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# Newsletter

May 2026



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# Head of School Welcome

Welcome to May's edition of our school newsletter. You'll notice that we're trialling a new e-book format and would very much value your feedback. Please follow the link or scan the QR code to let us know your thoughts:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/FgzR0jyfv>



As we reach the end of May, it's lovely to take a moment to reflect on what has been a short but wonderfully busy half term. With a mixture of bank holidays and INSET days, it has certainly been a slightly unusual month, and I'm sure many of you will agree that some weeks have seemed to pass by even more quickly than usual!

This month has seen our oldest children reaching an important milestone as they completed their SATs. We are enormously proud of them - not just for the effort and resilience they have shown during the assessments themselves, but for the dedication they have demonstrated throughout their time at our school. It feels particularly special to celebrate our Year 6 children, who are now reaching this significant point in their educational journey. A well-deserved ice cream treat at Roskilly's was certainly in order, and a lovely way to mark the occasion together!

And we can't celebrate May without mentioning yesterday's epic Colour Run. What a fantastic event, bringing children from all over the Lizard together to laugh, be active and get colourful! The smiles on the children's faces, the comments of **'this is the best day ever!'** and the lively atmosphere really did make it one to remember. I'm not sure who had more fun though - the children taking part or the parents/carers and staff who took the opportunity to spray water and throw paint...! A HUGE thank you to our incredible PTA for planning, organising, decorating and just generally being amazing, to St Keverne Community Fire Station, and to everyone else who took part, helped out, donated and made the event what it is was.

May has brought sunshine (occasionally!), exploration, creativity, opportunities, inclusivity, performances and even a brand new entrance to our school. A busy but exciting month, and we can't wait to see what the final half term of this year has to offer.

A polite reminder that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June is an INSET Day, meaning school will be closed to the children. We look forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.



**Mrs Hancock**

# Diary Dates: June 2026

- **Monday 1st June** - INSET Day (school closed to children)
- **Monday 1st to Friday 12th June** – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- **Monday 8th to Friday 12th June** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- **Wednesday 10th June** - Year 6 Mullion Transition morning
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - KS2 Cricket Competition (invite only)
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Sea Shanty Workshop in school
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Careers Day
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - Gillan Class CAST Workshop
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day (parent/carers welcome to join for the afternoon)



# House Points

All of our children belong to a school 'house': Ammos (meaning 'sand'), Astron (meaning 'star') and Zali (meaning 'swim'). Each week, the children earn house points for showing our school values, working hard and showing brilliant presentation in their learning. We now record these points digitally and share the weekly totals and overall running totals in our newsletters. The total points for this half term are as follows - congratulations to **ZALI!**



**AMMOS**

SAND

143



**ASTRON**

STAR

146



**ZALI**

SWIM

154

# Gillan Class



Gillan Class have had a busy and exciting half term full of learning across all areas of the curriculum. In Maths, Year 1 and 2 pupils have been developing their understanding of statistics, money and fractions, while our EYFS children have been building confidence with numbers to 20 and beyond. In English, Year 1 and 2 have been exploring persuasive adverts, using exciting language to engage their audience, while EYFS have been enjoying storytelling through Drawing Club alongside reading and writing short sentences. Across the whole class, we have been learning about plants and planting in Science, discovering how things grow and what they need to thrive. In Art, we have been inspired by the work of Vincent van Gogh, creating our own beautiful pieces, and in Music we have begun learning songs in preparation for our summer performance. In PE, all children have been developing their skills in striking and fielding activities, showing teamwork and improving their coordination. Gillan Class have shown great enthusiasm and creativity throughout the half term!

**Miss Pearce & Mrs Wilson**



# St Anthony Class



Over the past few weeks, pupils in St Anthony class have been exploring personal poetry in Literacy, developing a strong understanding of what makes an effective poem. They have worked diligently to incorporate similes, metaphors and personification into their final pieces. This week, the class has begun a new unit focused on persuasive writing, encouraging others to help protect bee populations. In Geography, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning about coastal erosion, a topic of particular relevance given Cornwall's coastal location. In Music, the class has been learning the lyrics to Blackbird by The Beatles and have accompanied the song using instruments. In Physical Education, Mr Eva has been teaching tennis, and having the opportunity to play on courts has been a particular highlight. Finally, congratulations to Year 6 for their resilience and determination during the recent SATs assessments. You should feel extremely proud of the positive attitude and effort you demonstrated throughout. All the staff in St Anthony class would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

**Mr Salway**



# Handball Tournament



At the beginning of the month, children in Key Stage 2 had a fantastic time at the Lizard Cluster Handball tournament. A huge well done to all of the children who took part. They were incredible team mates and representatives of our school; and they came away as champions! Thank you to Mrs Teakle and Ms Hicks for accompanying the children, to Helston Community College for hosting and of course to the amazing Mr Eva and DT Coaching team for organising and running the event!



