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NEWSLETTER



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Academy Trust



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UPLOAD OUR NEWSLETTERS, MENUS AND UPDATE OUR DIARY!



KEY DATES: AUTUMN 1

Tues 8/9/26

Parent Overviews to go out

Thurs 17/9/26

Swimming 1

Thurs 24/9/26

Swimming 2

Weds 30/9/26

Nasal flu immunisation

October 2026

Black History Month

Thurs 1/10/26

Swimming 3

Fri 2/10/26

Harvest Celebration

Thurs 8/10/26

Swimming 4

Fri 9/10/26

World Mental Health Day:
Wear something to make you smile

Tues 13 & Weds 14 Oct 2026

Parent evenings

Thurs 15/10/26

Tregeseal Life Skills trip; Swimming 5;
Hockey League



INSET DAYS 25/26

Friday 24th July 2026

Welcome!

Welcome back to St Buryan Academy for the 2026/27 academic year!

The summer has flown by - and so has our first week back to school. I'd like to give a huge thank you to our staff and Friends of School, as well as our other amazing volunteers.

Over the summer they've been hard at work giving our outdoor spaces a face lift.

Planters have been installed, paint has been applied and waste has been cleared - thanks to you all!

You should have received information regarding our school dinners for this year - it is vital that your child's meals are booked by 9am each day.

I'd like to welcome Mrs Bawden to Team St Buryan. She joins us taking up a teaching assistant position in Merry Maidens and has already made a wonderful start to her time here. Our other staff welcome goes to Abbie Dunn, who replaces Jo in the kitchen. Jo had an amazing couple of years with us and we thank her for all she did for our children and school. Unfortunately, next week we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Butterfield. Mrs 'B' has been with us for 16 years and has been a key member of our school and recent successes; not only supporting our children with their learning, but being a key member of our residential trips and camps! We'd all like to thank her for all of her contributions to the school and we will all miss her.



RECENT PHOTOS: OUTDOOR SPACES



WELL DONE

A huge well done to all of our new children who started St Buryan this week, whether you are in Reception or other years. It has been great to welcome you to our school and I am very proud with how you have all settled in!



ANNOUNCEMENTS: AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are working hard to provide our wrap-around care this year after our provider(s) became unavailable. We appreciate your patience whilst we sort this. Until further notice, Mr McDonald will take after school club this month. See later in the newsletter for more info. Booking forms will go out Monday but just let us know if this Monday is needed!



BELIEVE
in ourselves



ACHIEVE
together



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for the future



OUR CURRICULUM

Have a look at what we consider to be our 'Golden Threads'.
These run through all we teach, learn and do.



Our Priorities
2026-27

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OUR GOLDEN THREADS

THE ESSENTIAL THREADS THAT RUN THROUGH
EVERYTHING WE DO

Connecting our priorities. Strengthening our practice. Enriching every child's experience.



OUR BELIEF

At St Buryan Academy, these golden threads are woven through our curriculum, our teaching, our relationships and our community. They ensure every child is known, valued and supported to be the best they can be – today and in the future.



READING AT THE HEART

We inspire a love of reading across the school and use reading to open minds, build knowledge and unlock opportunity.



ORACY AND COMMUNICATION

We develop confident communicators who can express ideas, listen carefully and collaborate effectively with others.



VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

We build rich vocabulary to deepen understanding, improve outcomes and help every child find their voice.



METACOGNITION AND INDEPENDENT LEARNING

We teach children how to think, reflect and take ownership of their learning so they become resilient, curious and independent.



ADAPTIVE TEACHING FOR ALL

We adapt teaching and resources to meet the needs of all learners, ensuring everyone can access, achieve and thrive.



BELONGING, ASPIRATION AND INCLUSION

We celebrate difference, promote equality and create a safe, welcoming community where everyone belongs and can succeed.



WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

We prioritise wellbeing for pupils and staff, promoting resilience, kindness and positive mental health.



BRITISH VALUES AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

We develop responsible, respectful citizens who understand their rights, responsibilities and the world around them.



HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL

We believe in every child. We set high expectations, remove barriers and empower every pupil to achieve their full potential.



STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES

We work together with families and our community to support learning, wellbeing and opportunity for every child.



Breaking barriers.



