St Levan Primary School where all children SHINE... for life

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2nd May 2025

Dear Families

We have a new Head! Unfortunately we can't give you any details until we have completed the formalities. The children were amazing at taking part in the selection process - they asked some really insightful questions and took part beautifully. We really showed the potential heads what a great school we have here at St Levan.

Last Friday, the whole school went on a trip to St Just to take part in a music event held by CMST / Chapel Street Ensemble. They saw lots of instruments being played and had a great time!

On Monday, two lifeguards visited the school and gave the children some really good advice about water safety. Perfectly well-timed as we have beautiful weather and a long weekend coming up. Enjoy the beach - but stay safe!

Clubs started again this week. It was really great to see children taking part in new activities. Please encourage your children to come along and enjoy the free club offer.

Choir practice is held on a Wednesday after school, all family members are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend. We kicked off this week with three songs all of which will be performed at the Music Festival on Friday 18th July. We have attached the words for you to cast your eyes over.

Regardless of whether you intend to perform, please get the date in your diaries as last year it was an absolutely fabulous event - this year promises to be even better!

Stars of the Week

Choughs: Logan for making a fantastic start at St Levan. We love having you in Choughs!

Puffins: Jack for being a superbly helpful member of our class who tackled many tasks (such as tidying up) without being asked - thank you!

Attendance (Year To Date)

93%

Choughs = 94%

Puffins = 93%

St Levan Choir of Pupils, Parents & Staff

(Song words for the first 3 songs of Summer Term 2025 / Music Festival)

The first two songs are simple in structure but full of harmony:

I Believe That One Fine Day

Written by Alison Burns (inspired by a quote from Jimi Hendrix)

I believe that one fine day I believe that one fine day I believe that one fine day

The power of love

Will rise above the love of power.

This is Home

Written by Sophie Efthimiou (for This Room Sings, the Natural Voice Network)

This is home, where I belong in this breath, in this heart This is home, where I belong, in this voice, in this song

This last song, also full of harmony, is a traditional sea shanty:

A Drop Of Nelson's Blood

Traditional

Oh, a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm A drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm Oh, a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm And we'll all hang on behind.

Chorus:

Roll the old chariot along We'll roll the old chariot along. We'll roll the old chariot along And we'll all hang on behind!

Oh, a pot of Irish stew wouldn't do us any harm A pot of Irish stew wouldn't do us any harm Oh, a pot of Irish stew wouldn't do us any harm And we'll all hang on behind.

Chorus

It would be alright if the wind was in our sails It would be alright if the wind was in our sails It would be alright if the wind was in our sails And we'll all hang on behind.







Please join your classmates eating the delicious menu. All prepared and cooked on the premises by Steve!

Menu for week commencing 5 th May			
Monday	BANK HOLIDAY!		
Tuesday	Macaroni cheese (v) with vegetables	Shortbread	
Wednesday	Caribbean inspired chicken curry (mild) Coconut dal with potato (v) with rice and homemade flat breads	Cupcake	
Thursday	Pasta Bolognese Homemade falafels, hummus, pitta bread & yoghurt sauce (v) with vegetables	Homemade cinnamon doughnuts	
Friday	Jacket potato with beans and cheese	Homemade profiteroles with crème pâtissière	

Visit to see Chapel Street Musicians

Last Friday, we were treated to a fantastic live concert by the Chapel Street Musicians. The children learned about a wide range of instruments from the string, brass, woodwind and percussion families. The performance was full of energy and variety and many of us left feeling inspired by the musicians' skill and enthusiasm.





RNLI Lifeguards Assembly: Staying Safe by the Sea

This week, we welcomed the RNLI lifeguards for our annual beach safety assembly. With summer on the horizon, it was a timely reminder of how to enjoy the coast safely. The children learned what the different beach flags mean, how to spot potential dangers, and most importantly, what to do if they or someone else gets into trouble in the water.



Square Root Day Success!

Puffins took part in a live online workshop yesterday to celebrate **Square Root Day** - a rare mathematical date that only happens when both the day and the month are the square root of the last two digits of the year. For example, **5/5/25** (5X5=25).

The official Square Root Day falls this coming Monday, but since it's a bank holiday, we joined the celebration a few days early.

During the event, we met a real mathematician, explored square numbers in creative ways and even asked our own questions. Puffins were very pleased—out of over 7,000 children taking part, *two* of our questions were answered live, we received a shoutout, three reactions to our comments and were mentioned ten times by the host!

It was a brilliant celebration of mathematical thinking and curiosity.

Can you work out when the next Square Root Day will be after 5.5.25?









Bug Hotels

We have been learning about microhabitats and the sort of places minibeasts might live. We've also found out about some of the important jobs minibeasts do and it turns out that they're pretty important! We wanted to make more space for them in our garden at school. Check out our bug hotels.





