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"At St Catherine's Church of England School, we strive to educate our children to realise their aspirations and to contribute positively to society guided by our Christian principles."



Collective worship summer 2

Jesus Across the World

This half-term we have been journeying around the world to see how Christians in other countries present the stories from the Bible and make it meaningful and real within their experience and culture. We are really enjoying the paintings that give us all a very different visual interpretation and make us all reflect not only on the beauty in our differences, but also on the things that we share in common and bind us together.

Alimayehu Bizuneh Ethiopia



Confirmed Diary Dates:

Academic Year 2021-2022

Y6 Prom - Tuesday 19th July

School Disco - Thursday 21st July Nursery & Parents 3.15-4.00pm
Infants—pupils only - 5.15-6.15pm
Juniors –pupils only - 6.30-7.30pm

Last day of Term - Friday 22nd July

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school!



Holidays During Term Time

Head Teachers are no longer able to authorise any holidays during term time for pupils

Permission for leave of absence will only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances

Please do not make any travel arrangements before speaking to school

Parents who take their children out of school without permission can face fines of up to £120 per parent, per child

Please be reminded we are unable to authorise any holidays unless there are genuinely exceptional circumstances.

Thank you for your support with this.

Confirmed Diary Dates 2022—2023

Advance notice of term dates for next year:

We are aware that several families had holidays postponed during Covid and have had to take them during term time this year. This should not now be the case going forward so to help you plan your breaks next year so that your child does not miss vital learning, here are the dates:

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn

Tuesday 6th September– Friday 16th December

Half Term 24th – 28th October.

Spring

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half Term 13th-17th February

Summer

Monday 17th April – Friday 21st July

Half Term Monday 29th May – Monday 5th June



Government determined statutory test dates:

Reception Baseline September 2022

Key Stage 2 Statutory tests take place in the week beginning **8th June**

Key Stage 1 Statutory tests take place in **May 23.**

Year 1 Phonics in **June 23**

Year 4 Multiplication Check from **5th June to the end of June**

Values in Action Award

Reception: Amelia-responsibility; Everyone-respect, fairness & thankfulness; Lola-thankfulness; Aron-courage; Chloe-all values.

Year One: Reggie-trust & respect; Harry-friendship; Jacob-forgiveness; Lauren-compassion; Darcie-courage.

Year Two: Everyone- courage; Hartlyne-compassion; Ethan and Hartlyne-courage.

Year Three: Everyone-responsibility; Alexis-responsibility; Thomas-friendship; Alexis-responsibility; Esmae-courage.

Year Four: Phoebe-courage; Sienna-courage; Everyone-courage! Konrad-responsibility; Leah-kindness.

Year Five: Dominic-compassion; Joshua-generosity; Patryk-friendship; Roseanna-compassion.

Year Six: Connor-generosity; Brooklyn-friendship & thankfulness; Oleksandr-courage; Aaron-kindness.

Learners of the Week Award

Reception: Oliver-all his learning powers! Lydia-responsibility; Isabella-resilience; Railijs-responsibility; Evelyn-resilience.

Year One: Lily-reflectiveness; Lucy-reflectiveness; Anya-responsibility; Leia-resourcefulness; Ailla-resilience.

Year Two: Ruby-responsibility; Henry-resourcefulness; Keegan-responsibility; Henry-resilience.

Year Three: Esmae-resourcefulness; Jacqueline-resilience; Darius-resourcefulness; Arni-all powers; Archie-resilience;

Year Four: Harper-responsibility; Darcie-resilience; everyone-resilience; Benia-resourcefulness; Jack-resilience.

Year Five: Patryk-reflectiveness; Holleigh, Lewis, Eleanor, Freddie H, Louis and Dominic-respect and responsibility; Skye-resourcefulness.

Year Six: Alfie-reflectiveness; Yazmyn-resilience; whole class-resilience; Toby-resilience.



Parent Survey 2022

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our annual parental survey. We were really overwhelmed by the positive responses and comments you sent in. As always, we value any feedback that helps us keep improving your child's provision. You can read the compiled results on our school website by clicking on the link

[.https://www.stcatherinescofe.co.uk/web/school_improvement/416842](https://www.stcatherinescofe.co.uk/web/school_improvement/416842)

Please remember you do not need to wait for the annual survey if there are things you want to raise or feedback - pop in and see us anytime.



