



Newsletter - January 2026



# Head of School Welcome



Welcome to the first Book Creator newsletter of 2026!

As we settle into the new term, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your patience and understanding during what has been a rather challenging start to the calendar year. The snow, ice, storm damage and subsequent power & water outages have certainly tested us all, and I am incredibly grateful for the resilience shown by our children, staff, and families. Despite the disruptions, late openings and closures, our community has once again demonstrated its ability to adapt, support one another, and remain positive.

We have continued to develop our exciting range of clubs on offer this half term, designed to broaden horizons and open up new opportunities for our pupils. From Tech Girls, encouraging confidence and creativity in technology, to Craft Club, and even Skateboarding - we are committed to ensuring every child finds something that inspires them.

This month, I had the pleasure of hosting our termly parent/carer coffee morning, giving us the chance to reflect together on last term and continue the important dialogue about how we can keep improving our school offer. Your insights and ideas are invaluable, and I look forward to building on this collaborative approach throughout the year.

Additionally, we were pleased to run our second Maths Workshop for parents and carers this academic year. These sessions are designed to support families in understanding our curriculum and the methods we use, helping us work together to strengthen pupils' confidence and progress in Maths.

Although the term didn't start quite as smoothly as planned, it has been heartening to see such optimism, and dedication across our school community. Thank you for your continued support.

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

# Diary Dates - February 2026

- Monday 9th to Friday 13th - Children's Mental Health Week
- Monday 9th - Parent/Carer Reading Workshop (KS2) at Manaccan Primary School, 9am
- Tuesday 10th - Safer Internet Day
- Monday 9th - Cross Country at Manaccan Primary School from 3:30pm
- Friday 13th - INSET Day (school closed to children)
- Monday 16th to Friday 20th - Half Term



# 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 running total points for this half term are below - it's all to play for!



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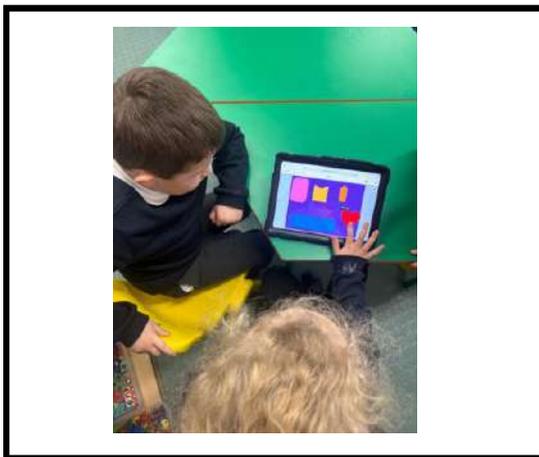
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# Highlights | Carleon Class

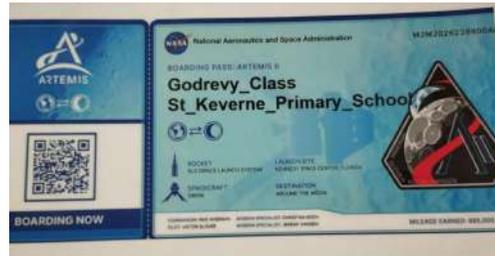


The start of Spring Term definitely allowed us to discuss seasonal changes and winter weather in Carleon Class! Our learning in January has focussed on Materials in Science, Collage in Art, Digital Painting in Computing and lots more. We have enjoyed investigating properties of materials in Science and exploring the classroom for items made of different materials. Our Art work is based on the Great Fire of London which the children will be learning about after half term. We have been layering up our tissue paper to create the effect of flames.

As well as our foundation subjects we are focusing on sentence building in English currently based around Jack and the Beanstalk. The children are working hard on their handwriting and punctuation.



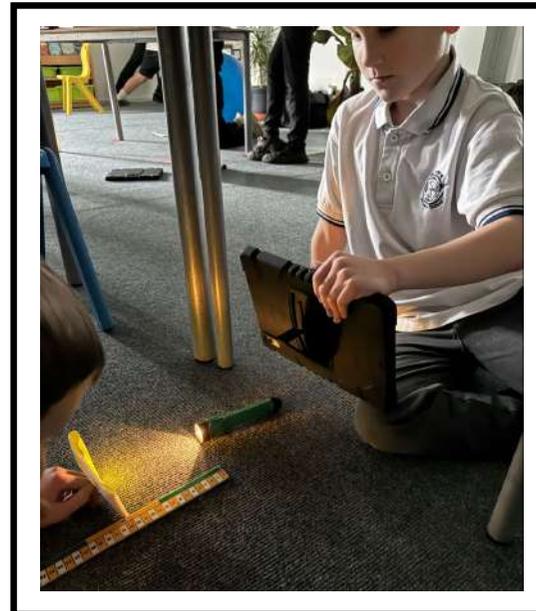
# Highlights | Godrevy Class



What a fantastic start to the new term! Despite a few challenges, Godrevy have returned with great curiosity and determination. In science, we've begun exploring light - natural and artificial sources, how shadows form, and collaborating on investigations. In English, we've created hybrid animals and are writing information texts for a new zoo. In Maths, we've learned about area and are now developing our multiplication skills. Our Geography work focuses on climate change, its impact, and how we can make positive changes. Last week, we enjoyed a live space lesson ahead of our next science topic; and in Music, we've been practising for SongFest at the Hall for Cornwall. A SongFest team member visited to help with the trickier pieces and was very impressed. We look forward to sharing some of our songs at our class open afternoon.

