



13th February 2026

Dear Families

What a lot of fun Children's Mental Health Week was. Justine (Rafi's mum) came in and did an amazing Bayeux tapestry inspired art workshop with Puffins. Choughs set themselves a challenge of learning the Macarena and performed it amazingly well. I understand some of them are convinced it's called the macaroni...

We learned about staying safe online on Safer Internet Day.

We love that having no uniform means that our children come as themselves always but they have enjoyed going all out for Come as Yourself Day (see overleaf for pictures).

Today we bid a fond farewell to Alison who has done an amazing job keeping our tummies full whilst Steve is away. Today's chocolate cake (inspired by Matilda) was delicious!

Last but not least, Firefly, Otter and Owl from St Just Beavers came in to talk to Choughs about belonging. See details about joining Beavers later in the newsletter.

Enjoy half term and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

The St Levan Team

Payments

Please clear all balances due for dinners, breakfast club, trips, swimming & camp

Attendance 2025/26 = 96%

Choughs = 97%

Puffins = 96%

Special Headteacher Award

Regan for phenomenal improvement in handwriting – well done!

Stars of the Week

Choughs: Dorothy for fantastic effort in absolutely everything you do – you are working so hard. Well done!

Puffins: Oscar for determination in your learning in the build up to SATS. Well done – you will be brilliant!





THE LOGAN ROCK INN

Many thanks to Anita George and her team at the Logan Rock Inn for hosting a Fundraising Quiz at the inn to raise money for our school. It was really good fun, and the various St Levan teams performed admirably, even if they didn't win overall.

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended - including parents, pupils and staff - I was presented with **£300** at the end of the evening to put towards efforts to bring the school gardens and grounds back to life.

It strikes me that raising money by eating food (if you were so inclined), having a drink or two and trying to answer some well chosen questions, is quite an agreeable way of being charitable. ;-)

Here's to next year's!

Richard Blackborow (for Friends of St Levan)



Thank you so much to KJ for rescuing so many of our school balls – we knew we had lost a few but had no idea it was *this* many! You have demonstrated kindness in abundance which is one of our key St Levan values.



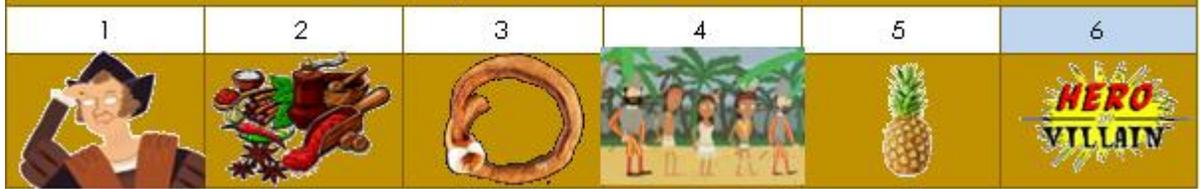
Please join your classmates eating the delicious menu.
All prepared and cooked on the premises by Steve!

Menu for week commencing 23rd February

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| Monday | Macaroni cheese (v) with vegetables | Chocolate chip cookie |
| Tuesday | Caribbean chicken Caribbean samosas (v) with rice | Fruit crumble with ice- cream |
| Wednesday | Beef tacos Bean and cheese tacos (v) with salad, and yoghurt dip | Chocolate cheesecake |
| Thursday | Italian meatballs with rice and polenta croutons Falafels with rice and tomato salsa (v) | Pineapple cake |
| Friday | Beef lasagne Lentil lasagne (v) with salad | Homemade lemon meringue pie |

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

History: Christopher Columbus



Christopher Columbus

Choughs have been finding out about the life of Christopher Columbus. We have talked about the challenges he faced on his journey (ship worms, storms and a mutinous crew!) as well as the impact he had on the native people he met (disease, slavery and taking their gold). This week, we explored some of the foods which Columbus helped introduce to Europe and acted out short role plays expressing our surprise and amazement at pineapples and bananas! Was Columbus a historical hero or vicious villain? You decide!





Puffins Tapestry Project Children's Mental Health Week

To mark Children's Mental Health Week, Puffins were very excited to welcome Justine into class to lead a special collaborative tapestry project. We began by exploring Anglo-Saxon art and patterns and studying the Bayeux Tapestry, noticing how stories and symbols can be told through stitched images.

Each pupil then designed and created their own square using paint, fabric collage and embroidery, taking inspiration from Anglo-Saxon styles but choosing their own symbols and ideas. The individual designs were personal and varied, while still linked by the shared artistic theme.

The heart of the project — and its link to this year's Mental Health Week focus, *This is my place* — was the act of creating something together. Each separate piece will now be joined into one whole tapestry, showing how individual contributions form a stronger shared result and reflecting the idea of belonging.

