

ST BURYAN ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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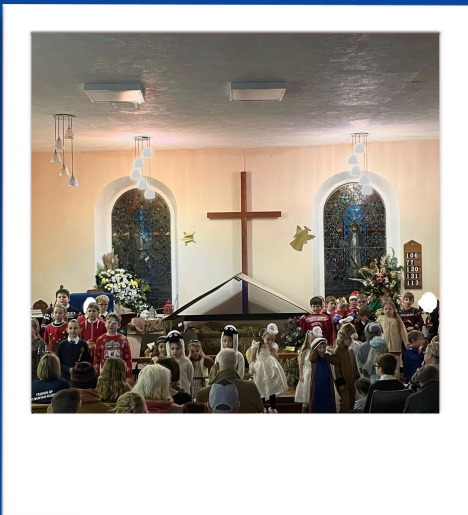
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Key Dates

Please check the school calendar through our website regularly - more dates will be added as the term goes on

Please check the key dates below for upcoming events. New dates may be added across the term so please check our lines of communication when notified.



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- Welcome
- Spotlight on 2024
- Happy Retirement Mrs Ginty
- Merry Christmas
- Yearly Dates
- Menus
- Christmas Activities in the community
- Safety over the festive season

INSET DAYS 24/25.

Sept 3rd and 4th 2024

June 6th 2025

July 21st, 22nd, 23rd 2025

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2024!

What a term it has been, the time has flown by and I can't believe all that we've achieved together.

It really is remarkable to think of our Reception children on their first day this year and where they are now - confident, young people taking everything in their stride!

I'd like to start with some 'thank yous'...

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff here at St Buryan. They always go above and beyond to offer our children the wonderful opportunities they get to experience here. These are evident on a daily basis but perhaps more so this week in the build up to Christmas. Whilst juggling everything they have to do 'in the classroom' they pulled together to put on our wonderful Christmas performance! Don't underestimate the time and effort that these take - and we really hope you enjoyed yourselves! It's has been a busy week with Christmas dinners too - a big thank you to Jo and Lianna for putting on an amazing dinner for us earlier this week.

Thank you as well to all of our parents and families for all of their amazing support this term and especially this week - it is great to have a supportive community around the school.

Thanks to our Friends of St Buryan Academy. They are a small band of volunteers that have raised so much money of late for our children - they are vital in supporting what we are able to offer. Two great recent examples are how they've supported our London trip costs next term - which would be even larger if it wasn't for their fundraising, and our 'silent disco' (photos to follow) as an end of term treat today. They are always on the lookout for extra members, so if you have any ideas or time on your hands, then please get in touch!

Lastly, but most importantly, a huge thank you to our wonderful children. It has been a busy term and what they have achieved really should be celebrated! A huge well done to them all this week. Being on stage isn't for everybody, especially performing in front of an audience (obviously some love it as we saw!), so a huge well done to them all for their courage, bravery, talent and how they represented the school.

As you know, Mrs Ginty won't be returning in January (as a staff member anyway)! We would like to thank her for all of her commitment, efforts and hard work. She has given the school 32 years of her life as a staff member and she has left us all with many happy memories and smiles - we wish her all of the best and look forward to seeing her 'on the other side of the school gate'.

Please do read this week's newsletter, there's some great things to celebrate and recognise.

Remember our focus on attendance and uniform in 2025 but in the meantime, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, however you are spending it.

Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy

Spotlight on 2024



Overview

We are delighted to inform you that our 2024 End of Key Stage data was in the top 3 schools within Cornwall, with our average reading score being the highest in Cornwall. This, along with our data across the school, evidences the high quality education our children at St Buryan receive – alongside all of the wider opportunities we provide them.

Our outcomes

How you can support your child's learning:

- Take an interest, ask about the favourite thing they learnt that day and similar questions, not just: "What did you do today?"
- Make sure that they read! Listen to them, share books with them and read to them too – even when they're older!
- Visit our 'useful pages' or each class page for tips and websites/apps to use to support learning.
- Don't underestimate the importance of well-being: **connect** with people, be **physically active**, **learn** new skills, **give** to others, pay attention to the present (**mindfulness**).



End of Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

Reading – 100%
Maths – 100%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling – 100%
Writing – 86%

Reading, Writing, Maths combined – 86%



End of Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

All data above national averages with R,W,M combined within the top 3 in Cornwall.
Average reading scores placed top in the county (111).



Early Years Foundation Stage

71.4% of children achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD) in their Early Learning Goals (ELGs).

This is above the national average of 67.7%.



Year 4 Multiplication Check

44.4% of children achieved 100% in the Year 4 Multiplication Check. This is 9% above the National Average of 34.4%.



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

71.4% of Year 1s achieved the expected standard in the Year 1 PSC. This is an improved outcome from our 2022/23 scores.



