



Newsletter - October 2025



# Head of School Welcome



Welcome to this month's Book Creator newsletter!

As we step into November, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible energy and achievements across our school community throughout October. It seems that those four and a half weeks flew by. From vibrant learning opportunities, trips, FOSKs events, sporting achievements and Harvest celebrations, it certainly was a month of real progress, creativity and collaboration.

Our children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm and resilience, and our incredible staff have worked tirelessly to create opportunities that inspire and challenge. October, and indeed the first Autumn half term, culminated in a powerful staff training session focused on *Ambition* - a theme that resonates deeply with our school vision of 'Dream it, believe it, achieve it'. I was especially proud that St Keverne children were featured in our CEO's welcome speech, highlighting the ambitious work we're doing together to raise aspirations and outcomes for every child.

I hope this newsletter serves as a snapshot of all that we've experienced and achieved this month, and that you enjoy reliving some of those memories.

**Best wishes**  
**Mrs Hancock**

# Diary Dates - November 2025

- Monday 10th to Friday 14th – Anti-Bullying Week
- Monday 10th – Odd Socks Day
- Friday 14th – Non-uniform/Spotty Day for Children in Need
- Friday 14th – Leggan Class Assembly & Open Afternoon from 2:30pm
- Friday 21st – Aspens Taster session for Parents/Carers from 2:15pm
- Friday 21st – Godrevy Class Assembly & Open Afternoon from 2:30pm
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th – UK Parliament Week
- Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th – Parents/Carers Evening
- Friday 28th – Carleon Class Assembly & Open Afternoon from 2:30pm





# This Week's Certificate Winners

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



# Highlights | Carleon Class

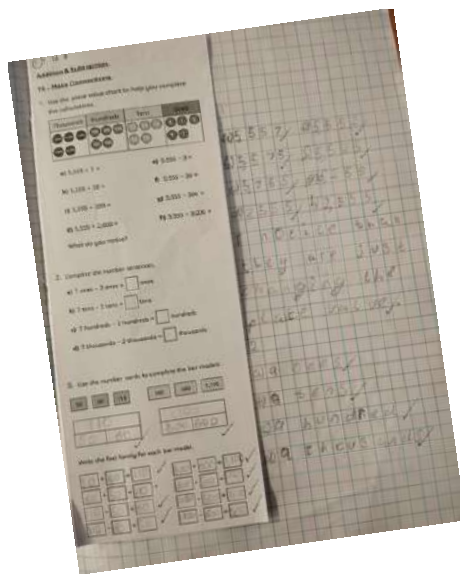


Carleon Class have had a busy October continuing our learning on Autumn and looking at what to expect when Winter arrives. We shared lots of stories and rhymes and finished with a focus on 'Pumpkin Soup' ready for Halloween. A highlight for us was our trip to Roskilly's which was great and included a walk around the animals and some yummy ice cream! Linked to this was the amazing amount we raised on our sponsored walk! We have also enjoyed using the beebots for our computing sessions and learning our Harvest songs. We finished our Geography learning about our local area - we even created our own maps!





# Highlights | Godrevy Class



Godrevy Class have had a fantastic month of learning!

Our confidence is growing as we explore new skills in English and Maths, and we've especially enjoyed diving into our class novel *Seed* - we were gripped as Grandad, Gracie, and Marty sailed to Paris and back in a giant pumpkin!

Highlights this month include:

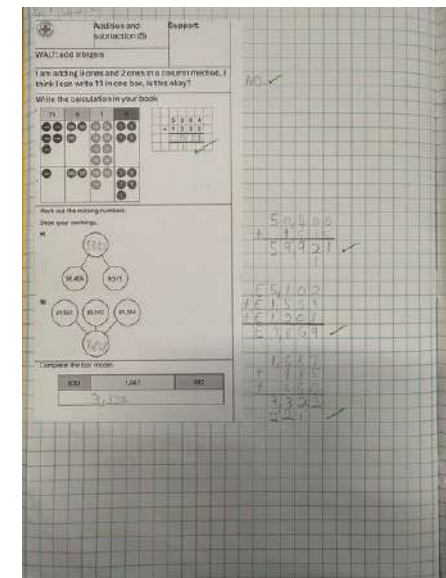
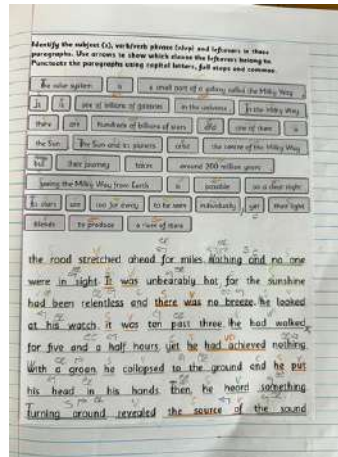
- Practising our singing for music lessons and the Harvest Festival.
- Discovering Georgia O'Keeffe's art and creating stunning abstract collages of local landscapes.
- Investigating forces in science and designing safety features for vehicles.
- Learning about mountain environments and how people live within them.

