Attendance 2026/27
96%
Choughs = 97%
Puffins = 95%

St Levan Primary School
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Thursday 26th November 2026

Dear Families,

We kicked off a great week with a visit from Tom Palmer. He was lovely and gave an inspirational talk about how he has become a writer. Thank you, Cornwall Library Service, for giving us the visit and thank you to all the readers who completed the Summer Reading Challenge.

On Tuesday, it rained! We are forever saying thank you to our parents, but once again thank you for an amazing response when we suggested it might be prudent to collect everyone early as it became apparent just how tricky the local road situation had become. I think everyone learned a new route home…

Local artist (and Dad) Billy Wynter came in on Wednesday to run a whole school withy workshop. The Choughs and Puffins really enjoyed working together. Thank you Billy! You will have a chance to buy the items at the Christmas Happening – be there early to avoid disappointment.

We are sending this newsletter a day early because we sadly are saying goodbye to two of our most wonderful children. R & M – good luck with the move, we will miss you so much!

Tomorrow, we have Little Levans for pre-school age children and their families. We also have a singing workshop being run by Kelsey Michael. Please gather other family members and join us at 2pm to learn the beautiful St Day carol.

Next week will be equally busy. We have a Choughs trip out, John Brolly is taking Litle Levans on tour to Ryn Gwari and Rhia is baking mince pies with the children. Surely, you must know that on Saturday 5th it will be the CHRISTMAS HAPPENING!

Best regards,
The St Levan Team

★☆☆ Star of the Week ☆☆★

Choughs: Nancy for your quiet yet steady determination in Maths. Excellent addition and subtraction!

Puffins: Oliver for super comic strip illustrations that you've worked really hard on and stayed positive about!

☆★ Camp 2027 ★☆
Next payment instalment due 30th November





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

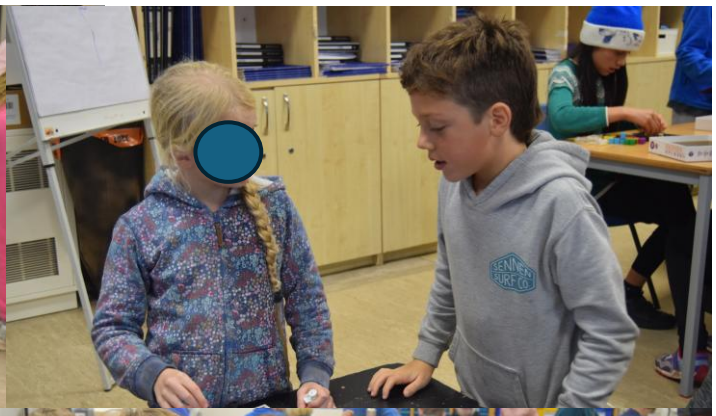
Menu for week commencing Monday 30th November

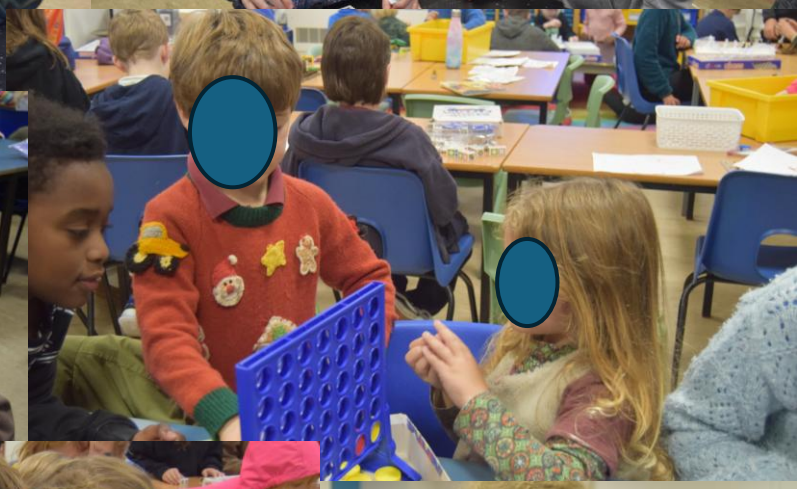
Monday	**Tuna pasta bake** **Broccoli pasta bake (v)** **with vegetables**	**Ginger shortbread**
Tuesday	**Chicken and coconut curry (mild)** **Vegetable samosa (v)** **with rice and vegetables**	**Fruit crumble and ice-cream**
Wednesday	**Minced beef, potato & onion pie** **Winter vegetable pie (v)** **with peas**	**Marmalade sponge cake**
Thursday	**Meatballs in tomato sauce with homemade gnocchi** **Gnocchi & parmesan traybake (v)** **with vegetables**	**Fresh fruit**
Friday	**Jacket potato (v)** **with cheese and beans**	**Homemade Cornish saffron buns**