Attendance Overview

Our whole school attendance for 2023/24 was 94.8%
This is above the national of 94.5%
Our statutory attendance for children of school age was 95%

View some of our other curriculum successes on the next page.

Spotlight on 2024



Wider curriculum offer

We believe that in order for children to achieve well in their core learning, it is vital that they have the opportunity to achieve in all areas of the curriculum in order to enhance the four key concepts threaded through our learning: creativity, confidence, collaboration and independence. This enable our children to **believe** that they can, **achieve** what they set out to and **aspire** for greater things.

Sporting Success

Physical Education is a key part of our development; it helps create healthy children both physically and mentally. Here are some of our successes in the area from the last 12 months:

- Gold Award in School Games for the third consecutive year.
- 100% of Upper KS2 children represented the school at a sporting event with 86% doing so in at least three different sports.
- 15 children won endurance medals for Penwith Cross Country with 53% of KS2 children taking part.
- 4 children reached the Cross Country County Finals.
- In football, our mixed team reached the Cornwall County Small Schools Finals.
- Our rugby team qualified for the Cornwall County School Games finals
- All of Year 5 achieved their Bikeability accreditation
- All of Year 6 achieved the national expectation for swimming (25meters)



Well-being

At St Buryan we truly believe that a positive well-being is at the core of everything and is central in supporting all other aspects of school life. This is why we prioritise it through a wide-range of opportunities. Whether it be through Forest School sessions, celebrating World Mental Health Days or embedding it into our daily teaching and learning; ensuring that we support our children's well-being is key. Recently we have ensured staff members complete well-being training, we work with Cornwall Mental Health Service Team weekly to put on workshops and have recently worked alongside mental health charities such as Man Down Cornwall, Your Voice Cornwall and Samaritans to hold a well-being workshop day - the first of its kind in a Cornish primary school!



Community, trips and residential experiences

It is our aim to support our learning in school by creating enriching, purposeful learning experiences out of school in order to support learning and bring it to life. Throughout the year we have visited a wealth of places to enhance learning; whether it be trips that run alongside work in the classroom like museum visits and more, trips as part of our wider-curriculum like workshops at The Minack, to trips for special treats like the cinema or shows, to our memorable overnight residential experiences such as our sleepovers, camps, London trips and weeklong stay on the Isles of Scilly - we are always looking at how we can use these experiences to create even more opportunities for our children.

We have also increased our community work in the last year and have seen partnerships blossom with Buryan-in-Bloom, Friendship Clubs, the church, Parish Council and other groups within our community.



Want to know more?

Have a look at our school prospectus: <https://publuu.com/flip-book/364366/831193/page/1>



Scan me for more information



We all wish you a...

Happy Retirement



Mrs Ginty

Thank you for all for all you have done for
our school and the children of
St Buryan.

We will all miss our
'Mrs Dinky and Granny Ginty' incredibly.



Merry Christmas
from all at St Buryan Primary School





ST BURYAN ACADEMY

Key dates

2024

September

- 5th – First Day back!
- 20th – Fitness Day
- 25th – Outdoor Learning Day

October

- Black History Month
- 4th – World Animal Day
- 9th – Stay Safe Workshop
- 10th – World Mental Health Day
- 21st-25th – Parent Meetings
- 22nd – Healthy Cornwall Workshops
- 28th-1st Nov Half Term
- 29th-3rd Nov – Diwali

November

- Diwali
- 11th – Armistice Day
- 13th-17th Anti Bullying Week
- 14th – Open Afternoon/Learning together

December

- 16th – Christmas performances dress rehearsal
- 17th – Christmas Dinner
- 18th – Morning Christmas Show
- 19th – Evening Christmas Show
- 20th – Christmas Paryy and last day of term (1:30pm finish)

January

- 6th – Back to school
- 13th – Year 6 SATs meeting

February

- 3rd-10th – Children's Mental Health Week
- 7th – NSPCC Number Day
- 17th-21st – Half Term

March

- Women's History Month
- 4th – Open afternoon/learning together
- 6th – World Book Day
- 12th – Outdoor Learning Day
- 14th & 15th – Holi
- 21st – World Poetry Day
- 24th-28th – Parent Meetings

April

- 4th – Last day of term (1:30pm finish)
- 22nd – Back to School

Key contacts

- Mr. Josh McDonald
Head of School
- Designated Safeguarding Lead
head@stburyanacademy.org
- Mrs. Care
Business and Administration
Parent Liaison Officer
secretary@stburyanacademy.org
- Mrs. Joanna Kwiatkowska
SENCo
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
joanck@stburyanacademy.org

All other contacts are available on our website



May

- 12th – Year 6 SATs week
- 19th – Year 5/6 London Trip (proposed date)

June

- 2nd – Multiplication Check week
- 6th – INSET day
- 9th – Phonics Screening Check period begins
- 19th – Outdoor learning day
- 23rd – Year 1-4 residential week (proposed dates)

July

- 4th – Sports' Day and fete
- 11th – Reports out
- 15th – Year 6 Leavers' Service
- 18th – Last day (1:30pm finish)!