School Dinners



Chartwells will be raising the cost of school dinners to £2.41 as from September 2022, in line with the Government increase. You can still get 5 days for the price of 4 if booked in advance.

PE for September 2022

After careful consideration, we have decided to continue to request that children wear PE kit to school on their given PE days. This will reduce disruption to afternoon lessons and allow us to really make the most of allotted PE time.

PE kit remains:

Dark trainers

White or house colour tee-shirt

Black/grey shorts or joggers

Black/grey hoodie with NO logos/images or school jumper



Foundation Transition Days



Thursday afternoons have seen lots of very happy, excited children visiting Foundation Class Two, in preparation for joining “Big School” next September.

Sessions have run from 1.15pm to 3.00pm every Thursday afternoon, ending with two transition days in this last week of term

We are really looking forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Sad Farewells!



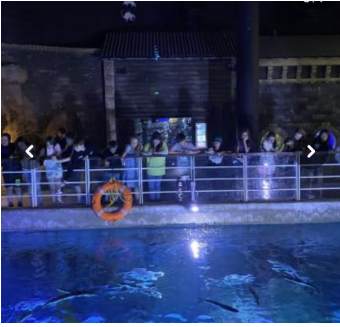
We are hugely sad to be saying goodbye to our wonderful HLTA, Mrs Fisk, after 29 eventful years. She has worked in many classes and been an amazing support to so many children and teachers in that time and we cannot say enough in praise of her!

Also a very sad goodbye to our amazingly loyal lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Mounce, who has been with us an incredible 31 years! So many children have been glad of her kind, gentle support during lunch time and we will really miss her lovely smile and calm presence at dinner time.

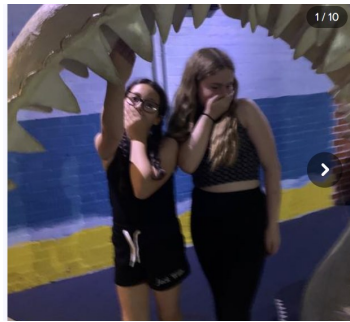


You both deserve a wonderful, exciting retirement and we send you off with our love and thanks for all your wonderful service to our school.

Year Six Residential—the Highlights!



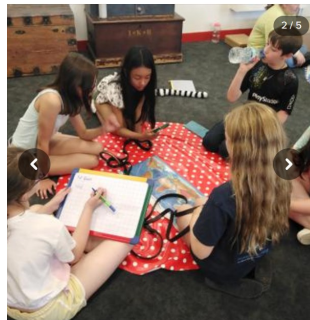
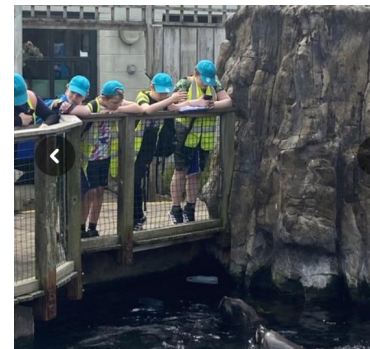
A wonderful aquatic experience in the Bristol Aquarium.



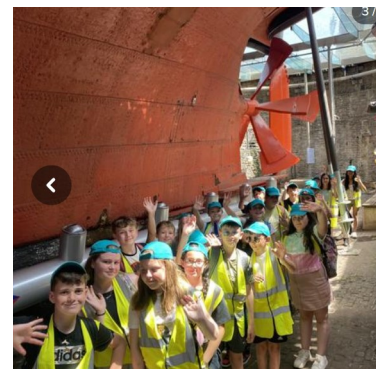
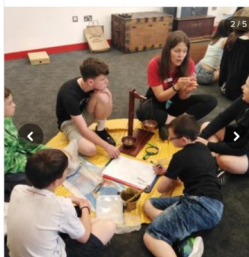
Sharing rooms and meal times.



Fun at the zoo.