Justine will assemble the finished squares into a final display piece for us and we are very grateful to her for giving her time and expertise to inspire such a creative and collaborative experience. The class worked with great focus and determination - discovering that embroidery is not as easy as it looks! Well done, Puffins, and thank you so much, Justine!





MESSY church

GONE FISHING!

Crafts,
games,
stories,
fishing

Food, fun,
friendship

You are welcome to join us
Sunday 22nd February
4-5:30pm St Buryan School

ALL WELCOME



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and friends.....

In Concert

**In aid of Treliske Hospital
Childrens Ward.**

- ◆ **Buccas Four**
- ◆ **Harry Glasson**
- ◆ **Pendeen Silver Band**
- ◆ **Twin Harmony**

St. Just Miners Chapel
Friday 20th February @ 7:30 pm



Concert opened by:
Boy Marjorie
Master of Ceremonies:
"Clemo"
Retiring Collection

BEAVERS



TIME FOR FUN



Are you or your child looking for a new challenge or activity this year, form new friendships and learn new skills that get you thinking? Then why not come along and see what we offer.

scouts.org.uk/get-involved
Nichola 07359440028

 Cape Cornwall Scout Group
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TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR DEVELOPING BODIES AND FEELINGS

A webinar to inspire confidence in taking a positive approach to supporting children with their developing bodies and feelings.

February 26th @ 7pm
Online



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What is *Burkholderia stabilis*, and why should I check my first aid kit?

Burkholderia are a type of bacteria found naturally in the environment, including in soil and water. *Burkholderia stabilis* is one species within this group. While many people never encounter problems with this type of bacteria, it can cause serious infections in certain circumstances, particularly among vulnerable individuals.

Certain non-sterile alcohol-free wipes have been linked to [a recent outbreak of *Burkholderia stabilis* in the UK](#). To our knowledge, these were not marketed as general use wet wipes or as baby wipes. The wipes may be found individually packaged in small sachets in some first aid kits (see images below). Affected products have been withdrawn from sale, but some may still be found in first aid kits or in people's homes. These products are wipes that are not labelled as 'sterile'. We advise people to check for these wipes in their home, including in first aid kits:

- ValueAid Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes



- Microsafe Moist Wipe Alcohol Free



- Reliwipe Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes (testing revealed contamination with a *Burkholderia* strain not related to the outbreak cases)



- Steroplast Sterowipe Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes



If you have any of these products, stop using them immediately and dispose of them in standard household waste. It is important to only use wipes marked as 'sterile' on broken skin such as wounds, scratches, or where you can see blood - this reduces the chances of germs getting into the body and causing infections.



Who is most at risk?

Some people are more at risk of serious illness following exposure to *Burkholderia stabilis* than others – including:

- those with weakened immune systems – including people undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, or those with conditions that affect immune function
- individuals with other risk factors such as cystic fibrosis
- patients at home with intravenous lines

How might someone become infected?

The risk of acquiring infection is generally very low. Infections can occur through contact with contaminated products on broken or damaged skin, or through introduction of bacteria through medical devices such as intravenous lines

What are the symptoms if you are infected?

Symptoms of *Burkholderia stabilis* infection can vary depending on the site and severity of infection:

- symptoms of a wound infection can include redness, swelling, increased pain, warmth around a wound or break in skin, and pus or other drainage from the wound / break in skin
- symptoms of infection involving an intravenous line can include signs such as redness, swelling, or pain around the insertion site and / or fever and chills
- in more serious cases, symptoms associated with bloodstream infection (sepsis). [Sepsis has many possible symptoms, which can be found on the NHS website](#)

If you have concerns about a wound that isn't healing properly or you develop a fever following an injury, contact NHS 111 immediately. If you have an intravenous line and have any concerns you should contact your care team.

What can I do to avoid the risk of infection?

To reduce your risk of infection:

- follow NHS advice when [treating cuts and grazes](#) – clean wounds properly using appropriate products
- do not use non-sterile alcohol-free wipes on broken or damaged skin – these are not suitable for wound care
- never use non-sterile alcohol-free wipes to clean intravenous lines
- check your first aid kit – ensure you have appropriate sterile products for treating wounds
- Seek medical attention for significant injuries or wounds that show signs of infection

What is UKHSA's role in this area?

Our responsibilities include investigating outbreaks – we monitor patterns of infection across the UK and investigate potential outbreaks to identify their sources. This can involve testing products or materials that may be linked to infections.

When risks are identified, we issue safety alerts to healthcare professionals to ensure they have the information needed to protect patients. We also develop and share guidance on preventing and controlling infections in healthcare settings and the wider community.

An important part of our remit is to keep the public informed about health risks and the steps they can take to stay safe.