

Newsletter 1

Autumn 2024



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As we reach the end of this first Autumn half term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate all the wonderful achievements of our pupils and staff over the past few weeks. From settling into new classes to tackling exciting new topics, everyone has worked incredibly hard. Our classrooms have been filled with creativity, curiosity, and collaboration as the children embraced learning with enthusiasm.

I am especially grateful for everyone's efforts with the new start-time in the morning. Never has 10 minutes felt so significant! Thank you for your help and understanding. Pupil attendance this term has also been tremendous. Despite some Winter bugs, our whole school attendance is currently over 96% which is significantly above the national average.

A special highlight this term was a visit from Paralympian Jack Rutter, who inspired us all with his incredible story of resilience and determination. Jack spoke about overcoming challenges, setting goals, and staying positive even in difficult circumstances. The children were captivated by his journey and left feeling motivated to face their own challenges with courage and perseverance.

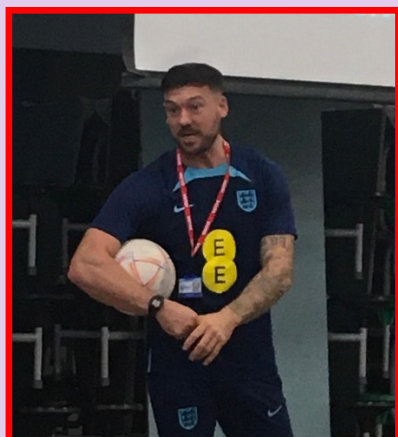
We have also enjoyed getting back into our own sports, with fantastic participation in our after-school clubs, friendly matches and tournaments. Thank you to all our families and the staff team here at school, for their support in ensuring that as many children as possible can take part in these opportunities.

Looking ahead, we are excited to start planning for our festive Christmas activities, which are always a highlight of the school year. Dates and details for these events can be found in this newsletter.

As we head into the half-term break, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your loved ones, and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half term!

Happy half-term,

Mr Moran



We are thrilled to announce that Paralympian Jack Rutter recently visited our school, putting the children through an inspiring fitness circuit, followed by an assembly where he shared his incredible journey to becoming a Paralympian. The event was truly motivational, and thanks to everyone's generous support, we raised an amazing £3,221.70!

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored and made this event a huge success

What's on....

November

Mon 4th INSET DAY (School Closed)
Weds 6th Nov Guitar Concert
Tues 12th Nov NCMP YR & Y6
Fri 15th Children in Need Dress Down Day
Tues 19th NSPCC Assembly
W/b Mon 25th Parent Consultations
Fri 29th 3pm PTA Christmas Fair

December

w/c 2nd Dec Last week of after school clubs
Weds 4th 1pm KS2 Carol Concert at
St Mary's Catholic Church
Friday 6th 6pm KS2 Carol Concert at
St Mary's Catholic Church
Mon 9th Infant Nativity
Tues 10th Infant Nativity
Fri 13th Cinema trip (whole school)
Weds 18th School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper
Day
Fri 20th Dec Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 23rd Dec - Weds 3rd January Christmas Holidays

January

Mon 6th INSET DAY (School Closed)
Tuesday 7th Spring Term Starts
Weds 15th Deadline to apply for Reception 2025

March

Mon 3rd Secondary School Offer day Y6

May

Mon 12th—Thurs 15th Y6 SATs

June

Tues 17^t– Fri 20th Y6 London Trip



CORNWALL MUSIC SERVICE TRUST

If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument,

Cornwall Music Service Trust are able to provide lessons during the school day.

They offer strings, woodwind, brass, guitar, keyboard and piano and percussion.

Please sign up online:-

<https://cmst.co.uk/signup>

Special Educational Needs Support



Every Thursday from 2.15-3.15 Mrs Titheridge will be holding her SENCO sessions.

Parents are welcome to discuss accessing SEN support and Mrs Titheridge will be happy to answer any of your SEN questions.

