



Newsletter - November 2025



Head of School Welcome



Welcome to this month's Book Creator newsletter!

November has been a wonderful month for building those all-important connections between home and school. We were delighted to host our first class assemblies of the year - what a joy to see our children sharing their learning with such confidence and pride! Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us; your presence makes these moments truly special.

We also held our autumn Parents/Carers' Evening, which provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress and discuss next steps together. Strong partnerships between school and home are at the heart of everything we do, and your engagement plays a vital role in helping every child thrive.

As we move towards the festive season, there will be even more opportunities for us to come together and work hand in hand to support our children's learning and wellbeing. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school community.

Best wishes
Mrs Hancock

Diary Dates - December 2025

- Friday 5th – St Keverne Christmas Light Switch On
- Monday 8th – Whole School Panto Trip
- Tuesday 9th – EYFS/KSI Nativity Performance
- Wednesday 10th – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 17th – Cross Country Event at Breage C of E School, from 3:30pm
- Thursday 18th – KS2 Christingle Service at 5pm
- Friday 19th – Last Day of Term, 1:30pm finish



This Week's Certificate Winners

A huge well done to these superstars, who have showed our school values this week!



House Points

All of our children belong to a school 'house': Karrek (representing mining), Morva (representing the sea) and Trevas (representing agriculture). Each week, the children earn house points for showing our school values, working hard and showing brilliant presentation in their learning. We record these points digitally and share the weekly totals and overall running totals in our newsletters. The points for this term so far as it stands are below - it is all to play for!



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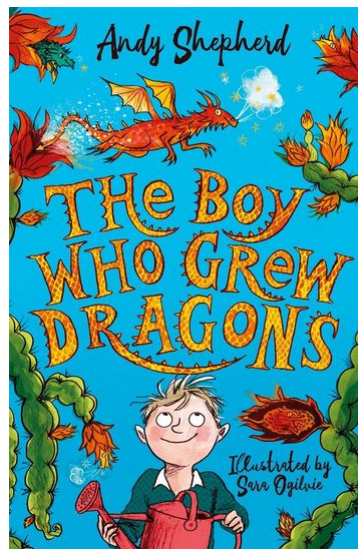
Highlights | Carleon Class



November started with a bang for Carleon Class, learning about Guy Fawkes and making fireworks pictures and natural sparklers. We started this half term's learning focusing on animals in Science and toys in History. We have also made poppies for Remembrance Day and have done various activities around anti-bullying week. To finish this month we are busy learning our Christmas Play!



Highlights | Godrevy Class



What a month! We've been busy mastering addition and subtraction in maths and polishing our punctuation and grammar in English. Our new class novel, *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, has us hooked - turns out dragons are a lot more trouble than cucumbers!

One of the highlights this month was inviting parents, carers, and family members into school. We loved showing off our singing skills and sharing the amazing learning we've done so far in our classroom. In science, we have explored nutrition and the human skeleton, deepening our understanding of how our bodies work; while history has taken us back in time to learn about the fascinating Shang Dynasty.

Special highlights? Anti-Bullying Week, learning about democracy during Parliament Week, and a whole-school cinema experience - nothing beats watching a movie with friends!

Here's to more exciting learning next month!

Highlights | Leggan Class

During November, the children in Leggan have once again thrown themselves into their learning. It has been fantastic to see their confidence and knowledge increase as we move through the term. The children have been taking part in a number of events across this month including The Good Companions visit, Remembrance events and our class assembly. In our learning, we have begun our first writing unit, a non-chronological report based on 'Luminara'. In Maths, we have moved through multiplication and division into fractions. In the wider curriculum, the children have been learning about nutrition in Science, in History they have begun to study The Shang period. The children have also been learning more about coding in IT and developing their knowledge of the Christian story of Christmas.



Floyd Steadman Visit



We were incredibly honoured to welcome Floyd Steadman OBE DL HonDEd, Patron of Cornwall RFU to St Keverne this month. Floyd spent the morning with our Year 5 and 6 children, who were captivated by his inspirational story and asked thoughtful and mature questions about his personal journey, rugby career, leadership as a Headteacher and the inspiring work he now does. What an amazing experience for our children. Thank you, Floyd, for your time, honesty and the signed copy of your book!



Good Companions!