Opening opportunities.



Believe



Achieve



Aspire

Working together today for success tomorrow. ♥



VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to support our school, why not get involved in our Friends of School? They are a wonderful group always looking to do great things for our children. Visit their Facebook page for more information.

If you think you can help in any way, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!



SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

Reading every day makes a huge difference! Here are some simple ways you can support your child at home:

- ✔ Read together every day – even for 10 minutes
- ✔ Ask questions about the story
- ✔ Encourage your child to retell the story
- ✔ Visit the library and explore new books
- ✔ Talk about new words and their meanings
- ✔ Celebrate reading for pleasure!

Top Tip!

Make reading part of your daily routine.
Little and often is best!



INSETS

Tues. 1st September
Mon. 4th January
Plus: 19th - 30th October



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20 IS PLENTY

Parking safely around our school helps keep everyone safe.



- ✓ Protects our children and families
- ✓ Keeps our community safe
- ✓ Keeps traffic flowing smoothly
- ✓ Shows respect for our neighbours

Thank you for doing your part.



Stronger together, brighter futures!

When school and home work together, children thrive. Here are simple ways you can support your child's learning every day.



READ TOGETHER EVERY DAY

Share stories, talk about books and enjoy reading together. It builds vocabulary, imagination and confidence.



TALK, LISTEN AND ASK QUESTIONS

Chat about your child's day, ideas and interests. Encourage them to ask questions and express their thoughts.



EXPLORE NUMBERS EVERYDAY

Count, compare, measure and spot patterns in everyday life – in the kitchen, on walks, or while playing games.



PRaise EFFORT AND CELEBRATE

Focus on effort, progress and trying new things. A positive attitude builds resilience and self-belief.



ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Let your child have a go at things for themselves – dressing, tidying, problem-solving and making choices.



EXPLORE THE WORLD TOGETHER

Visit new places, look at nature, cook, create and discover. Curiosity helps learning come to life.



BE KIND AND RESPECTFUL

Model kindness, listen to others and talk about feelings. Strong relationships help children feel safe and happy.



KEEP IN TOUCH

Share information, ask questions and celebrate successes. We're always here to help.



Let's work together!

We value our partnership with you. Together, we can give your child the best start and help them achieve their very best.



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

If you have any questions or need support, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Good attendance and being on time means children don't miss out on important learning, friendships and opportunities.

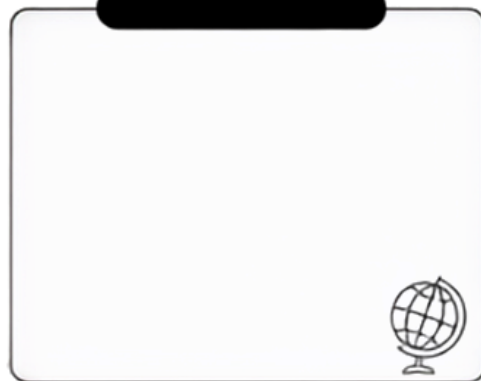
Together, we can achieve great things!



Stronger together. Supporting every child, every day.



PUPIL VOICE: EACH WEEK OUR CHILDREN WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER WITH THEIR BEST BITS, SOME LEARNING OR WHAT THEY ARE PROUD OF.



Attendance Matters!

☆ Every day. Every lesson. Every opportunity.

DEEP DIVE: ST BURYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our current whole school attendance is

96.8%

We are incredibly proud of this!



This is above the national average and a true reflection of our fantastic school community. Well done to our pupils, families and staff!



ACHIEVE their best



BUILD STRONG friendships



DEVELOP confidence



ENJOY all the opportunities school offers

WHY IT MATTERS

HOW WE COMPARE

Our attendance compared to national figures

96.8%



St Buryan Primary School

94.74%



National Primary Average

+2.06% above the national average!

Well done, St Buryan!

Thank you to our pupils, families and staff for working together to make attendance something we can all be proud of.

Let's keep it up!



EVERY DAY COUNTS – ABSENCE ADDS UP TO LOST LEARNING

Consistency is key. Even small amounts of absence can impact your child's learning over time.