Key Information

Please note that dates are subject to change and more may be added across the course of the year.

PE every Tuesday

Swimming every Thursday morning (children may come to school in PE kits these days)



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FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

Week 1

TRADITIONAL

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
2/9, 23/9, 14/10,
4/11, 25/11,
16/12, 6/1, 27/1



THE MAIN EVENT



MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish



RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads



BIG TOPPING
Filled Jackets



DESSERT TROLLEY

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

MONDAY

Margherita Pizza
Slice and Wedges

BBQ Cheesy Chicken

Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Lasagne

Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips

Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza
Slice with Wedges

Butterbean Ratatouille

Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetable Lasagne

Veggie Burger and Chips

Sweetcorn

Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice

Peas and Carrots

Green Beans

Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

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Toffee Frozen Yoghurt

Sweet Potato Brownie

Forest Fruits Jelly Pots

Cookie Dough
Apple Crumble

Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits



PASTA TWIRLER

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Cheese

FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

LUNCHTIMES

TRADITIONAL
Week 2

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
9/9, 30/9, 21/10,
11/11, 2/12,
23/12, 13/1, 3/2



THE MAIN EVENT

- MONDAY**
- Cheesy Tomato Pizza Muffins
 - Chicken and Sweetcorn Cobbler
 - Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy
 - Classic Cottage Pie
 - Battered Fish and Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish

- BBQ and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice
- Winter Vegetable Crumble
- Cauliflower Cheese, Crispy Onion Topping & Roast Potatoes (You don't have to have the onions!)
- Roasted Sweet Potato Pastery Roll and Mash
- Cheese and Tomato Toasted Wrap with Chips




RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

- Wholegrain Pasta Salad and Green salad
- Herby Diced Potato and Carrots
- Mixed Greens
- Peas
- Baked Beans



BIG TOPPING
Filled jackets

- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo



DESSERT TROLLEY

- Toffee Apple Sponge and Custard
- Chocolate Sprinkle Iced Cake
- Raspberry Coconut Jelly
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Anzac Biscuits

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY



PASTA TWIRLER

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 3

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
16/9, 7/10,
28/10, 18/11,
9/12, 30/12,
20/1, 10/2



THE MAIN EVENT

MONDAY

American Style Mac & Cheese

TUESDAY

Sausage Casserole and Mash

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

THURSDAY

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers and Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish

Veggie Wholegrain Pasta Bolognese

Vegetable Pot Pie and Mash

Carrot and Stuffing Pastry Plat

Mild Veggie Bean Chilli Loaded Wedges with Cheese

Vegetable Fingers and Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads


Carrots

Roast Root Veggies

Peas and Sweetcorn

Broccoli

Baked Beans



BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

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DESSERT TROLLEY

Marble Cake

Apple, Cinnamon Raisin Flapjacks

Orange and Mango Jelly

Banana Bread Muffins

Gingerbread Cookies



AVAILABLE DAILY
DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT



AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese



Story Time around the Christmas Tree for children & families

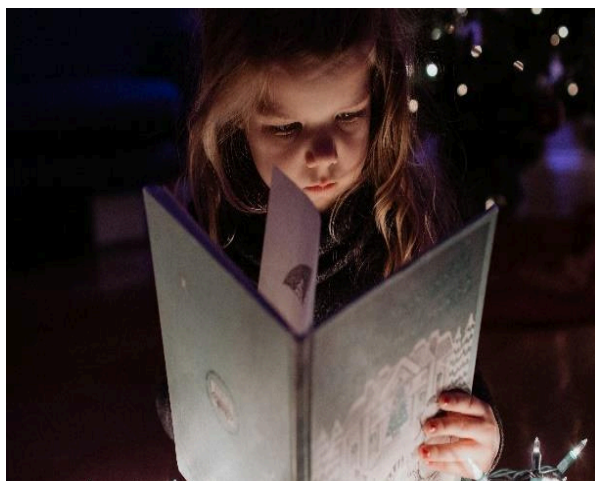
Tuesdays

10 Dec

17 Dec

31 Dec

3:30 – 4:30pm



In St Buryan Church (TR19
6BA)

All welcome

Pop in for light refreshments

and a short story



Take part in family experience days this Christmas!

This Christmas there will be activities, trips and experiences available for families to access together.

You will be able to access sites such as The Eden Project, Heligan, Rogue Theatre and many more!



Scan here to find out more information on our website and see what is available.



For more information:

W: www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/

E: Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk

T: 01872 324287



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Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the school Christmas holidays

- Multi sports, dancing, forest schools, reindeer feeding, horse riding and lots more!
- For children aged 5 to 16.
- A hot, healthy meal available for all children.
- Funded places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.



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FIND AN ACTIVITY NEAR YOU!



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



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