



Summer Term 2024: Newsletter 1
Friday 26th April 2024

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



We are looking forward to a fun packed Summer Term at Mount Charles! Camps in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 began this week with Year 4. We have Sports Day to look forward to on the 22nd May. Sports will take place during the morning followed by a family picnic lunch. Year 6 SATS will take place 13th-17th May.



The school day begins at **8.25am**, the gates close at 8.30am. Any child arriving after 8.30am must report to the office on their arrival. Learning begins promptly at 8.30, by being late your child is missing out on vital learning.

We are striving for our attendance to hit 97%. This week our attendance was 95.5%. By working together we can achieve our target! If you have any concerns about attendance please do get in touch.

Collection arrangements—Please remember to call the office **BEFORE 3pm** if anyone different is collecting your child.

Summer Term Uniform

PE kit only to be worn on PE days—School jumper, **plain** black leggings or joggers, PE t-shirt, trainers.

Grey shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore with black shoes & grey socks or tights, black shoes.

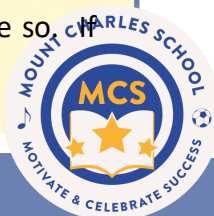
Blue & white checked summer dress with white socks, black shoes.

KS2 are able to wear white polo shirt instead of shirt & tie.

With our unpredictable weather, please send your child in with a named coat every day.

Charlies Wraparound Club

All bookings **MUST** be made on ParentPay prior to attending. Your child's place will not be confirmed without booking in advance. You must complete a registration form, if you have not yet done so. If you need help logging into ParentPay, please contact the school office.



YEAR 4 CAMP!

Year 4 have had a fantastic time on residential at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre.

The children took part in kayaking, mega SUP, an amazing caving experience and also enjoyed a silent disco on Thursday evening! For some of our children, this was the first time they had ever tried these activities and we were so proud of their enthusiasm and perseverance.



EYFS

EYFS are focusing on the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in their Talk for Writing this half term. The children were very excited to find caterpillars in their classroom! They are looking forward to observing the caterpillars closely over the coming weeks and can't wait to watch their life cycle journey unfold.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have begun their new topic 'The Enchanted Woodland'. The children were set the task of creating their own stickman. First, we listened to the Stickman story and then collected sticks and leaves from around the school to be used in the children's own stickman creations. Using pipe cleaners, the children attached sticks for the limbs a leaf for the head, finishing with black pen for the face. Finally, the children roleplayed the Stickman story using their own stickmen.



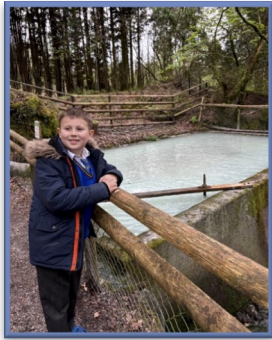
YEAR 2

In writing, Year 2 have been focusing on the story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. They have been learning about different activities they can do in the dark and have explored some reasons why the dark is amazing. Their favourite activity was watching the dazzling fireworks and creating their own firework pictures.

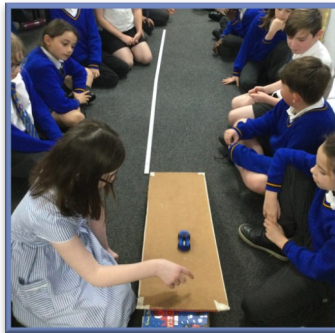


YEAR 3

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Wheal Martyn as part of their local history topic. They discovered what materials contain china clay and how a lot of these materials are still used today. The children took part in different activities and dressed up as historical figures who were involved in the china clay industry.



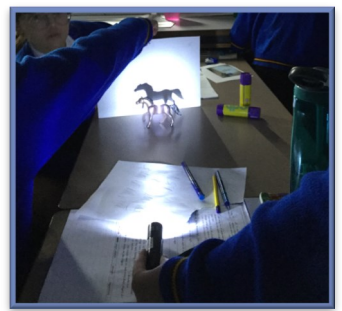
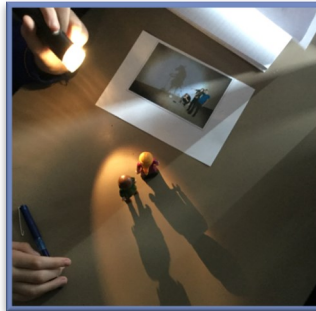
YEAR 5



In science, Year 5 are studying forces. The children investigated friction using cars and ramps with varying surface types. The children discovered that the smoother the surface, the further the car travelled as there was less friction. They were also on the look out for anomalies in the results that did not follow the pattern of the others. Repeating the tests and working out an average made the results more reliable.

