



# Newsletter

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## CLASS

### INFORMATION

Porthcurno Class is the home of Year 4, 5 and 6. The class is taught by Mrs Rendle Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Mrs Ayotte on Thursday and Friday. Mrs King teaches maths each day to year 4.

We focus on our school values of believing in ourselves and others, striving to achieve our potential and aspiring to always do our best and aiming high. Our trust values of excellence, equity and evolution are embedded within our curriculum. We believe that our classroom is a safe place for all children to be themselves and take risks in a supportive environment.

Please help us to support your child by making sure that they are in school promptly each morning ready to learn with any resources they have been asked to bring.

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## PORTHCURNO CLASS

Our topic for this term is 'Ancient Maya' and we will be exploring the question: 'Who were the Ancient Maya?' The topic will take us on a historical journey. We will be researching how we know about the Maya civilisation and how the Maya became successful. We shall be incorporating this theme into our writing as well as topic work. You can find out more about our curriculum plans by looking on the Porthcurno page of the school website.

#### Weekly Information:

PE will be every Tuesday - please wear the correct PE kit to school.

Swimming will be on a Thursday morning (see below for dates). Please come dressed in PE kit and bring swimming kit.

Dates: 12.9, 19.9, 26.9, 3.10, 10.10, 17.10, 24.10, 7.11, 14.11, 21.11, 28.11, 5.12

Healthy Snack: Please ensure your child has a water bottle and a healthy snack with them each day. It is a long time between breakfast and lunch; keeping hydrated and some fuel at breaktime will enhance their learning.

#### Parent Volunteers:

If you would be willing to support us by listening to readers, helping with our Forest School sessions or getting involved with the Christmas performance preparations then please contact us.

## READING AND HOMEWORK

**Reading:** We ask that children read at home to an adult at least 4 times a week (this includes free readers). This does not always need to be their school reading book: it could be a book from home, a magazine, an article on the internet or anything else that encourages your child to read and enjoy reading. Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary in school every day and that they are signed by parents.

**Spelling:** Spellings will be sent home on a Wednesday for a spelling quiz the following Wednesday. Please help your child to learn these words. They can also learn them on Spelling Shed.

**Times Tables:** Please learn times tables at least 4 times a week either through TTRS, chanting or other games/ quizzes until children can recall up to 12x12 fluently and the following reading and spelling practice:

**Homework grid:** The termly topic based homework grid is optional. If you choose to do one of the activities - please bring it to school to share with the class.

# Other Information



CREATIVITY



CONFIDENCE



COLLABORATION



INDEPENDENCE

*Excellence - Equity - Evolution - Believe - Achieve - Aspire*

At St Buryan Academy safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Please see our website for our policies and more information; however, if you feel that you may need to speak to our Safeguarding Office or Deputy, then please find their details below:

**Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mr Joshua McDonald - [head@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:head@stburyanacademy.org)**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Joanna Kwiatkowska - [joannak@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:joannak@stburyanacademy.org)**

**Parent Liaison Officer: Mrs Tina Care - [secretary@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:secretary@stburyanacademy.org)**

## ATTENDANCE

We are committed to driving our attendance continuously upward. It goes without saying, but the more that your child is in school, the more opportunity they have to learn and progress in all areas.

90% attendance is still 4 weeks off school each year!

80% attendance = 1 day a week off over 5 years = 1 full year of school missed!

Over a year, 10 minutes late each day is 6 full days of school

**OUR SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8.45AM AND FINISHES AT 3.15PM**

### Term Dates and Insets:

#### Autumn Term

5 Sept - 20 Dec (Half term: 28th Oct - 1st Nov)

#### Spring Term

6 Jan - 4 April (Half term: 17th-21st Feb)

#### Summer Term

22 Apr - 23 Jul (26th-30th May)

**INSETS:** 3rd and 4th Sept 2024, 6th June 2025, 21st, 22nd, 23rd July 2025

## INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Here are some websites to help your child's progress:

- Spelling Shed
- Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)
- Read Theory
- [bbc.co.uk/ bitesize](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize)
- [primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)
- Rollama
- Maths Frame

**IF THE USUAL PERSON IS NOT PICKING YOUR CHILD UP, PLEASE LET THEIR CLASS TEACHER KNOW, EVEN IF IT MAY BE ANOTHER PARENT OF THE SCHOOL - THANK YOU**

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