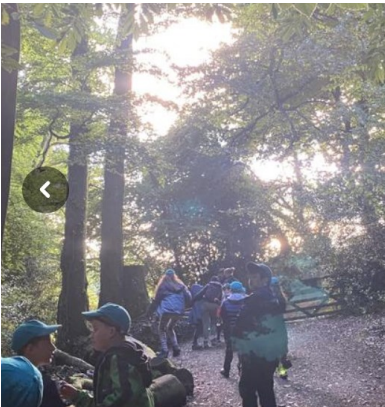
The majestic SS Great Britain



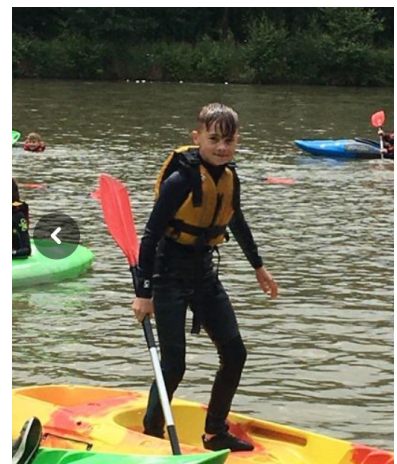
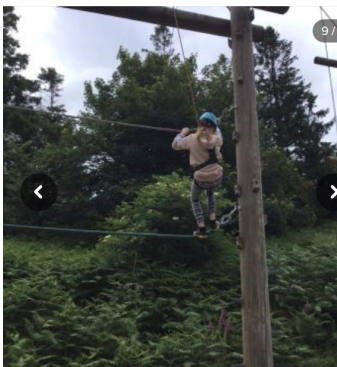
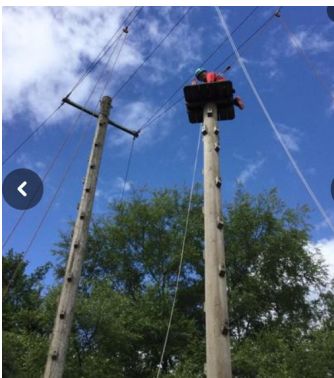
Year Five Residential—the Highlights!



The food was good and the climbing hard!



Fabulous walks and singing round the camp fire.



Braving the high ropes and mastering the oars.

Year One and friends at Kernow House



Kernow House created a "Memory Box" for us to share, full of the things that are special to them.



Year One made their own "Memory Box" for Kernow House, full of their precious things!



Everyone has really enjoyed the amazing wheelbarrow planted at Kernow House.



Kernow House presented us with a beautiful tree, which the children planted next to the field.



Year One really enjoyed planting sunflowers and herbs to be enjoyed by our friends in Kernow House.



Launceston Heritage Weekend 2022



Children from Foundation to Year Six took the Gospel out into their community and delivered the story of "The Prodigal Son" in true Open the Book style!

They were all amazing and we were really proud. Fantastic ambassadors for their school!



Parents and carers urged to protect children against COVID

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, parents and carers in Cornwall are being urged to get their children vaccinated ahead of the summer holidays.

Jabs are now available for all children over the age of 5 and child-friendly clinics are being set up at sites across the county.

The virus poses a risk to young people, both during the initial infection period and with longer-term health issues such as long COVID.

Vaccinating children can:

- Prevent further disruption to their education and social activity from initial infection as well as from long COVID which affects over 8% of children.
- Save lives by reducing the risk of infection to your child and to those around them, especially vulnerable and elderly family members.
- Reduce symptoms if infected and reduce the likelihood of developing severe disease and lasting health issues – proven by over 15 studies.
- Enhance future protection if a child has already had COVID-19.

All COVID-19 vaccines in the UK have passed all clinical safety trials to be approved by the UK's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency. This means they are safe.

Parents and guardians can [book a vaccination appointment for their children online](#), or just walk in at their nearest walk-in clinic. To find out the details of their nearest walk-in site [visit the Grab a Jab website](#).

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Young Climate Warriors



Suggested schools' newsletter text - Friday 8th July 2022

'It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are'

**Albus Dumbledore to Harry Potter,
J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**

The UK Committee on Climate Change published their Annual progress report last week stating that our solid Net Zero strategy is not being sufficiently supported by policies on the ground. The report called, amongst other things, for more public information campaigns - 'it is not nannying, it is merely helping people to make their own choices', said Lord Deben, Committee Chair.

This week's Young Climate Warriors challenge is about making 'informed choices'. Sometimes it's more difficult to continue being a Young Climate Warrior when out in the sunshine and having fun. Young Climate Warriors are challenged this summer to move beyond the 'cheapest', 'easiest', 'peer-led' choices to making carbon-cutting choices that can help benefit our planet.



Summer time choices ...



Summer is here, can you choose to be a Young Climate Warrior when you are out as well as at home?



