

## **St Buryan Academy Prospectus**

### **Admissions and Attendance**

Admission requests should be made through the local authority channel; details can be found on [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

Please refer to our Admissions Policy which can be found in Policies section.

We now accept pre-reception children. If you are interested in your child joining our school you are welcome to call us on 01736 810480 for details and to arrange a visit.

It is important that you and your child develop a positive attitude to school attendance and punctuality so that they do not miss out on the opportunities at school. These qualities of reliability are also important in adult life.

### **Assessment and Reporting**

We enter each child's attainment details on our whole school tracking system so that we can closely monitor each child's progress every half term and put intervention strategies in place, if necessary.

Formal parent-teacher interviews are held at the beginning and end of each school year but parents are welcome to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher at any time, if necessary. Class tea parties are held to inform parents about what is happening in their child's class over a cup of tea or coffee and some refreshments.

Regular, high quality marking of children's work attempts, whenever possible, to enter into a dialogue with learners to help them understand the next steps they need to take, in order to extend and be responsible for, their own learning.

Information on our school's performance can be found at

[www.schoolperformancetables.com](http://www.schoolperformancetables.com)

### **Charging and Remissions**

Our Governing Body endeavours to see that no child will be excluded from an activity due to financial reasons.

Many activities are subsidised but parents should contact the Head Teacher in confidence, if in need of support in this area.

### Curriculum

St Buryan Academy uses the new ~~inspire~~ curriculum, produced by Cornwall Learning, to deliver the 2014 national curriculum in an exciting and enjoying format, working closely with other schools in our locality. We believe that children should lead their own learning; whenever possible our children are encouraged to consider carefully how they would like to research and work on the units of work which ~~inspire~~ presents. It is the school's aim to develop lifelong learners with a passion to acquire knowledge.

### Ethos and Values

We are a small school with a big heart. Located in the far west of Cornwall we believe in the importance of looking out to the wide world, full of wonder and possibilities.

Our mission statement, ~~B~~elieve, Imagine, ~~A~~spire refers to our commitment to discovering the unique motivations of all our children so that we are best placed to provide opportunities to stimulate and help them develop confidence in their own abilities.

### Extended School Provision

Our school offers a free breakfast club for all our children where a reasonably priced breakfast menu is available from 8am.

~~A~~ctivities ~~R~~ ~~U~~s is our after school club, providing a host of exciting activities from 3.15-5.30pm. There is a charge of £3.50 for this session. For parents who may prefer to pick their children up before 4pm we have a charge of just £1. Booking is flexible on a daily basis.

### Foundation Stage Learning

Our Early Years classes accept children from 3-5 years.

Our experienced Early Years staff teach small groups of children in a bright, stimulating environment with new outdoor play facilities, including a garden area whilst also enjoying access to the wider school.

There is designated support for any children with Special Educational Needs.

### Homework

- Includes regular reading at home for all year groups
- Increases in amount with progression through the school
- Is time-limited in each year group
- Is regarded as a valuable home-school link

### Home-School Links

We believe in establishing close home-school links (see Home- School Agreement Policy) in order to provide the very best outcomes for all our children.

### Our Children

- are well behaved
- are happy
- are polite
- are caring
- work together as a team

### Rewards and Sanctions

- we have high expectations for behaviour
- discipline is firm but fair
- effort and successes are praised and rewarded
- children often receive stickers, team points, prizes
- parents need to support school decisions

### Team Points

Our 4 house teams share the names of local lighthouses, as suggested by past pupil, Anna Baker in 2013. They are Wolf Rock, Tater Du, Godrevy and Longships.

### School Choir

Mr Philip Chant, a retired prep school teacher, and his wife, Jane, generously give their time in teaching our school choir. In 2013 the choir were awarded the Wearne Cup at the Camborne Music Festival and travelled to Wembley to take part in the ~~A~~voice in a Million event in 2014.

The choir perform within the community and also join to sing with other choirs. We believe that singing is good for everyone; the local mixed voice choir, the Pipers Singers, meet weekly at the school.

### School Uniform

Winter Uniform: to be worn during Autumn Term (from after Autumn half term at the latest)- through Spring Term until Summer Term begins (i.e. after Easter holiday)

Our uniform promotes equality for all our pupils and ensures that fashion is not a distraction. Uniform Policy has been proven to also promote team-building and increase positive attitudes to learning and achievement. As a school we strongly believe in traditional values, good manners and a willingness to learn and try new things.

UNIFORM: School tie (available from school); grey or black trousers (not jogging bottoms) or skirt, plain white shirt or blouse with collar (not polo shirt), royal blue jumper, fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan, blazer for Years 5 and 6 only (all available from [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)), black school shoes (not trainers)

SPORTS KIT: White T-shirt (available from Tesco with logo), black shorts, plimsoles/ trainers

FRIDAY ALTERNATIVE (swimming days only): Jogging bottoms, trainers, red or blue polo shirt

### Summer Uniform

Summer dresses may be worn.

Polo shirts may be worn as an alternative to white shirt and tie.

Red polo shirts may be worn as an alternative to blue with school trousers/skirts

Fitted sandals may be worn (no crocs, flip flops or unsupported sandals which prove dangerous in the playground situation).

### Sport

At St Buryan Academy we embrace the value of competitive sport in the experiences it provides for later life.

We provide a wide range of sport, including street dance, both within the school day as well as in extra-curricular activities.

We enter local competitions/leagues in football, High 5s, cricket (including Chance to Shine opportunities), swimming, hockey, tag rugby, cross country and athletics.

We are unusual in providing weekly swimming sessions for every child, including Reception.

We employ specialist coaches to provide high quality teaching as well as using the expertise of our class teachers.