

ST BURYAN ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates

Please check the school calendar through our website regularly - more dates will be added as the term goes on

Please check the key dates below for upcoming events. New dates may be added across the term so please check our lines of communication when notified.

DON'T DECIDE
THAT YOU
CAN'T
BEFORE YOU
DISCOVER
THAT YOU
CAN

In this edition...

- Welcome
- Recent photos
- 2025/25 Term Dates
- Yearly Dates
- 20 is plenty reading tips
- 10 tips for Road Safety
- What parents need to know about Streamers

INSET DAYS 24/25.

Sept 3rd and 4th 2024

June 6th 2025

July 21st, 22nd, 23rd 2025

Welcome to our first newsletter of the Summer Term!

It is a really busy term ahead with trips, residentials, Sports Days and more, so please do keep an eye out on our newsletters, emails and letters in book bags this term to ensure that nothing is missed!

A big thank you for your work on school attendance. It is really important that as a school we are in line with the National Average. Currently, this is 94.5%, we are just below that on 94.2%. That's only 0.3% difference, which may not seem a lot, but for a school our size it can take an effort to close. I know that traditionally there are times where parents may book term-time holidays this term, but we appreciate your support in ensuring attendance as a whole school is at the National Average, and aiming for above like last year!

We had a great assembly in the week from the RNLI Lifeguards who spoke to us about how we can keep ourselves and others safe on the beach and when in the water. It was great to build on our knowledge and take part in some activities with the lifeguards. Children have taken home a helpful guide which reinforces beach safety, please do give it a read to help stay safe at the beach this year. As the weather improves (crossing fingers), please do make sure that your child has their water bottle in school with them daily. As more outdoor learning will be taking place, please pack some lotion that children can apply themselves and a sun hat.

We were also visited by our school photographer this week. Children have taken home letters with order information along with an email. You can access free delivery up until May 11th, photos will still be available to purchase after this date. Please contact Hatchbox directly if there are any issues or questions.

On Thursday 8th May we will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform should they wish, providing it is red, white and blue (or a combination of). We will be playing some traditional games and learning about VE day in the afternoon.

Remember that we are now back to Summer Uniform. Year 6 parents - please check your emails about Leavers' Hoodies for this year and how to purchase.

There are two really useful safeguarding posters in our newsletter this week. The first is about staying safe when walking by roads, which is incredibly important in our village - especially at this time of year. The second concerns online safety and how to stay safe when listening or watching 'streamers'. With children spending more time online and viewing streaming content, it is really important for parents to support children in doing this safely.

Have a great bank holiday weekend, Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy



Porthcurno had a wonderful time in their music session at Mounts Bay.



The RNLI Lifeguards visited Nanjizal and Porthcurno Classes.





ST BURYAN ACADEMY

Key dates

2024

September

- 5th – First Day back!
- 20th – Fitness Day
- 25th – Outdoor Learning Day

October

- Black History Month
- 4th – World Animal Day
- 9th – Stay Safe Workshop
- 10th – World Mental Health Day
- 21st-25th – Parent Meetings
- 22nd – Healthy Cornwall Workshops
- 28th-1st Nov Half Term
- 29th-3rd Nov – Diwali

November

- Diwali
- 11th – Armistice Day
- 13th-17th Anti Bullying Week
- 14th – Open Afternoon/Learning together

December

- 16th – Christmas performances dress rehearsal
- 17th – Christmas Dinner
- 18th – Morning Christmas Show
- 19th – Evening Christmas Show
- 20th – Christmas Paryy and last day of term (130pm finish)

January

- 6th – Back to school
- 13th – Year 6 SATs meeting

February

- 3rd-10th – Children's Mental Health Week
- 7th – NSPCC Number Day
- 17th-21st – Half Term

March

- Women's History Month
- 4th – Open afternoon/learning together
- 6th – World Book Day
- 12th – Outdoor Learning Day
- 14th & 15th – Hall
- 21st – World Poetry Day
- 24th-28th – Parent Meetings

April

- 4th – Last day of term (130pm finish)
- 22nd – Back to School

Key contacts

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SENCO
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All other contacts are available on our website



May

- 12th – Year 6 SATs week
- 19th – Year 5/6 London Trip (proposed date)

June

- 2nd – Multiplication Check week
- 6th – INSET day
- 9th – Phonics Screening Check period begins
- 19th – Outdoor learning day
- 23rd – Year 1-4 residential week (proposed dates)

July

- 4th – Sports' Day and fete
- 14th – Reports out
- 15th – Year 6 Leavers' Service
- 18th – Last day (1.30pm finish)!

Key Information

Please note that dates are subject to change and more may be added across the course of the year.

PE every Tuesday

Swimming every Thursday morning

(Children may come to school in PE kits these days)



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2025/26 INSETS:

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Monday 20th October, Tuesday 21st October, Wednesday 22nd October, Thursday 23rd October, Friday 24th October 2025
- Monday 26th January 2026
- Friday 24th July 2026

September 2025						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

October 2025						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

November 2025						
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December 2025						
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January 2026						
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February 2026						
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Sun	1	8	15	22		

March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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June 2026						
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July 2026						
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August 2026						
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- 2025/26 INSET DAYS
- FIRST DAY OF 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR

20 is plenty!

Children who read for **20 minutes** a day will...

Improve
focus and
concentration

Have a world of
imagination and
creativity
opened to them

Have
stronger
writing skills

Improve and
strengthen
memory

Be exposed to
**1.8 million
words a year**

Have a
broad
vocabulary

Have better
general
knowledge

Improve
test results

Improve
communication
skills

Encourage
a love for
learning

Learn how to
develop
empathy

Improve
critical
thinking skills

Have
reduced
stress levels



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road. Ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe place to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

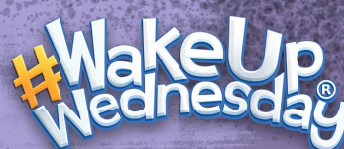
Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera “shout outs” and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

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