Can you remember the re-usable carrier bags? Fill up your water bottles? Say 'no thank you' to straws, avoid drinks cartons?

This week's challenge:
8th July

What's best for our planet may not always be the cheapest, easier, 'coolest' option - what will you choose?



Maybe join the Great Nurdle Hunt - 'nurdles' are small lentil sized plastic pellets that wash up on beaches and river banks.



When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!



Community Notice



Sunday 27th August
3pm-5pm

Childrens Disco

With Disco In Kernow



At The RNLi Marquee on the Castle Grounds
Admission £1 per Child
Refreshments Available

**Children to be accompanied by an adult,
And all adults to be accompanied by a child.**

(Also Licensed Bar for the Adults)



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£3 entry fee
includes all
activities

Summer Fete at The Bearhouse

Saturday 20th August 2022
10am - 4pm

Come along for a family fun day out at
The Bearhouse in Launceston with games,
a bear hunt in the gallery, bouncy castle,
face painting and more...

Full details of our Summer Fete can be found at
www.charliebears.com/news

Any questions ahead of the day?
Call us on 01566 777 092
or email headbear@charliebears.com

Snacks &
Drinks available
to buy on-site

Thank you to these local suppliers who will be joining us on the day:

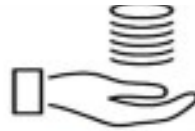
Alberthel Waffles & Doughnuts
Amy's Face Painting
Cornwall's Costa Coffee Van
Pit Stop Snack Bar
South West Bouncy Castles

Charlie Bears | The Bearhouse | Pipers Close | Pennygillam Industrial Estate | Launceston | Cornwall PL15 7PJ

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- Age 18+
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PATRICIA ESCHEN PRIZE FOR POETRY 2022 MORRAB LIBRARY & THE DENNIS MYNER TRUST

The inaugural Patricia Eschen Prize for Poetry 2022 is now open for entries.

The 2022 competition does not have a theme – poems can be on any subject that kindles your imagination, to a maximum line length of 40 lines for each poem.

The competition is open to international entries, entry is free and limited to one poem per individual. Poems must be written in the English language.

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How to enter

Poems can be submitted via email to poetryprize@morrablibrary.org.uk or posted to 'Poetry Competition, Morrab Library, Morrab Gardens, Penzance, TR18 4DA' or dropped off in-person to the Morrab Library.

If you are emailing your entry, your poem must be submitted in a Word document (.doc) or PDF (.pdf) file.

The competition closes for entries on Friday 30th September 2022 (23.59 GMT)

Prizes:

Patricia Eschen Prize for Poetry prizes: Adult's competition (16 and over):

1st prize: £1000

2nd prize: £500

3rd prize: £300

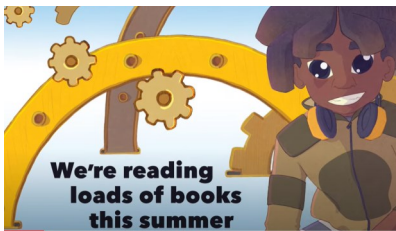
Children's competition prizes (under 16s):

1st prize: £150

2nd prize: £100

3rd prize: £50

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and discovering the science all around us!

A BIG THANK YOU to your school for helping us to promote this year's Summer Reading Challenge – Gadgeteers! **The challenge has now started and children can come to Launceston Library and join at any time during our opening hours that are as follows:**

- **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 am – 5.00 pm**
Saturday from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Summer 2022

Hard to believe we have reached the end of another school year! So many good things to celebrate, not the least being finally being able to return to many of our favourite activities after two years of Covid restrictions.

We say it every year, but it remains as true as always, the children have embraced school life and learning with total commitment and enthusiasm in the last three terms. From Nursery to Year Six we have had the joy and privilege to watch children grow in confidence and ability and become wonderful ambassadors for St Catherine's and compassionate caretakers of their communities and the world. To be able to realise their own aspirations and still be mindful of the needs of others is everything we could hope for all our children. Well done everyone, we are all VERY PROUD of you!

Huge thanks also to the dedicated, hardworking staff throughout the school, you make St Catherine's the great school it is, and to our wonderfully supportive families - it is always in partnership with each other that we make the most difference.

We hope that you all enjoy a peaceful, happy Summer break and look forward to seeing you again when the new term begins.

Pippa Warner Head of School

