



Newsletter

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Our School Blog

The weather may have turned colder (please remember your child needs a coat everyday!), but our pupils have certainly been *on fire* this week. We welcomed some special visitors to the school who came to see how our improvement plans are taking shape and how they are helping children make progress in reading, writing, and maths. They were extremely impressed—especially with the children's behaviour and attitudes in the classrooms—describing the atmosphere as one of *calm and focused* learning.

This week, Lower Key Stage 2 enjoyed trips to the cinema and the local library, and we are already looking forward to next week's Spoken Word Festival and, of course, the BBFriends Christmas Fair!

Finally, until our website is up and running properly, here's another reminder of our emergency closure procedures:

Our priority is, as always, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils. Any decision to close the school is made with their best interests in mind and will only be taken after all other options and alternatives have been carefully considered.

In the event that a closure is necessary, parents and carers will be informed through our usual communication channels: ClassDojo, email, and text message. We also advise checking local radio stations (such as BBC Radio Cornwall) and the Education section of the Cornwall Council website for updates.

If the school needs to close during the school day, we kindly ask that parents and carers refrain from calling the school office. High call volumes can block phone lines and hinder our ability to make essential arrangements.

Have a great weekend

Mr Gynn

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2026

Starting school September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a reception class place for September 2026

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2026

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2026.** **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

Dates for your diary!

Fri 28th Nov - BBFriends Christmas Fair

Wed 3rd Dec - YR Vision Screenings

w/c 1st Dec - Last week of extra curricular clubs

Fri 5th Dec - Y1 Hearing Screenings (further info to follow)

Fri 5th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 9th Dec - KS1 Nativity (10am/2.30pm)

Wed 10th Dec - Family Support Coffee Morning (9-10am school staffroom)

Wed 10th Dec - Christmas Lunch

Wed 10th Dec - Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church

Thurs 11th Dec - EYFS Nativity (2pm)

Fri 12th Dec - Secret Santa!!

Fri 12th Dec - Rocksteady Christmas Concert, 2pm school hall

Wed 17th - Trust Carol Concert

Thurs 18th Dec - Last Day of Term ****NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB****

Fri 19th Dec - Inset Day

This week's achievers

This week, we learnt about
and celebrated our school
vision of compassion

Little Doves Lydia

For having a kind and caring heart
and showing compassion to
everyone and everything



Little Lambs Marcie

For showing compassion to a
peer when they hurt themselves
on the playground. Well done for
being a good friend

Peacocks Tilly

For showing thoughtful and
considerate care towards your own
feelings and those of others. Your
kindness shines through in the way
you reflect, understand, and make
gentle choices every day



Phoenix Theo

Well done Theo for demonstrating
a good understanding of others'
needs and feelings. You
frequently offer help to others
without being asked and make
choices that reflect kindness and
fairness

Angels Kiryn

For always showing kindness,
empathy, and compassion toward
others. Your thoughtfulness makes
our classroom a better place each
day.

We are so proud of the way you look
out for others and lead with
kindness

Faith Alice

For always looking out for your
friends and being a helping
hand to anyone who needs it

Hope Sebastian

For always showing compassion,
offering kindness and
thoughtfulness to those around

Dear God,
Thank you for the people who show us kindness every day.
Help us to notice when others need care,
to listen when someone is upset,
and to speak with words that comfort and encourage.
Teach us to be patient, to share,
and to treat everyone with fairness and respect.
When we see someone struggling,
help us to choose compassion -
to offer a smile, a helping hand, or a kind thought.
May our school be a place where everyone feels safe, valued,
and supported by one another.

Amen

Other notices

PP FRIENDS INVITE YOU TO OUR SCHOOL'S

CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS. GIFTS. GAMES.
SANTA'S GROTTTO.
DELICIOUS TREATS. EXTERNAL
SELLERS & MORE

FRIDAY 28TH 15:30 -
NOVEMBER 17:00

Friends Events logo and St Andrew's School logo.

ATTENTION CORNISH BUSINESSES!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This Christmas, Young People Cornwall are collecting gifts for young people aged 8-25 across Cornwall. We're collaborating with local businesses who can help make a difference by donating gifts, vouchers, or items that young people would love.

Whether it's one gift or a box full, every donation counts!

Young People Cornwall

SWIPE FOR IDEAS

READ BELOW FOR MORE INFO

Meet Santa

Every Child Gets A Present

Only £5 Per Child

Every Saturday & Sunday
15th November - 21st December
10am - 4pm - No Bookings Required

Monday 24th November
10.30am - 12pm.
St John's Methodist Church, St. Austell,
PL25 5AE

Emily Garrod and Sinne Brock from the Early Years Team, CMST, will be holding a workshop at The St. Austell Festival of Music and Speech. The workshop is for children under 5 and their caregivers. Please feel free to drop in at any time that suits you and your child. The session will include fun songs and music activities and will be open to all.

Free Early Years Music Workshop

For more information email:
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