95% ATTENDANCE
9 DAYS ABSENCE
= 50 LESSONS MISSED
2.5 WEEKS OF LEARNING LOST

90% ATTENDANCE
19 DAYS ABSENCE
= 100 LESSONS MISSED
5 WEEKS OF LEARNING LOST

85% ATTENDANCE
29 DAYS ABSENCE
= 150 LESSONS MISSED
7.5 WEEKS OF LEARNING LOST

80% ATTENDANCE
38 DAYS ABSENCE
= 200 LESSONS MISSED
10 WEEKS OF LEARNING LOST



Good attendance helps every child thrive and reach their full potential.

Thank you for supporting your child every day!



SHINING STARS

A huge well done to all of our amazing children who have made us proud!

All of our new starters!



OUR SCHOOL PRIORITIES

Seven key priorities to ensure every child is known, supported and achieves their very best – today and in the future.



OUR FOCUS THIS YEAR

Believe ★ Achieve ★ Aspire



OUR PROMISE

Your child is at the heart of everything we do.
We create a safe, happy and ambitious place where everyone belongs and can achieve, aspire and shine.



1

EXCELLENT TEACHING EVERY DAY

WHAT WE DO ALREADY

- High quality, engaging lessons every day
- Coaching and support for our staff
- Regular assessment to check progress
- Clear routines and high expectations

HOW WE ARE ENHANCING

- Strengthening subject knowledge across the curriculum
- Developing our teaching strategies
- Using evidence to ensure every child continues to make strong progress

KS2 OUTCOMES 2026



2

STRONG WRITING AND COMMUNICATION

WHAT WE DO ALREADY

- Daily writing opportunities
- Focus on vocabulary, spelling and clear communication
- High quality feedback and modelling

HOW WE ARE ENHANCING

- Embedding our new writing curriculum
- Developing spoken language
- Strengthening moderation to raise standards further

KS2 WRITING DATA 2026



3

A STRONG START FROM NURSERY TO RECEPTION

WHAT WE DO ALREADY

- A nurturing, play-based start
- Strong routines and quality teaching
- Focus on language, early maths and independence

HOW WE ARE ENHANCING

- Strengthening the transition from Nursery to Reception
- Building even more opportunities for early writing

EYFS DATA 2026



4

CONFIDENT IN MATHS, READY FOR THE FUTURE

WHAT WE DO ALREADY

- Daily maths teaching with a focus on fluency, understanding and problem solving
- Reasoning and practical maths opportunities
- Times Tables Rock Stars and rich resources

HOW WE ARE ENHANCING

- Embedding arithmetic and reasoning strategies
- Strengthening multiplication facts
- Targeted support for those who need it

KS2 MATHS DATA 2026



5

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES THAT ENRICH EVERY CHILD

WHAT WE DO ALREADY

We offer a wide range of experiences inside and outside school to build skills, confidence and a love of learning.



HOW WE ARE ENHANCING

We are expanding enrichment and leadership opportunities, broadening cultural experiences and creating even more chances for every child to shine.



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A CARING, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

WHAT WE DO ALREADY

- We celebrate differences and promote respect
- We support wellbeing and positive mental health
- Everyone is valued, included and listened to

HOW WE ARE ENHANCING

- Strengthening support for SEND and disadvantaged pupils
- Working closely with families and partners
- Continuing to remove barriers and open doors to opportunities for all

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AMBITIOUS FOR ALL, STRONGER TOGETHER

WHAT WE DO ALREADY

- High expectations for every child
- Ambitious curriculum for all
- Strong partnerships with families and the community

HOW WE ARE ENHANCING

- Building on success and always looking to improve
- Using data and feedback to drive our decisions
- Working together as a team to give every child the very best



STAY INFORMED

Keep an eye on Class Dojo (Merry Maidens), our website and email for the latest news, dates and updates!



SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN

Helpful reminders and tips to support your child's learning and wellbeing...



SAFETY REMINDERS

Keeping our children happy, healthy and safe.



KEY CONTACTS

Here are some key contacts if you need to get in touch.



