



Summer Term 2024: Newsletter 2
Friday 10th May 2024

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



As you know, Claire Bunting will be leaving Mount Charles as Headteacher at the end of the summer term to start a two-year secondment leading a central Trust project.

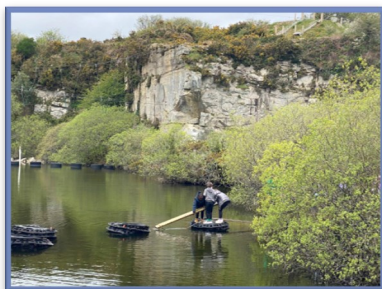
After a rigorous recruitment process, we are delighted to let you know that Mrs Sarah Simpson has been appointed as Headteacher of Mount Charles School, from September 2024.

Sarah Simpson is relocating from Bristol where she is currently Deputy Headteacher of a large, three form entry primary school.

Claire Bunting will work closely with Sarah Simpson to ensure a smooth handover and transition.

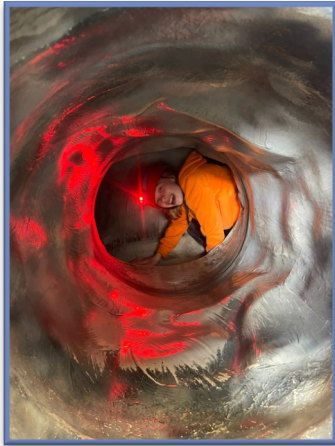
YEAR 3 CAMP!

Year 3 had great fun at BF adventure. They enjoyed a variety of adventurous activities including canoeing, climbing, archery and team building. Back in school they enjoyed lots of fun games and made their own pizza's for tea before settling down to sleep in the classrooms. They had a great night and finished their adventure with bacon rolls for breakfast. What an amazing first residential for Year 3!



YEAR 5 CAMP!

Year 5 have had an amazing time at Porthpean Outdoor Adventure! They spent their first afternoon on the water having lots of fun in the kayaks and on the mega paddle board. They then got to enjoy fun games back in camp and had an awesome laser tag battle! The evening was spent enjoying a silent disco, team building games and tent fun. Today they are experiencing camp caving and the high ropes. They were so lucky to have such beautiful weather and have enjoyed making these special memories together.



EYFS

EYFS had a fantastic morning visiting St Austell Library. The children were shown how to borrow and return books using the special machine and learnt how many books they could borrow and for how long. After their tour, they enjoyed a story together and made their very own bookworm badges! A big thank you to St Austell Library for such a wonderful morning, the children had a brilliant time.



YEAR 1



In Year 1, the science focus is plants. The children have planted a range of seeds - carrots, basil and sunflowers in the school flower beds. They are also growing sunflower seeds in their classrooms which they are closely monitoring to see which grows the tallest. The children are watching them carefully and ensuring they receive enough sunlight, warmth and water each day.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been carrying out some experiments in science to investigate the best conditions for plants to grow. The children have set up different conditions for cress seeds and pea seeds, to see which grow. So far, the seeds with water and sunlight have germinated. They have also planted their own pea seeds and are watching them grow, taking measurements and making observations weekly.



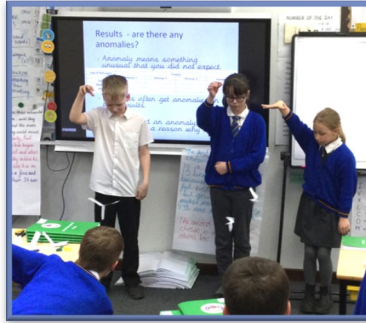
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard in science this week, exploring the water cycle and the key language involved. They created a cloud in a jar and spoke about when the water evaporates (liquid to gas), it then cools in the atmosphere creating condensation and then continues to cool which turns into precipitation. The children then listened to songs and added actions to help us remember the different stages.



YEAR 5

More investigations in Year 5 science! The children made helicopters with varying sized wings. They used them to investigate the effect of air resistance. They tried out their helicopters in the classroom then dropped them from a greater height in the hall. We discovered that the greater the surface area, the longer they took longer to fall due to there being more air resistance.