Please talk to us if you have a food allergy, intolerance or coeliac disease. We want to cater safely for everyone.

Wet Play!

Bizarrely named, Wet Play is actually when we stay dry by playing indoors… We so rarely have it that the children were very excited to have break time indoors on Tuesday. This is what they did!







Seasonal Changes

Over the past 3 months, Choughs have been observing seasonal changes in the garden.



In September, we noticed that there were apples on the trees and that some of the trees' leaves were turning brown. It was fifteen degrees.



In October, the apples had gone and there were more leaves on the ground. Some of the trees were looking more bare. It was eleven degrees.



In November, most of the trees were bare and the ground was covered in brown crunchy leaves. It was only seven degrees. Brrrr! Still ideal for a play outside though!



























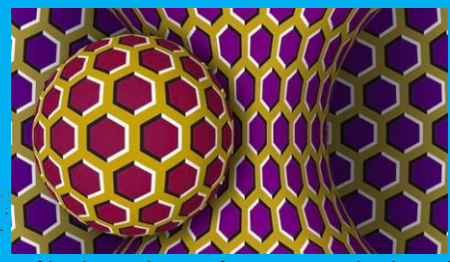




Senses experiment: predictions

Choughs have been learning about their senses in Science. We looked at some optical illusions and talked about how our senses could sometimes trick us.





We also tested our hearing using some high-pitched noises. A lot of the grown-ups couldn't hear the highest frequencies but the Choughs all could!

Our final senses experiment involved predicting the taste of different coloured squashes.







First, we looked at the squash and predicted the flavour. Here were some of our guesses:

Red squash: strawberry, blackcurrant, cherry, lemon, apple, tomato.

Purple squash: Vimto, blackcurrant, blueberry, cherry, African flavour.

Yellow squash: orange, lemon, apple, pineapple, orange juice, English flavour.

Then we tasted the squashes. Some of us changed our guesses but most of us stuck with the original guesses.










Then we found out the actual flavours. Turns out, they were all orange squash. Some just had a bit of food colouring inside! Our eyes (and Miss Ferguson!) had tricked us. Outrage!

Withy Workshop!

We had a fantastic withy workshop with Billy on Wednesday. The Puffins began by learning how to make withy stars before putting their newly acquired skills to good use by teaching the Choughs how to make their own.

The Puffins then moved on to the rather more challenging task of creating 3D sculptures. This required plenty of patience, determination and some very strong fingers, particularly as the withies often seemed to have a mind of their own!

It was wonderful to see the children persevering, helping one another and developing their skills throughout the workshop.

The finished articles will be for sale at the Christmas Market.







A huge thank you to Billy for sharing his expertise with us – we had so much fun!





Tom Palmer

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome author Tom Palmer to St Levan. Tom gave an inspiring talk about life as an author, sharing where he gets his ideas and how he goes about writing his books. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and have their books signed. A huge thank you to Tom for taking the time to visit us and inspire our young writers!











Christmas Happening

Saturday 5th December
11am - 3pm
St. Levan School

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A Wonderful Day of Midwinter Experiences

Arts & Crafts Fair

Unique Gifts & seasonal delicacies

Wholesome Home Cooked Lunches

Music & Merriment **Cornish Carols**

Family Fun Children's Activities

Storytelling with **John Brolly** @ 12.30 & 2pm

★ **Gypsea Rogue Coffee Van** ★

Visit the magical **Winter Wonderland**

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