To book please contact Mrs Titheridge at:
senco@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk



Reception class have settled into their new school routine brilliantly. They have made new friends, bread rolls and played musical instruments and met their buddies in

Class 5.

What a wonderful first half term we have all had

together.

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 30th October 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks,

SMS TEXT

For free delivery to school on your child's photographs order



Parents are very welcome to come to our Celebration Assembly, every Friday at 2.45pm



If you as parents have any business contacts, who might be able to help sponsor our Y6 London trip, or have any suggestions for fundraising, we would be pleased to hear from you.



year 6's will begin raising money for the poppy appeal. The prices for each item are:
Slap bands - £1.50
Paper Poppies - 25p
Poppy Key Ring - 50p
Wrist band - £1
Poppy Sticker - 5p

Cornwall Council 2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2024					
Mon		2	9	16	23 30
Tue			4	11	17 24
Wed				5	12 18 25
Thurs					6 13 19 26
Fri					7 14 20 27
Sat					8 15 21 28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

October 2024					
Mon			7	14	21 28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

November 2024					
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Fri		1	8	15	22 29
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Sun	3	10	17	24	

December 2024					
Mon		2	9	16	23 30
Tue		3	10	17	24 31
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thurs		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

January 2025					
Mon			13	20	27
Tue			7	14	21 28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

February 2025					
Mon		3	10	17	
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thurs		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	
Sun	2	9	16	23	

March 2025					
Mon		3	10	17	24 31
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thurs		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
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Sun	2	9	16	23	30

April 2025					
Mon			7	14	21 28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
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Sun	6	13	20	27	

May 2025					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
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June 2025					
Mon			9	16	23 30
Tue		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thurs		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

July 2025					
Mon			7	14	21 28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

August 2025					
Mon			4	11	18 25
Tue			5	12	19 26
Wed			6	13	20 27
Thurs			7	14	21 28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
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School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024
(HALF TERM 28 October - 1 November 2024)

SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

INSET DAYS

TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER
MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY
MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
MONDAY 2ND JUNE

Here to Serve

In the Gospels, Jesus reveals the true nature of His style of leadership: servanthood.

"Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant..."
Mark 10:43

We can all lead like Jesus and draw on the strength of the Holy Spirit.

You might like to use this short prayer as part of your family prayer time...

Jesus,
We want to be like you.
Send your Holy Spirit to
help us to be good leaders in all we do.
Amen

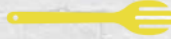


We donated 86.6kg of food to the Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank

Autumn Term Menu

WEEK 1

W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 06/01, 27/01, 10/03, 31/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Macaroni Cheese	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Pesto Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
DESSERT	Raspberry Jelly	Oat Cookie with Fruit	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream

Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta

All main meals are served with two vegetables

PACKED LUNCH

Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

WEEK 2

W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 13/01, 03/02, 24/02, 17/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Sweet Potato Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding with Custard	Strawberry Ice Cream

Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta

All main meals are served with two vegetables

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

V Vegetarian
 F Only Fish
 W Wholegrain
 F Fruity!
 H Nutritionist's Choice

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WEEK 3

W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 20/01, 10/02, 03/03, 24/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Battered Fish Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
DESSERT	Chocolate Beet Brownie with Orange Slices	Banana Cake	Sicilian Lemon Cookie with Fruit	Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard	Vanilla Ice Cream

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Are you interested in School Catering that fits around your family life.
No weekends or evenings

Chartwells Catering have a Vacancy in your School.

Supervisor- Catering experience is advisable but full training will be given and uniform provided.

Position is term time only with salary spread over the whole year.

If you are interested, please call or email.

Karen – 07760172002

Karen.wallens@compass-group.co.uk



IF your child is absent please call our automated absence line on 01326 314540 before 9am.

Messages can be left at any time before school starts.