# Bobo & the Fake News Navigator



We had a fantastic time welcoming Cousin Jack's Theatre Company to Manacchan this month for a whole school performance of 'Bobo and the Fake News Navigator'. An engaging and inclusive show with an important message of 'STOP, QUESTION and SORT' the truth from the fake news!



# Colour Run 2026



# Community Noticeboard

## THE INVADER IS COMING! TOM PALMER



REPORT TO  
YOUR LIBRARY!

## LIBRARY INVASION OF CORNWALL LIBRARIES

30 MINUTE ACTION-PACKED TALK WITH  
BEST SELLING AUTHOR TOM PALMER

FREE SIGNED  
BOOK FOR  
THE FIRST 5  
FAMILIES!

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May | 10am Hayle | 11.30 am Camborne | 1pm Redruth  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May | 10am Bodmin | 11.30am Wadebridge | 2.30 pm Camelford  
Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May | 10.30am St Columb | 11.45am Newquay | 1pm Perranporth | 2.30pm St Agnes  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May | 10am St Ives | 11.30am Penzance | 1pm St Just  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May | 10am Helston | 11.30am Falmouth | 1pm Penryn | 2.30pm Truro  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May | 9am Lostwithiel | 10.15am Fowey | 11.45am St Austell  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June | 11.30am Liskeard | 1pm Saltash | 2.30pm Torpoint  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June | 10am Callington | 11.30am Launceston | 1:30pm Par    Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> June | 1pm Bude

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FOR  
AGES 7+

**FREE ENTRY - CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL  
LIBRARY FOR BOOKING DETAILS**



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Barrington  Stoke

# Community Noticeboard

We will be entering parent run football teams to the annual Norman Nicholls Football tournament held at **St Keverne Playing Field** on **Saturday The 27th June 10.30am**.

We will be holding training sessions on the following Sundays:

**Sunday 28th May**

**Sunday 5th June**

**Sunday 12th June**

**Sundays 21st June**

between 11 am and 12pm.

If you children would like to take part please come to training at St Keverne playing field or contact Tina James. All abilities welcome.

This is a one of a kind tournament for all footballing abilities. It's a great day.



**NORMAN NICHOLLS  
FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

**BBQ**

**CAKES**

**RAFFLE**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**HEAT TIMES KICK OFF**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL UNDER 11 (6 A SIDE) 11:00**

**UNDER 16's (5 A SIDE) 3PM**

**ADULTS (5 A SIDE) 4:30PM**

**ENTRY IS FREE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
UNDER 16 AND ADULTS £10 A TEAM**

**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026  
FROM 10:30 AT ST KEVERNE PLAYING FIELD**

**MATCHES RUN ON A LEAGUE SYSTEM - ALL WELCOME TO COME AND SUPPORT  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE**

# Community Noticeboard



## St Keverne **FARMERS** MARKET



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Saturdays 5<sup>th</sup> December



9am - 1pm  
St Keverne Parish Hall



LOCAL FOOD AND CRAFT STALLS  
HOT COFFEE AND BACON SANDWICHES



# Manaccan PTA

We are incredibly lucky to have such an active and supportive PTA. This term, they have continued to support the school with trips, visits, events, treats for the children - of course our amazing Colour Run - and much more!

Don't forget, we currently have our Blue Tokens project running in Helston and Falmouth Tesco stores - we would be incredibly grateful for any support with our plans to develop our Forest School offer for all children. Thank you



# School Lunches



School lunches can be booked daily, weekly, monthly or termly on Parent Pay. If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 they are entitled to Universal Free school Meals.

Please pre-book your child's school dinner by 7am on the day using ParentPay. Your child can still have a school dinner if it isn't pre-booked but it will be the tomato pasta option.

Please discuss your meal choices with your child because this is the meal they will be ordered.

For more information on school dinners, visit our website [HERE](#).

## Aspens



# Attendance

## THIS MONTH'S ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%



**Whole School Attendance**

93.38%

**Gillan Class**

90.37%

**St Anthony Class**

95.58%



# Attendance

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

**As of 19th August 2024, the government's new National Framework for Penalty Notices for School Absence (including unauthorised holidays) comes into effect.**

**\*This affects when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall\***

There is a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period

A parent will no longer be able to take their child out of school for one week's holiday without a potential penalty notice being issued.

There is an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160, if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will consider other enforcement options available. This may include prosecution for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.

Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action.

If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

# Attendance



## Reporting Absences

At Manaccan, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a child is genuinely too ill to attend, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours, or a leave request has been agreed in exceptional circumstances. Any such requests must be made in writing to the Head of School using the school's request form.