It was fantastic to welcome the Good Companions to school this month. The children sang songs from our recent Harvest Celebration and the pupils from Leggan then spent some time (over tea and biscuits) speaking with members of the group. It was lovely to hear the conversations between the Good Companions and the children.



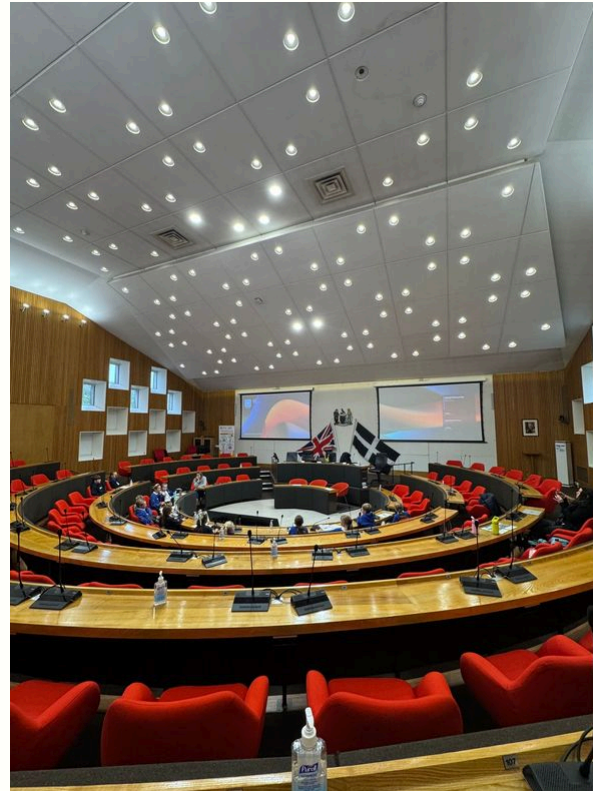
Remembrance



We will remember them.



Cornish Parliament Day



This month has also marked the elections for our School Council 2025/2026! The children presented to their classmates and were voted in. They enjoyed a fantastic day at County Hall on Wednesday this week, learning more about the local council and democracy!

Friends of St Keverne School

We Need Your Help!
FOSK are asking for bottle donations for the tombola at the Christmas craft Fair on the 6th December. Please can you bring any donations into the school reception by Friday the 5th? Thank you for your help!

DATE 17 Mark Your Calendars! DATE 17

- Christmas Fair - 6th December at the Parish Hall
- Children's Christmas Market - 16th December in school



Community Noticeboard



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**Santas
on the Run**

Experience the magic of a festive
fun run at the **Eden Project** on
Sunday 7 December



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Sign up today www.chsw.org.uk/santas

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Community Noticeboard

Safe Winter Cycling

Be Bright.

Be Seen.

Be Safe.

Lights

White lights at the front of your bike and Red to the rear
This will help you see and be seen

Reflectors

Reflectors in your wheels and wearing reflective clothing
will help you be seen from the side

Fluorescence

Fluorescent clothing will help you
be seen in low light conditions



School Lunches

School lunches can be booked daily, weekly, monthly or termly on Parent Pay and cost £2.85 per child. 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 8.30am 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](#).



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Attendance - This Month's Results

Whole School Attendance

94.44%



Carleon Class

Reception - 91.73%

Year 1 - 87.28%

Year 2 - 89.04%

Godrevy Class

Year 3 - 92.63%

Year 4 - 91.39%

Leggan Class

Year 5 - 84.21%

Year 6 - 97.37%



Attendance

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.

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.

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

Attendance Ladder

Equates to number
of school days off
each year



Reporting Absences

At St Keverne, 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 280539 and leave a message or alternatively send an email to hello@stkeverne.org.uk

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



Safeguarding - A Community Policing Message

As children are now writing their Christmas lists to Santa, we would like to inform parents/carers that E-scooters are illegal in public places and can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Therefore, we are trying to discourage these as a Christmas present idea.

[Advice on e-scooter usage | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

There are also limitations on E-bikes.

[What you need to know: electric bikes | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

Thank you

PCSO Julia Berry



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

Police (Non-emergency): 101

Domestic Abuse advise - First Light: 0300 777 4777

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@stkeverne.org.uk or call 01326 280539.





Thank you for reading!