - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2:00pm



School Terms and Holidays 2024/25 St Merryn School



3 - Term Dates 2024-2025



4 - Term Dates 2025-2026