YEAR 6



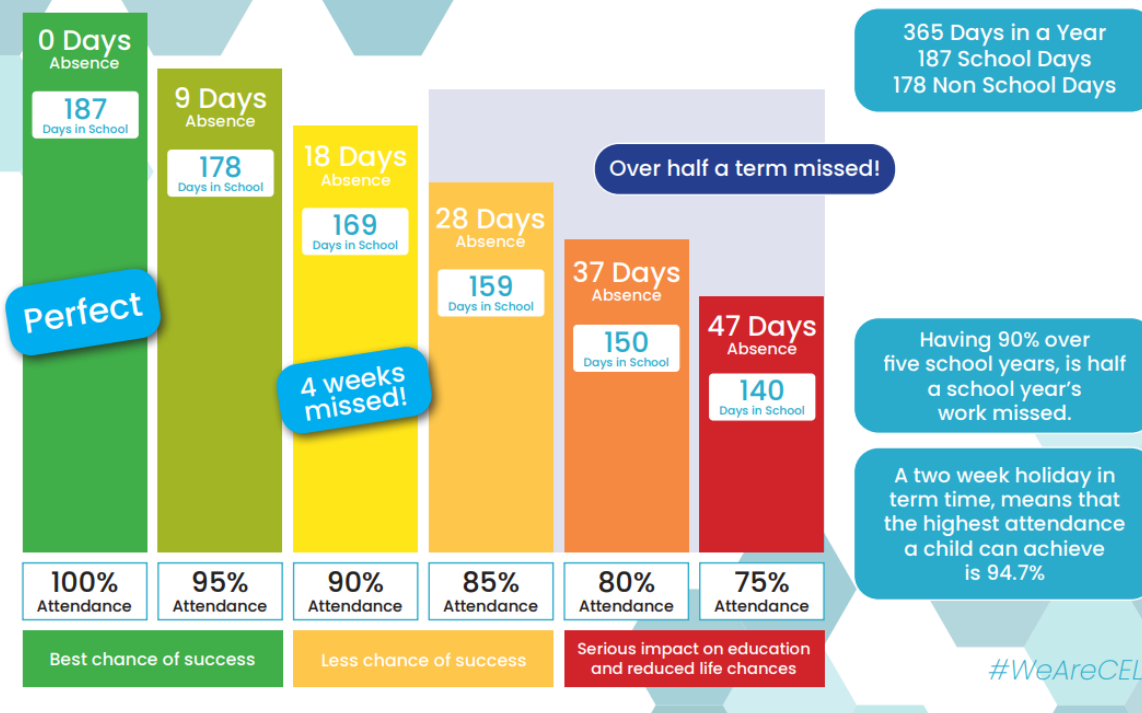
As we continue to study light, the children have been thinking about how periscopes work. They made their own periscopes and then used them to 'spy' from under the table! They then thought about how a periscope actually works and used their knowledge of how light travels in straight lines and reflects off objects, to write an explanation.

ARB

The ARB had an amazing time at Dairy Land learning how to care for animals and their young. The children enjoyed a tractor ride to explore the wider site, saw lots of farm animals and were able to feed the ducks. They were able to help groom a pony and stroke rabbits and guinea pigs, but their favourite part of the day were the indoor and outdoor play areas.



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Attend today, achieve tomorrow...

Every day counts!

Our attendance for this week is: **94.9%** which is a slight drop on last week.

This week **7** classes managed to beat our 96.8% target. How many can make it next week?

Our attendance for the year to date is **95.3%**.

Keep up the great work - let's see if we can reach our target of 96.8%.



Next week is our half termly Lucky Draw week. Every child that is here every day next week will be put into the prize draw. There will be a prize for KS1 and KS2.



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

Year 6 SATS — Monday 13th -Thursday 16th May

All Year 6 children MUST be in school promptly. We are providing a free SATS breakfast 8.00am-8.25am every morning. Please arrive via the Year 6 “swimming” gate.

What to bring every day: With the weather being changeable, please send your child to school with a named coat and hat/suncream. On warmer days please apply suncream before coming to school. Don't forget a reusable water bottle! Please ensure these items are all labelled with your child's name.

Sports Day 22nd May PTA pasties— If you would like to order an adult pasty, please place your orders on ParentPay by **Thursday 16th May**.

We are delighted to share the happy news that Miss McNally has had a beautiful baby girl named Belle. Both Mum and baby are doing really well. Congratulations to them all!



