



26th September 2025

Dear Families

I hope that everyone has had a good week and I'm very much looking forward to seeing those of you who can make it to the Welcome Supper this evening. If you haven't booked a place, please feel free to come along anyway – everyone is very welcome. Thank you to the Friends for all of their hard work in organising this event to bring our community together.

Puffins had a workshop on waste with Biffa on Monday. The children enjoyed learning about waste management and the potential hazards of putting the wrong waste in the wrong container. Biffa emailed to say, "The students were brilliant. A pleasure to work with!"

Hatchbox Photography were in on Thursday taking individual and family photographs. Everyone was brilliantly behaved and suitably dressed for the occasion! Information on how to order has already been sent home. Please see Cassandra if you need help with this.

Our Year 6s had a visit to Cape Cornwall School on Wednesday morning and enjoyed bumping into lots of familiar faces from St. Levan. They conducted themselves superbly and were great ambassadors for our school. Some of the Year 6s also attended Humphry Davy's open evening this week.

A huge thank you to Paul for coming in to oil padlocks, hinges and other moving parts at school – we're ready for the change in seasons!

Ben Chalwin
Headteacher

Attendance 2025/26

98%

Choughs = 98%

Puffins = 98%

Stars of the Week

Choughs: Dorothy for being a kind & thoughtful friend - wonderful sharing - and effort in writing - fab finger spaces & full stops!

Puffins: Alanya for taking an active lead in the Reading Shed, orchestrating the reopening so successfully and communicating your thoughts and ideas - well done!



Please join your classmates eating the delicious menu.

All prepared and cooked on the premises by Steve!

Menu for week commencing 29th September

Monday	Macaroni cheese (v) with vegetables	Oat shortbread
Tuesday	Chicken curry (mild) Homemade potato & vegetable samosa (v) with rice	Honey and fruit flapjack
Wednesday	Cottage pie Lentil cottage pie (v) with vegetables	Lemon sponge cake
Thursday	Swedish meatballs with rice and vegetables Homemade falafels with yoghurt sauce & crushed new potatoes (v)	Chocolate cookie
Friday	Jacket potato with cheese and beans (v) with carrot and cucumber sticks	Banana split

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

Investigating Light in Puffins Class

This week, Puffins have been busy acting as young scientists, exploring the question: *Do smooth surfaces reflect more light?* Working in pairs, they tested a range of materials including foil, cardboard, plastic and mirrors. Using torches in a darkened classroom, they observed how the light beams bounced off each surface.

The children quickly discovered that shiny materials such as foil and mirrors reflected the light much more strongly, while duller surfaces like card absorbed most of it. They recorded their results carefully and shared their ideas about why this might happen.



Maths in Choughs

We have been very busy in Maths so far this term learning about place value and addition. Here's some of what we've been up to so far...



We made number bonds to 10. How many different ways can you find?



Quentin the greedy monster taught us about $>$ $<$ $=$ and, although he likes to eat the big number, he also likes to eat things he shouldn't. Watch out! He bites...!



Exploring number lines

We played fastest finger.
Where's 92? Find it!



Art Club

We have enjoyed expressing our creativity in Art Club. Last week, we made pictures by cutting and sticking. This week, it was finger painting!



Empathy and Kindness

This week, Choughs had a special session with Sarah from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). We learned all about what empathy is and why it is important to be kind. We especially enjoyed the funny video and also the feelings sliders which enabled us to show how we felt at different points in the session. Remember, kindness is like a muscle; the more we use it the bigger and stronger it gets!



Wellbeing Ambassadors

This year, the Year Five children are invited to take part in the Wellbeing Ambassador scheme. We initially trialled this two years ago and saw a hugely positive impact on everyone's awareness of mental health and wellbeing. This year, we're doing it again! The Wellbeing Ambassadors will be working with Sarah from the MHST, undertaking training to be 'Peer Pals' before teaching their peers, teachers and parents all about it. They are especially looking forward to wearing lanyards and leading assemblies about children's mental health.



Reading Shed

Well done to those involved in the grand re-opening of the reading shed! Great news for all those keen readers, there is now more room for snuggling up with a book! Not so good news for the spiders who are looking for new homes...



School Photographs

Look out for the QR code (in your child's bag) to go online and view images. The initial order window for free school delivery closes on Sunday 5th October 2025 - this is also when the discount 10% off voucher expires.

Any queries at all or missing order forms - please email photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk or use the contact form via the Hatchbox website.

You will still be able to order after the deadline but will be subject to a postage and packing charge for home delivery, all clearly explained at checkout.

Diary Dates**2025 - 2026**

Term	Autumn
Event	Date
Minack workshop (Puffins)	Mon 29/09/2025
Swimming (Year 3, 4 & 5)	Tue 30/09/2025
Minack workshop (Choughs)	Mon 06/10/2025
Swimming (Year 3, 4 & 5)	Tue 07/10/2025
Community event - Feast family history day / Churchyard clean @ St Levan church	Sat 11/10/2025
Community event - Feast service 9.30am - Boilerhouse, pasties & pud 6pm (£5pp)	Sun 12/10/2025
Friends event - meeting at school 8.45am	Tue 14/10/2025
Swimming (Year 3, 4 & 5)	Tue 14/10/2025
St Levan Feast	Wed 15/10/2025
Swimming (Year 3, 4 & 5)	Tue 21/10/2025
Cornwall Junior Lifeskills @ Penzance Fire Station (Year 5 & 6)	Wed 22/10/2025
Friends event - Halloween disco at St Levan Pavilion (after school)	Wed 22/10/2025
Last day before half term	Thu 23/10/2025
INSET day	Fri 24/10/2025
Clocks go back	Sun 26/10/2025
Half term starts	Mon 27/10/2025
Half term ends	Fri 31/10/2025
Community event - Penberth bonfire	Sat 01/11/2025
Friends event - Jewellery workshop	Nov sometime
First day back after half term	Mon 03/11/2025
Swimming	Tue 04/11/2025
Grandma on the Moon at the Acorn (whole school)	Mon 10/11/2025
Swimming	Tue 11/11/2025
Flu immunisations (available to all)	Wed 12/11/2025
Swimming	Tue 18/11/2025
Swimming	Tue 25/11/2025
Swimming	Tue 02/12/2025
Multi-skills @ Cape Cornwall School (Year 5 & 6)	Wed 03/12/2025
Friends event - Christmas happening / market	Sat 06/12/2025
Swimming	Tue 09/12/2025
Christmas production at the Acorn	Thu 11/12/2025
Last day of term (finish at 1.30pm)	Fri 19/12/2025
Term ends	Fri 19/12/2025



NHS
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend... **Wild Wellbeing**

During October half term we are offering **FREE** nature based creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.
Please book **EACH** child on to a session.

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:
The Core at St Ives Community Orchard - Thursday 30 October
Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or
scan the QR code provided:



<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and
upcoming events:

[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)



Brownies

1st Penzance **Open Evening**

Wednesday 15th October
6 – 7:30pm

In Penzance town – email us for more information

Join us for a free evening of activities, games and finding out about what Brownies is all about. Parents welcome to stay if they wish. Open to girls who are nearly 7 – 10 years old. For enquiries or to register your interest email penzancebrownies@gmail.com