NOTES



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fun • Friends • Activities • Play



➤ **MONDAY**

Until 5.00pm

3.15–4.15pm: £5
After 4.15pm until 5.00pm: £10

➤ **TUESDAY**

➤ No club

WEDNESDAY

➤ Film Club for all until 4.15pm

➤ **THURSDAY**

Until 5.00pm

3.15–4.15pm: £5
After 4.15pm until 5.00pm: £10

➤ **FRIDAY**

➤ Football Club for all until 4.15pm

♥ **BOOKING FORMS**

| Going out Monday 7 September
These arrangements apply for the rest of September and will be reviewed for October.

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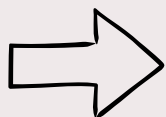
➤ No club on Thursday 17 September 2026

Breaking Barriers, Opening Opportunities ♥



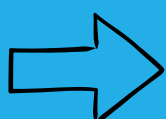
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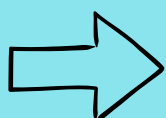
General Enquiries

Mr McDonald – jmcdonald@stburyan.tpacademytrust.org
Mrs Care – tcare@stburyan.tpacademytrust.org



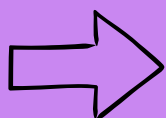
Pre-planned absence

Mr McDonald – jmcdonald@stburyan.tpacademytrust.org and fill in a Leave of Absence form available on our website



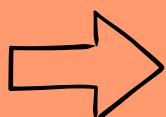
Unplanned absence and illness

Please phone by 9.00am on the morning of the absence
If no answer, please email jmcdonald@stburyan.tpacademytrust.org



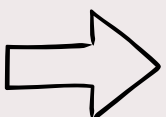
Safeguarding

Mr McDonald (Designated Safeguarding Lead) – head@stburyanacademy.org
Mrs Helen Ayotte (Deputy DSL) – hayotte@stburyan.tpacademytrust.org
safeguarding@stburyanacademy.org



Special Educational Needs

Mrs Ayotte (SENCo) – hayotte@stburyan.tpacademytrust.org



Teacher Meetings

Please see 'Meet our Staff' page under 'Our School' on our website



Office Hours

Please note that our Reception hours are 8.30am–1.30pm Monday to Thursday term time only. Phone lines are still accessible but please aim to use one of the above contacts in the first instance outside of these hours – thank you.

In the event of needing to contact the school out of these hours, please use the relevant above contact and phone in emergency only.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE LATE FOR PICK-UP, STAFF WILL SUPERVISE YOUR CHILD UNTIL 3.30PM – AFTER THIS TIME THEY WILL BE SENT TO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB, WHICH MAY INCUR A CHARGE IN LINE WITH OUR WRAP-AROUND CARE FEES.

St Buryan Academy Primary School Calendar 2026/27

September 2026						
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October 2026						
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November 2026						
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December 2026						
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School holidays

Bank holidays

- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- May Bank Holiday
- Spring Bank Holiday
- Summer Bank Holiday

Together
for Families

- 25 December 2026
- 28 December 2026
- 01 January 2027
- 26 March 2027
- 29 March 2027
- 03 May 2027
- 31 May 2027
- 30 August 2027

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

Autumn Term

1st Sept – 18th Dec 2026
(Half Term 19th – 30th Oct)

Spring Term

4th Jan – 25th Mar 2027
(Half Term 15th – 19th Feb 2027)

Summer Term

12th Apr – 23rd Jul 2027
(Half Term 31st May – 4th Jun 2027)

January 2027						
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March 2027						
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April 2027						
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July 2027						
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August 2027						
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INSET Days (highlighted in yellow) school closed:

Tues 1st Sept 2026

Mon 4th Jan 2027



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Music Lessons



Music lessons are now available at school for Woodwind instruments provided by CMST.

Flute Clarinet Saxophone
Recorder Fife

In order to get your child's musical journey underway please sign up on our website below or contact us on office@cmst.co.uk



Hear Music.
Learn Music.
Play Music.

For more information head to:
CMST.co.uk/learnmore

Sign Up At:
CMST.co.uk/signup



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Why attendance matters

At St Buryan Academy we take attendance seriously. Good punctuality and high attendance helps promote a child's success and happiness in and out of school.

High attendance fosters:

Positive attitudes towards learning

Higher chances of achieving (or surpassing) academic development

The best chances to develop and foster friendships and social skills

Did you know that?

School is open for children for 195 days - meaning they already get 170 days off each year!

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

Thank you for supporting us with our push on raising our attendance figures