YEAR 6

Year 6 continued their study of light and this week were looking at shadows. The children used their knowledge that light travels in straight lines to conclude that shadows cast are the same shape as the object blocking the light rays. They moved the torch to different angles to explore what would happen to the shadow, they also tried moving the torch closer to the object and further away.



ARB



The children in the ARB are looking forward to a busy Summer Term. This term they will be learning all about life cycles. They have started to look at the life cycle of a butterfly and were really excited to welcome their class caterpillars. The children have started to make their own butterfly wings in art for their costumes in drama.



Lifeguards

Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from two RNLI lifeguards this week. The children learnt about how to stay safe in and around the water with their 'Float to Live' campaign. They also learnt what the beach flags meant and how to signal for help if they get in trouble. We would encourage parents to visit the RNLI website to find about more about water safety before visiting the beach with their child this summer.

<https://rnli.org/safety>



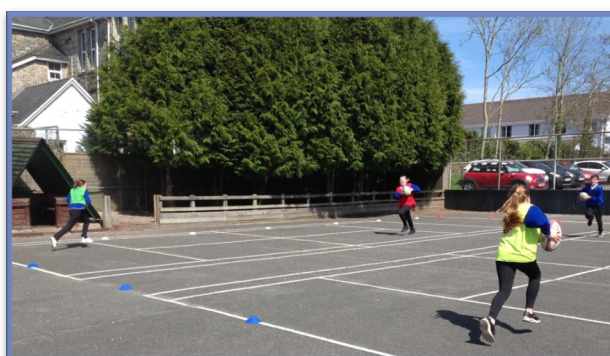
SPORTS

On Monday a group of Year 4 and 5 children took part in the Racket Festival at Poltair with other local schools. The children were given the opportunity to try three racket sports. These included; table tennis, with coaches from St Austell table tennis club, badminton and tennis.

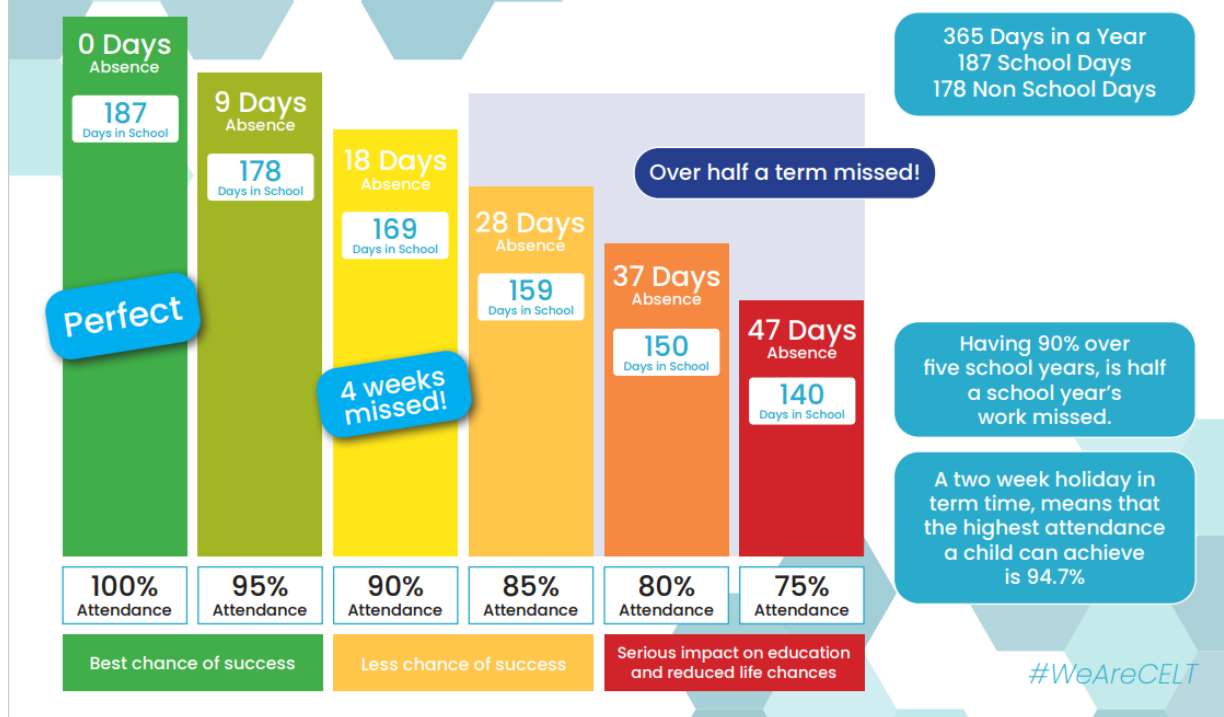
For some children, this was their first experience of badminton or table tennis. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Last week Year 6 welcomed a coach from the Cornish Pirates, to begin 6 weeks of rugby coaching. The children were taught the basic skills of the sport and were able to demonstrate their understanding in touch rugby games. The children engaged well and had a great time in the sunshine and they look forward to more sessions every Thursday until half term.