Celebrating

Yr1—Quinn, Eli, Annabelle, Amla

Yr2—Esmaj, Charlie, Freddy, Ruan

Yr3— Whole of Year 3, Harper, Matthew

Yr4 —Isaac, Sophie S, Skylar, Mia

Yr5 – Olivia, Jayden-James

Yr6— Diana, Amelia, Zara, Mason

Sports Superstar— Cory

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 2HM 100%

Last week: 3SG 99.3%



Attendance!



Diary

Dates

May

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

Attendance Lucky Draw Week

15th Junior Life Skills workshops, Year 5

21st Year 1 Trip to Cardinham Woods

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



Year 6 Parents

The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Transition Workshop

Transitioning between year groups, or into a new school, can be a daunting experience. These are single hour long workshops that aim to help children develop coping strategies to move smoothly through their academic career. They emphasise that as well as being potentially stressful, transition is normal and can be exciting and fun

Upcoming Session Online for Mid Cornwall Schools

Monday 20th May 10am & 4pm

Tuesday 21st May 10am & 4pm

Wednesday 22nd May 10am

Thursday 23rd May 10am & 5pm

Please note: This group is open to parents of Year 6 children
Further transition workshops will run w/c 15/07/2024

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/7xUaXHkdXL>




Sign up will close on Wednesday 15th May





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Household Support Fund 2024/2025

The Government has extended the Household Support Fund for 6 months to cover the period up to 30 September 2024. The entitlement criteria for the Household Support Fund is changing.

To be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund in 2024, you must:

- be responsible for at least one child, and
and on 3 June 2024 either:
- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council

You will receive £80 per child.

If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, you don't have to do anything else. You will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for [Council Tax Support](#), you can check using the [Government's benefit calculator](#).

To make a claim for Council Tax Support

[Complete the Council Tax online form](#)

Applications must have been made by 31 May 2024 at the latest.

Why have we made this change?

Entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018.

Parents of children and young people who are entitled to free school meals aren't always on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund is given to parents / carers who:

- currently have a low income, and
- are struggling with the increased cost of living

It also enables us to help families with children and young people who are not of school age.

School meal vouchers during school holidays

The free school meals holiday voucher scheme was designed to provide a response during the pandemic. The scheme has now closed and free meals will only be provided during term time, as was the case pre-pandemic.

There will therefore be no vouchers provided during school holidays.





This year, the St Austell Festival of Children's Literature will run from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th June. They have an amazing line up, with authors and illustrators who will appeal to everyone including the multi-award winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph.

[2024 Festival - St Austell Festival of Children's Literature \(staustellfestivalofchildrensliterature.com\)](http://staustellfestivalofchildrensliterature.com)



St Austell Festival of Children's Literature

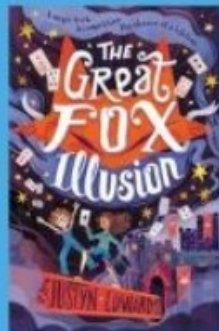
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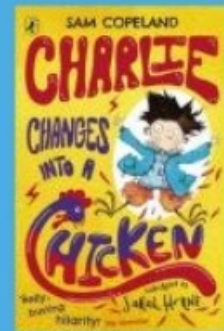
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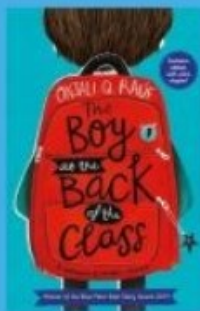


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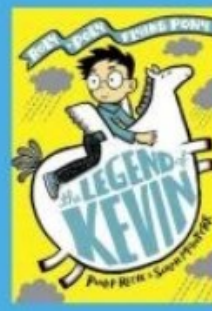
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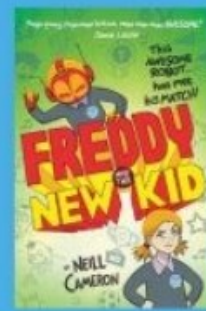
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Parenting a child aged 1-3



Solihull - Understanding your Child

A 10-week workshop delivered weekly either face-to-face or virtually. Each session is 2-hours in length.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Responding to how your child is feeling
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

When?

Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30,
Starting 4th June 2024

Where?

St Austell Family Hub
PL25 4RA

To book visit

www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk



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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

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**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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