



Newsletter

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Our School Blog

We were honoured this week to receive a visit from the newly appointed Bishop of Truro (David). He was full of compliments for our collective worship team and their presentation to the rest of the school, and equally impressed by the children's responses to the questions they raised about perseverance through the story of Mary Secole.

He also took the opportunity to visit some classrooms, talk to some children about their learning and he even 'ordered a take away pizza' from a child in our nursery.

Thank you for your support today in raising funds for Diabetes Awareness. It was lovely to see all the children (and staff) wearing something blue and we have definitely increased a lot of people's appreciation for the importance of diabetes charities across the country.

Christmas card orders

The cut off date for orders and payments is Monday 20th October. We will NOT be able to accept any orders after this date. **Please remember that you have to order cards to be able to order any other items.**

ParentPay

You need to use ParentPay for any payments, up to and including Friday 24th October. Please ensure that all outstanding balances are settled by 24th October.

MCAS (My Child At School)

If you have set a password, but not yet logged into your MCAS account, please do so ASAP. This means that you will show as being 'active'. We have approximately 37 accounts still showing as 'not yet activated'.

MCAS will be used for booking and paying for everything from 4th November.

Wraparound sessions and the lunch menu (for 4th November to 18th December) are already live on MCAS. The new portal allows the user to book/amend/cancel required wraparound sessions but does require payment at time of booking. We understand that circumstances arise where you may need a last minute, on the day booking for after school club - we ask that you contact the school office on 01726 64322 in these situations.

As we break up for half term next week, it would be beneficial to familiarise yourself with MCAS so that the office staff are still around to assist with any queries.

Have a great weekend

Mr Gynn



Transfer to secondary school
September 2026

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance
Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

QR code: 

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Applying for a secondary school place for September 2026

Special Educational Needs
If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information. Tel: 03872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools
You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...
 Think about how your child will get to school. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.
 Look at the admission arrangements on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.
 Consider naming your nearest or designated school as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.
 Look at the detailed admissions information on our website; also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 31 October 2025
Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated
If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 2 March 2026**. Apply on time! Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.



Starting school
September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that 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.

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2 Submit your application by 15 January 2026
Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated
If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2026**. Apply on time! Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

Dates for your diary!

Thurs 23rd Oct - Autumn Disco

Mon 27th Oct - Fri 24th Oct - Half Term

Mon 3rd Nov - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Wed 5th Nov - Parent Consultations (further info to follow)

Fri 7th Nov - Non-Uniform Day (further info to follow)

Wed 13th Nov - Rainbows open afternoon - for families looking at school places for Sep 26 (2-3pm)

Fri 14th Nov - Children in Need (further info to follow)

Fri 28th Nov - BBFriends Christmas Fair (further info to follow)

Wed 3rd Dec - YR Vision Screenings

Fri 5th Dec - Y1 Hearing Screenings (further info to follow)

Fri 5th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 10th Dec - Family Support Coffee Morning (9-10am school staffroom)

Wed 10th Dec - Christmas Lunch

Fri 12th Dec - Secret Santa!!

Fri 12th Dec - Rocksteady Christmas Concert, 2pm school hall

Thurs 18th Dec - Last Day of Term

Fri 19th Dec - Inset Day

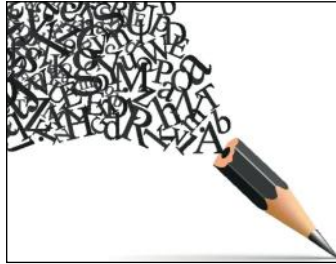
This week's achievers

Well done to the children below for following our BB Rules for Life. This week, we are celebrating our achievements in writing

Little Doves

Oliver

For using capital letters and full-stops to write a simple sentence



Little Lambs

Harry

For a brilliant retelling of 'Whatever Next' with openers, adjectives, conjunctions and ambitious vocabulary. It was a pleasure to read!

Peacocks

Annie

You have worked hard to include all the key features of a great opening to the story, The Stone Age Boy. Your creativity and attention to detail, makes your work a pleasure to read.

Well done - keep it up!



Phoenix

Scarlett

For fantastic descriptive writing, using exciting vocabulary, powerful verbs and adverbs. The opening and build up of your Stone Age story was so detailed and imaginative!

Angels Georgia

For making steady progress with your spelling and applying new strategies with growing confidence. Your writing shows real flair and creativity, making your ideas shine through beautifully

Faith Arya

For setting yourself a high standard with your writing. Your vocabulary is fantastic and Mr Scott absolutely loves reading your work

Hope Auggy

For writing a fantastic story ending. You included all of your toolkit and managed to add some additional features - well done!