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



How we celebrate good attendance: Each week, the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance trophy and an extra break time. Last week's winners were **2SC** with **99.4%**. This week's winners are **4CA** with **99.3%**. Well done to both classes! Our whole school attendance this week is **95.5%**.

Big end of term reward: Every term we will have an attendance reward for all pupils who have achieved 96.8% or higher during that term. At the start of each term (**for the purpose of the reward only**) we start every child's attendance at 100%. This means that every child has a chance to achieve 96.8% each term and enjoy the celebration.

Absence from school: If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school office via telephone **before 9am**. Please give **full details** of the reason for absence so that our admin team can code the absence appropriately. Please avoid using phrases such as "poorly" or "sick" and instead give details of symptoms.

Repeat this for **every day** of absence. If you know you may need to request leave from school for **exceptional circumstances**, such as national sports competitions or visa appointments, please complete a leave request form from the office.

Well done and thank you to those pupils whose attendance is already improving from last term, this is fantastic. If you have any questions or queries regarding attendance, please contact Mrs Nile via the school office.

REMINNDERS

Menu Change: Following feedback from the children, the kitchen have changed the Turkey lasagne to Beef lasagne.

Sports Day—22nd May—the menu has been changed on ParentPay to pasties only, as the children will be eating their lunch at Penrice.

PTA UPDATE



LOOSE CHANGE CHALLENGE

Our PTA Loose Change Challenge has begun!

Which class can raise the most money?
Have you searched behind the sofa? Under the car seat? In the washing machine?
Find that loose change and drop it into the collection box in your classroom. The class who raises the most wins a prize!
The race is on!



Sports Day 22nd May— As in previous years we would like to finish our morning of sports with a family picnic. If you would like to join your child, the PTA will be selling the following—

Steak Pasty £3.50

Cheese & onion pasty £3.50

Sausage roll £2.00

Please place your orders on ParentPay by Thursday 16th May.

Celebrating



Yr1 - Sammy, Emily P, Sienna, Buddy

Yr2 - Arthur, Leola-May, Freya, Jack

Yr3—Ava, Neelah, Arrietty, Sophie

Yr4 –Lewis, Malachy

Yr5 –Poppy, Soraya, Ornella, Alexis

Yr6—Beth, Michael, James, Rhys

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 4CA 99.3%

Last week: 2SC 99.4%



Attendance!



TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

- 1st place: Poppy Horns
- 2nd place: Deimante Dromantaite
- 3rd place: Gabbie Noble

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:



- 1st place: Brynley Gilbert
- 2nd place: Demi-Harper Juleff
- 3rd place: Cobie-Jane O'Erien

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Ella Sillick
- 2nd place: Edward Commons
- 3rd place: Brynley Gilbert



TOP THREE!