# Highlights | Leggan Class

After what proved to be a rather 'stop-start' beginning to the term, the children in Leggan have come back very well after the holidays. We have begun new topics in our learning: in Geography we are looking at climate change and its effect on the world; in Science we are looking at light; in Computing we are expanding our coding skills even more. The Year 6 children are really hitting their stride as we begin our SATs preparation with many personal best scores in recent assessments. The Year 5 children are also showing brilliant growth in their learning.



# Extra-Curricular Clubs

It has been great to see so many children taking part in this half term's after-school clubs, which started this month. We've got Craft Club, Multi-skills, Tech Girls, LEGO and Skateboarding on the go and are already planning next half term's offer!



# SongFest 2026



We are delighted to announce that children in Key Stage 2 will be performing in SongFest 2026 on Tuesday 31st March at the Hall for Cornwall. This is a fantastic opportunity to take part in a mass choir, celebrating the joy of song with children from schools across the county.

We've been practising the songs for a few weeks, and were recently visited by Angela Renshaw, who helped us with some of the trickier lyrics and melodies.



# FOSKS

We are incredibly lucky to be so well supported by the wonderful Friends of St Keverne School. Please see below for upcoming events.



# Community Noticeboard

**Save Money**  
Potential saving of  
**£495**

## LUNCHTIME FREE MEAL

Healthy, nutritious and freshly made daily

**EVERY** child in Reception Year 1 & 2  
can have a **FREE** school lunch.

Please contact reception  
for details

**FOOD  
FESTIVAL**

By Aspens



**ST KEVERNE TEENAGERS  
TABLE TENNIS  
CLUB**

**SMASH • SPIN • SERVE • HAVE FUN!**

**LOOKING FOR A FUN AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY?**  
Come and hang out, learn new skills, and play **TABLE TENNIS**  
with friends!

**EVERY THURSDAY STARTING 5TH FEBRUARY**  
(TERM TIME) 4 TILL 5:30

**CHURCH HALL, LEMON STREET, ST KEVERNE**

**AGES 10-16**  
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME  
**BEGINNERS  
ENCOURAGED!**

**WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- Table tennis games & coaching
- Tea and toast provided
- Friendly, supportive atmosphere

**IMPORTANT INFO**  
A parent/guardian consent form  
must be completed before starting.

**CONTACT US**

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**JUST TURN UP & GIVE IT A GO!**  
**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!**

# 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](#).



**CLICK LOGO FOR  
FREE SCHOOL MEALS  
INFO**



# Wraparound



Following liaison with the pre-school and feedback from parents/carers, will be trialling an After-school Wraparound Provision at St Keverne Primary School during the Spring Term. Please find the details below:

**Days and Times:** Monday to Thursday, 3:15pm – 5:15pm (there will be no Wraparound Provision on a Friday)

**Location:** School hall

**Cost:** £5.50 for the first hour session (includes a light snack), £5 for the subsequent hour session booked that day

## **Booking:**

- All bookings will be made via ParentPay.
- Booking payment items will be added to your ParentPay account for advance payment please.
- If you experience any issues with your ParentPay account, please contact the school office where Ms Hicks will be happy to support you.
- Bookings for the following week must be made by Wednesdays at 3:00pm.
- Unless there is an unavoidable emergency, no bookings will be accepted after this deadline.

Any collection after 5:15pm will incur a £10 late collection fee which must be paid via ParentPay prior to any future bookings being made.

# Attendance - This Month's Results

*Whole School Attendance*  
96.47%



**Carleon Class**  
*Reception - 98.16%*  
*Year 1 - 97.85%*  
*Year 2 - 95.7%*

**Godrevy Class**  
*Year 3 - 97.74%*  
*Year 4 - 96.19%*

**Leggan Class**  
*Year 5 - 93.55%*  
*Year 6 - 95.39%*



# 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



# The School Day



As per the letter sent to all last term, the timings of the school day have changed slightly by 10minutes each morning. This is to ensure that we are delivering the full 32.5 hours of statutory education per week, as set out by the Department for Education. Please see the below timetable for a summary of the new timings, which have been effective from **Monday 5th January 2026.**

<b>WHEN?</b>	<b>WHAT?</b>	<b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b>
08:35	All gates open for children to enter.	Carleon Class – gate to the left of the kitchen.  Godrevy & Leggan Class – playground gate.  Parents/carers may let their children walk in from the front pedestrian gate or walk them to their allocated class gate.
08:45	Registration closes & all gates close.	Any child arriving after this time to enter through the school office and sign in.
From 15:05	Parents/carers able to wait in the school carpark.	
15:15	Children dismissed to parents/carers.	Carleon Class – from the gate to the left of the kitchen.  Godrevy & Leggan Class – from the playground gate.
15:15 – 17:15	*NEW* After School Wraparound	Please see separate letter for further information.

# 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!