Our school vision is at the heart of all we do at Bishop Bronescombe. We feel it is important to share the achievements of children who have worked hard to share their gifts and talents.



This week's achievers

This week, we learnt about
and celebrated our school
vision of perseverance

Little Doves Riley

For persevering in English. You never
gave up, even when the word was
tricky to sound out



Little Lambs Ed

For how you persevere with all
aspects of school life but particularly
your writing. It was a pleasure to
read!

Peacocks James and Charley

For both showing great perseverance
in improving your handwriting. Your
dedication and consistent effort have
led to remarkable progress, you
should be incredibly proud of what
you've achieved. Keep up the
fantastic work!



Phoenix Theo

For showing amazing determination
and not giving up even when things
get tricky. You have worked hard to
improve your writing - well done!

Angels Harry

For showing incredible perseverance
during the bleep test in PE, pushing
yourself to your absolute limits and
refusing to give up. A fantastic
display of determination and grit!

Faith Beau

For having the ability to just
'keep on keeping on' in maths
whilst learning to multiply 2
and 3 digit numbers together!
You have absolutely smashed it
now

Hope Jude

Even when multiplying and dividing
by 10, 100 and 1000 seemed
confusing at first, you kept
practising and now you have a
super understanding - well done!

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us ideas, imagination, and the chance to learn.
Thank you for pencils, paper, and the words we use to tell our stories.

Sometimes writing can feel tricky.

Sometimes we don't know how to start, or what we want to write.

Please help us to keep going, even when it's hard.

Help us to try our best, one word at a time.

Amen

Other notices

Please look out for the 'Studio 4 Dance CIC' pots in Tesco stores and give them some blue tokens!
Not only are they amazing but they would love the chance to create further dance opportunities for young people in Cornwall.



LIGHT FEST

Hosted by
white river community church & ST AUSTELL parish

5:00pm - 6.30pm
No booking necessary

Crafts, Games, Neon Silent Disco, Refreshments, Toddler Playzone & more!

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER
at WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH

All ages welcome!

FREE!

The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Halloween Wild Wellbeing session** at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book EACH child on to a session

Sessions available at:

- Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October
- Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October
- Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October
- Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October

*Free parking at all sites

Activities will last approx. 2 hours
Please feel free to drop in from 10am, activities end at 1pm

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Monday 24th November
10.30am - 12pm.
St John's Methodist Church, St. Austell, PL25 5AE

Emily Garrod and Sinne Brock from the Early Years Team, CMST, will be holding a workshop at The St. Austell Festival of Music and Speech. The workshop is for children under 5 and their caregivers. Please feel free to drop in at any time that suits you and your child. The session will include fun songs and music activities and will be open to all.

Free Early Years Music Workshop

For more information email:
egarrod@cmst.co.uk

Other notices



Christmas PARTY

December 14th | 11am to 2pm

St Erme Community Centre

Enchanting magic show
Hands-on Christmas crafts
Music to get everyone in the spirit

Plus, Santa himself will make a special appearance bringing a gift for every child!

gunnerskids.org
gunners kids

SCAN QR CODE FOR FULL DETAILS
For families with children when a parent/carer has a terminal illness. FREE



All Things Batty!

Wednesday
29th October
5.00pm- 7.30pm

Join us for an evening learning about our night flying residents.

Games Walk around site Talk by a local expert

Bat box building £5 per box

Tickets available from our website
www.kehellandtrust.org.uk

£5 per person including a filled jacket potato

Well behaved dogs on leads welcome
U18's must be accompanied by an adult



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A Cornish Autumn Celebration

Wednesday 29th October
10.00am - 3.30pm

Apple Decorations £1.00
Craft activities FREE
Activity Trail FREE
Badge Making £1.00
Site Entry FREE

Pop up caf serving drinks, snacks and cakes.

Join us for a fun-filled family day out celebrating Autumn. Explore our beautiful site and learn about October festivals around the World

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PAR MARKET & FOOD HALL

Meet Santa
Every Child Gets A Present

Only £5 Per Child

Every Saturday & Sunday
15th November - 21st December
10am - 4pm - No Bookings Required



PAR MARKET FOOD HALL

The Nutcracker Trail

3 Grand Prizes - Winner's Choice!

Choose from Nintendo Switch 2, Xbox Series X, PS5 or Meta Quest 3!

+ 50 other prizes to be won!

NINTENDO SWITCH 2 **XBOX SERIES X** **PS5**

Find Santa's Nutcrackers for your chance to win!

15th Nov - 21st Dec

Your child will bring home a Nutcracker Trail booklet at the beginning of December - this contains all the information you need!