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, then please inform the office before 9am in the morning, and let us know why your child is going to be absent, and when you expect them to return.

You may either phone the office on [01326 231431](tel:01326231431) and leave a message or alternatively send an email to [hello@manaccan.org](mailto:hello@manaccan.org)

When reporting an absence, please leave a message on each day of your child's absence, telling us:

- Your child's name
- Class name/Year group
- Why they are absent (Type of illness e.g. sickness, migraine)
- When you expect them to return

### Attendance Ladder



# The School Day



Thank you for your support ensuring children are in school on time.

Please see the below timetable for a summary of the school day timings, which have been effective from Monday 5th January 2026.

WHEN?	WHAT?	FURTHER INFORMATION
07:35 – 08:35	*NEW* Breakfast Club	See separate letter.
08:30 – 08:35	Non-breakfast club attendees - parents/carers and children may wait in the playground for classrooms to open.	
08:35	Classrooms open for children to enter.	Children can arrive any time from 08:35 to 08:45 and will be marked 'present'.
08:45	Registration closes & playground gate closes.	Any child arriving after this to enter through top gate and sign in please.
15:10	Playground gate opens for parents/carers to wait in the playground.	
15:15	Children released to parents/carers from classrooms.	

# Safeguarding: E-Safety

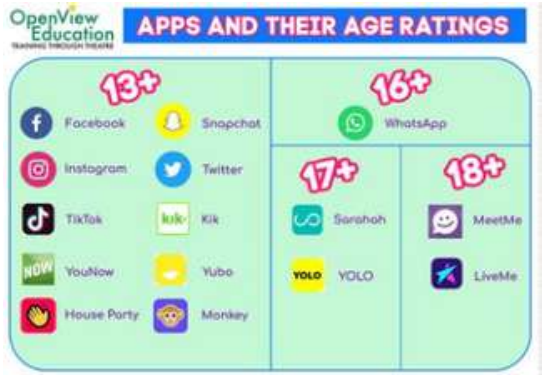
## Social Media Age Limits:

There has been a rise across the country in young people reporting issues surrounding the use of social media. The NSPCC website has lots of useful information around app and social media use:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

**Please note:** the age limit for most apps in the UK is 13+.

WhatsApp has a minimum age limit of 16.



## E-Safety Useful Links

If you would like any support with e-safety at home, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

The links below may also be helpful:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)  
[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)  
[Parents and carers | CEOP Education](#)



## E-Safety In School

Pupils of all ages are taught about how to keep themselves safe online, both in school and at home. At Manaccan Primary School we use the SCARF resource and curriculum to teach PSHE. More information about SCARF can be found here:

[SCARF: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship  
\(coramlifeeducation.org.uk\)](https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk)

# Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the physical or mental welfare of a child or young person and you wish to speak to someone about it, you can contact the MARU (Multi-agency Referral Unit) on the following numbers:

Monday to Friday, 9am - 6pm: 0300 123 1116

Evenings & weekends: 01208 251300

**If you see  
something,  
say something**

📞 **0300 1231 116**

✉️ **multiagencyreferralunit  
@cornwall.gov.uk**

*Whilst you may be concerned about involving our services, we do more than check up on children and young people's welfare.*

*If a family is struggling, we can organise early help and support for them, before any problems become harder to solve.*

#### **What information do I need to give?**

The more detail you are able to provide, the better we will be able to help.

If you have noticed that something wrong, other people might have too. A teacher, health visitor or other person that knows the family might have already alerted us, and your knowledge might fill in some missing information that can help.

**Police** (Non-emergency) - 101

**Domestic Abuse Advice** - Safer Futures/Womens Centre

Providing specialist outreach support to victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence in Cornwall.

Monday to Friday, 9am - 7pm: 01208 229922

Weekends and Bank Holidays 10am-1pm.

Email: [info@saferfutures.org.uk](mailto:info@saferfutures.org.uk)

Website: <https://saferfutures.org.uk>

You can walk into a local BOOTS pharmacy and ask for 'ANI' (Say, "I'm asking for Annie") or ask to access their 'Safe Spaces' where you will get support with domestic abuse. There will be a trained member of staff.

If you are searching for support and are worried about this being tracked by an abuser in the home, please use a private or incognito tab when browsing as this will not save on your search history.

**Internet Safety** - Please click [HERE](#) for advice on keeping your child safe online.

# Staying in Touch



## Notifying Change of Circumstances

Please tell us of any changes to you or your child's personal details (i.e name, address, telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical details, email address or relationship change). Certain changes may be updated directly via the Arbor Parent Portal, however if you have any difficulty please email the school office at: [hello@manaccan.org](mailto:hello@manaccan.org) or call 01326 231431.



# Arbor



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