Please do not message on Dojo or email as it will delay reporting and may mean us making unnecessary calls to you.



St Mary's

Catholic Primary School



St Mary's

Breakfast Club

From 8am-8.45am

£3.00 per session

Wraparound Club

From 3.15 pm - 5.30 pm

£5.00 for an hour and £7.50 for two hours

(Sibling rates are £3.50 per child for one hour & £7 for two hours)

For further details please contact administrator@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk



Year 3 went to the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro this half term as part of their Stone Age topic. The children were very excited to go on the train to get there. The museum was wonderful and the children took part in a workshop, looking at different Stone Age artefacts, dressing up and creating clay pots. They also had the opportunity to explore the rest of the museum, and had an unexpected bonus of a session with the RNLI. The children were fantastic and really enjoyed their day. If anyone wants to visit, there is free entry for children under 18, and adults are just £7.50 for an annual pass. It is well worth a trip as the museum explores many different topics that we look at across the St Mary's curriculum!



Year 5 & 6 had a friendly netball match against King Charles and St Francis this term.

Great team work!!



Year 5, we have been so interested in learning about Ancient Egypt from mummies to the pyramids! Our budding artists have also been monotone painting for our book 'The Ghost in the Garden'.

Class 2

Class Two had a wonderful visit to Falmouth Fire Station. The children have been studying 'The Great Fire of London' in History and this trip showed the children what fire fighters do now and how they still use some of the tools that were used to combat the fight during 'The Great Fire of London'.



TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY

The Governors of St Mary's, Falmouth are seeking to appoint a positive and inspiring 1-2-1 Teaching Assistant for an immediate start with an additional 2.5 hours as a Meal Time Assistant. This position will be fixed term until 31st August 2025. Governors are keen to accommodate the best candidates who will make a positive impact on our school and standards. Applicants with experience are encouraged to apply.

We offer:

- A welcoming school with a strong Catholic ethos
- Children who are polite, happy and motivated to learn
- A supportive staff team who genuinely want the best for our pupils
- A commitment to your own professional development

The successful candidate will:

- Be happy to support the Catholic ethos of our school
- Be committed to creating challenge, excitement, creativity and independence in learning
- Be dedicated to raising standards and be a good role model
- Have excellent organisational and communication skills
- Be dynamic, resilient and hard working with a positive nature
- Be able to work as part of a team and establish positive relationships with pupils, parents, governors and staff
- Have a reflective and evaluative approach to their practice

Required ASAP

Salary: Grade C3 27.5hrs/ B2 2.5 Hours

Contract: 27.5 SEN Teaching Assistant with 2.5 hours Lunchtime Assistant

Fixed term until 31st August 2025

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS Disclosure is required for this post.

Closing Date: Thursday 24th October

Interviews: Thursday 7th November

To apply, please complete the application forms below and email to

administrator@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk or contact the school on 01326 314540 for paper copies.

Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email

This half term, Year 4 have accomplished so much in such a short time! They produced fantastic pieces of writing based on the legend of King Midas, showcasing their creativity and growing storytelling skills. They also worked hard on non-chronological reports, using their knowledge of the Ancient Greeks to create informative and well-structured pieces. In science, the class confidently presented the digestive system in groups, explaining the process with clarity and teamwork. On top of all this, they've been dedicated to improving their times tables, working hard on TTRS to boost their speed and accuracy. I'm incredibly proud of their effort and achievements so far!

Jane Mills Year 4 Class Teacher

Dance, Yoga & crafts

Tuesday 29th October

Ages 6-11yrs




- Learn & Create a dance piece
- Yoga & Wellbeing session
- Games
- Arts & Crafts to take home
- Healthy snacks and treats
- Set in a dance studio and beautiful grounds & gardens

Kernow Youth Yoga

0am - 2pm
£23 per place

Studio J AMATA
Penryn Campus
Tremough

Email kateashbarry@live.co.uk
Scan to book