Biggest increase in number of minutes played in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Esmae McCoan
- 2nd place: Jasper Bolt
- 3rd place: Kanan Roberts



Biggest increase in correct answers in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Jasper Bolt
- 2nd place: Esmae McCoan
- 3rd place: Kanan Roberts

Highest improvement in accuracy in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Ayla Geach
- 2nd place: Buddy Reid
- 3rd place: Jasper Bolt



Diary Dates

April

29th KS1 Racket Festival

May

2nd EYFS Trip to St Austell Library

2nd - 3rd - Year 3 Adventure Day and Sleepover

6th - Bank Holiday, school closed

8th—Year 4&5 Athletics @Par Track

9th - 10th - Year 5 Residential

w/c 13th - **SATS WEEK - All of Year 6 MUST be in school all of this week!**

15th - Junior Life Skills workshops, Year 5

22nd - Sports Day

23rd - Year 6 Trip to St Ives

w/c 27th - Half Term break, school closed

June

5th - 7th - Year 6 Residential

12th - Family Worker Drop-In, 8:45am - 10am

- Year 6 Careers Fair

13th - School Photographers in for class and sports teams photos

26th - Sports Day reserve date

July

9th - Sports Day reserve date

11th - Year 5 trip to Truro Museum

w/c 21st - No Clubs this week

26th - Last day of term, 1:30pm finish

TERM DATES

Summer term 1 2024: Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Summer term 2 2024: Monday 3rd June 2024 - Friday 26th July 2024

Autumn term 1 2024: Thursday 5th September 2024 - Thursday 17th October 2024

Autumn term 2 2024: Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Spring term 1 2025: Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025

Spring term 2 2025: Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June 2025 - Friday 25th July 2025



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Poltair SSP Girls Netball Club



**Year 5/6 Girls
Poltair School
4:30pm - 5:30pm**



**Wednesday
8th May**



**Wednesday
15th May**



**Wednesday
22nd May**

Half Term



**Wednesday
5th June**



**Wednesday
12th June**



**Wednesday
19th June**



[Click here to sign up](#)



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ME** 





Try Tennis For

FREE!

No obligation to continue

Applicable to any kids group session.
Excludes Youth Start



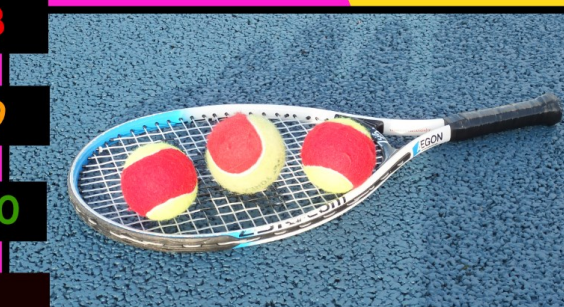
One Hour *FREE*

Age 4 - 8

Age 8 - 9

Age 9 - 10

Age 11+



For more information or to book:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/affinitytennis>

Email: yvonne.arlott@gmail.com

Phone: 07427 628327

OR Alternatively



Just £29.99 (+£5 P&P) for:

- Six group tennis sessions
- A tennis racket & set of balls
- A branded t-shirt

Youth Start courses are specifically for beginners aged 4 - 11 years.

Youth Start offer correct as of February 2024





St Austell Table Tennis Club Welcomes Players of all ages and abilities

Club night Fridays 7 to 9pm

£2.50 per session for children and £5.00 for adults

We meet at:

Cornwall County Table Tennis Centre

Tregorrick Park, St Austell, PL26 7AG

For more information Tel: 07979 367280 or 07807 800857

Or find us on Facebook



<https://m.facebook.com/groups/2566427633534354/>

Club site - <https://staustellttc.ttclubs.co.uk/>



YOUTH CLUB

Friday 12th April Friday 26th April
Friday 10th May Friday 24th May
Friday 14th June Friday 28th June
Friday 12th July Friday 26th July

@

**Bethel Methodist Chapel, Brockstone Road, St
Austell PL25 3DW**

**6pm – 7 30pm.
£1 per child.
Ages 7 years and up.**

**Team games, crafts, game consoles, tuck shop and time
to be with you friends in safe and friendly environment.**

**No need to book in, just come along on the dates above.
But numbers are limited to 40, so come on time!**

**Contact Laura Mitchell on: lauranewman89@hotmail.com
for more details.**





RAINBOW CAFE

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**Mount Charles Methodist Church
Victoria Road, St Austell, PL25 4QF**

**Thursday 18th April ~~Thursday 2nd May~~
Thursday 16th May Thursday 6th June
Thursday 20th June Thursday 4th July
Thursday 18th July.**

2 30pm – 4 30pm



Enjoy some cake and a drink in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Toys, activities and crafts for children.



Everyone welcome.

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