Did you know, spiders have forty-eight knees?! Wow!



Diary Dates 2024 - 2025

Term	Summer
Event	Date
Bank holiday	Mon 05/05/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 06/05/2025
Whole school photograph	Wed 07/05/2025
Little Levans	Fri 09/05/2025
KS2 SATS week starts	Mon 12/05/2025
Governors meeting	Tue 13/05/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 13/05/2025
KS2 SATS week ends	Thu 15/05/2025
Lafrowda Art Auction - preview 10am-12noon, sale 7pm	Sat 17/05/2025
KS1 SATS week starts	Mon 19/05/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 20/05/2025
KS1 SATS week ends	Thu 22/05/2025
Choughs visit to Raftra Farm	Fri 23/05/2025
Little Levans	Fri 23/05/2025
Last day before half term	Fri 23/05/2025
Half term starts	Mon 26/05/2025
Half term ends	Fri 30/05/2025
First day back after half term	Mon 02/06/2025
Multiplication check - year 4 (2 weeks) start	Mon 02/06/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 03/06/2025
Little Levans	Fri 06/06/2025
Phonics - check - year 1 start	Mon 09/06/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 10/06/2025
Phonics - check - year 1 end	Fri 13/06/2025
Multiplication check - year 4 (2 weeks) end	Fri 13/06/2025
Little Levans	Fri 13/06/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 17/06/2025
Sports Day	Thu 19/06/2025
Royal Central School of Speech and Drama Week starts	Fri 20/06/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 24/06/2025
Minack whole school visit (The Wind in the Willows) - no RCSSD Royal Central School of Speech and Drama Week end	Wed 25/06/2025 Fri 27/06/2025
Cape Cornwall Enrichment Morning (Year 5)	Mon 30/06/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 01/07/2025
Reserve Sports Day	Thu 03/07/2025
Little Levans	Fri 04/07/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 08/07/2025
Sleepover (Year 2 & 3)	Thu 10/07/2025
Cornish Avengers at the Minack (Puffins)	Mon 14/07/2025
Swimming (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Tue 15/07/2025
Whole school transition day	Wed 16/07/2025
Music festival	Fri 18/07/2025
Leavers' Assembly!	Mon 21/07/2025
Last school day! (finish at 1.30pm)	Wed 23/07/2025
Term ends	Wed 23/07/2025

Free School meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative and regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. Children in this group are also eligible for Pupil Premium – additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning. It is important to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think your child may be eligible. This is so that your child's school can receive this funding.

Your child will be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals if you meet the eligibility criteria.

Children in Year 3 and above

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves, meet the eligibility criteria.

If eligible for Free School Meals, your child will also be eligible for pupil premium. This is additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning.

Free school meals eligibility criteria if you receive benefits

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)

Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

There are different <u>eligibility criteria for families who are not entitled to benefits</u> (NRPF - No Recourse to Public Funds)

Apply for Free School Meals

You can apply for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium online at https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/.



Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

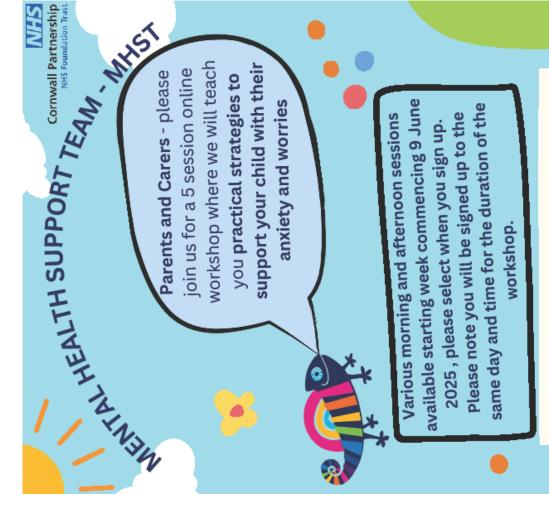
TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM <u>HERE</u>
HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/BVHDPYUCQA

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall





To book a place please complete the online form HERE

https://forms.office.com/e/0qRn KmCw1i or scan the QR code



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COME ALONG TO OUR FUN FAMILY TENNIS OPEN DAY

9-10am 5-8 years old

10-11am 9-12 years old

11-12noon 13-16 years old & Pickleball (all ages)

12-1pm Adult tennis

1-2pm Cardio Tennis & Walking Tennis

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.PENZANCETENNISCLUB.CO.UK

PLUS FUN FAMILY GAMES THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND BBQ!



Great British Tennis Open Day

SATURDAY 10th MAY 9am - 3pm



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