We even wrote letters to the Environment Minister, calling for action on climate change after learning about its impact on mountain communities and wildlife. It's been a month full of creativity, curiosity, and growing confidence - well done, Godrevy Class!

# Highlights | Leggan Class

During October, Leggan Class began to enhance their understanding and application of addition and subtraction in Maths. Our English learning saw the children independently apply their SPaG knowledge to extended pieces of text. Across the curriculum learning, sequences were concluded, allowing the children to show off their knowledge and skills in the respective subjects.

The class also completed their sailing sessions until the summer term. The level of skill and determination in the final sessions was outstanding. We were also fortunate to have a number of activities that the children took part in, including, the Harvest Assembly and the class was well represented in the football tournament.





# World Octopus Day 2025



We were lucky enough to welcome Matt and Chloe from Cornwall Wildlife Trust to our school on 8th October for World Octopus Day. Their presentation was so informative and the children loved asking questions! We've seen a huge influx of octopuses in Cornish waters recently, so it was a fantastic opportunity to find out more about these interesting creatures.





# Football Tournament Success

A huge well done to our Key Stage 2 Boys and Girls football teams, who took part in the Aspire 5-a-side competition on 23rd October. They showed teamwork, dedication and resilience throughout and were true ambassadors of St Keverne Primary School. We are so proud of them!



# Harvest Celebrations



A huge thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Harvest celebration. The children spoke with confidence, sang beautifully and shared an important message about giving and sharing. Thank you also for all of the food donations, which will go directly to supporting people our local community.





# St Keverne in the Spotlight!



Our children were front and centre during the staff INSET day on Friday 24th October. Delivered to staff from all 37 Aspire schools across 7 venues, we are so proud that St Keverne children featured as part of CEO Rachel Warwick's welcome presentation - they did a brilliant job!





# Welly Walk Success

WOW!



We have been absolutely blown away by the amount Carleon Class have raised through their sponsored Welly Walk - a whopping £706! Thank you so much to all of the children's friends and families who donated and made the event such a success. These important funds will go a long way to develop our outdoor area even further - thank you!



# Friends of St Keverne School

🎉 A Huge Thank You! 🎉

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have helped, supported or attended FOSKS events so far this term. From our Bags 2 School, Bake Off, Autumn Fair and Halloween Disco, we have raised an amazing **£395.80** profit!

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





# Autumn Bake Off



Yet again, our Autumn Bake Off was a huge success! The range of seasonal goodies was incredible and Mrs Hancock & Mrs Briggs thoroughly enjoyed tasting them all - what a tough job! A huge well done to our class winners for their Beetroot Brownies, Apple Cupcakes and Pasty Pie, and an extra special well done to our Star Baker for their Raspberry, White Chocolate and Pumpkin Seed Flapjacks.





# Halloween Disco



We had a spooktacular time  
at the FOSKs Halloween  
Disco on 23rd October.

The costumes were great,  
the dancing was even better,  
and Mrs Hancock and Mr  
Mitchell even got wrapped  
up in toilet roll as mummies!  
A great evening had by all  
and lots of pennies raised -  
thank you!



# Community Noticeboard

## Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7 - 8:30pm**

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

**£24.**

Available to book now  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## ARE YOU READY?

### YOUR CHILD'S FIRST PHONE EVENT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS Nov 11th | 18:30 - 20:30

Bayspace St. Ives, TR26 2BH

Hands-on session helping families navigate their children getting their first phone safely and confidently.

Learn about:

- How to use parental controls on iPhone & Android
- Manage app use, screen time & privacy settings
- Understand social media risks and new AI features
- Explore alternative options
- Foster healthy digital habits and open communication

Includes a takeaway guide with top tips & safety steps.

**SIGN UP BY  
CLICKING HERE OR  
SCAN THE QR CODE**



**Light refreshments including coffee,  
tea, and biscuits will be provided.**

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# Community Noticeboard

Everyone is welcome!

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 11AM**  
**ST KEVERNE CHURCHYARD**  
**HOW WE REMEMBER**

Join us for stories round the fire, exploring the churchyard and connecting with God through nature... plus hot chocolates and marshmallows!!

**EXPLORE | CONNECT | PLAY**

**ST KEVERNE WILD CHURCH**

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult - thank you!  
For further info email [kerrierpioneer@gmail.com](mailto:kerrierpioneer@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook

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**Santas on the Run**

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

Sign up today [www.chsw.org.uk/santas](http://www.chsw.org.uk/santas)

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Bring festive cheer in your Christmas gear!

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# 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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FREE SCHOOL MEALS  
INFO**



# Attendance - This Month's Results

*Whole School Attendance*  
96.4%



**Carleon Class**  
*Reception - 99.58%*  
*Year 1 - 97.06%*  
*Year 2 - 98.53%*

**Godrevy Class**  
*Year 3 - 93.3%*  
*Year 4 - 95.17%*

**Leggan Class**  
*Year 5 - 98.01%*  
*Year 6 - 96.22%*



# 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](mailto: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

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](mailto:hello@stkeverne.org.uk) or call 01326 280539.





Thank you for reading!