



Bishop Cornish CEVA Primary School
To inspire through faith and love, that all may flourish

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7. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,

whose confidence is in him.

8. They will be like a tree planted by the water

that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;

its leaves are always green.

Jeremiah 17 v7-8

This half term's value:

Trust

Dear parents and carers,

This last half-term has flown by. We started the year off with our SIAMS inspection. The result of which we were incredibly proud of. The children in Key Stage 2 had a great time learning how to build the field gun, with Year 5 now practicing every week and getting faster and faster. We have had two PTA meetings and are very much looking forward to our chocolate bar event. The school was awarded with The Compassionate Friends certificate of recognition and to finish the term off we had our crazy hair and dress up day. It was wonderful seeing all the brightly coloured outfits and CRAZZZY hair. Thank you to parents for their kind donations to the RSPCA. Well done to the school council for thinking of such a great idea.

On a different note, I met with the Local Authority Attendance Officer. As a school we have been told that we will need to look at sending penalty notices to children with an unauthorised absence of 5 days or more. We will be discussing this at our next Governing Body Meeting and will update you on the decision. We do understand that this will be difficult for some parents and will look at each case on an individual basis.

Cornwall Council state:

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.

Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

A Reminder for School Absence

- Parent/s to ring the school on **each and every day of absence**.
- If no phone call has been received from a parent to explain the absence, school **will** try to contact the parent for further information about the unexplained absence. Unanswered phone calls will be followed up with emails urging parent to make contact with school.
- Requests for holidays during term time **will not be approved**, except in exceptional circumstances to be decided by the Head Teacher.

I hope that you have a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs Fletcher

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Half Term

Tuesday 17th February

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at St Stephen's Church 3-5pm

Thursday 26th February

The Parent Space

Saturday 28th February

Table Top Sale at St Stephen's Church 10am - noon

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day & Book swap!

Opportunity for Parents/Carers to read with their children

Monday 9th March

British Science Week

Wednesday 11th March

Science Fair 2026 3:15 -4pm

Thursday 12th March

The Parent Space

Tuesday 17th – March –

Thursday 19th March

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 26th March

Tempest Class Photos &

The Parent Space

Thursday 2nd April

Last day of term

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL LIBRARY HUB

Kids yoga dance class

With Gee

Saturday 14th February 10:30-11:00

This free class for children is a fun, movement and yoga based session.

Wiggle, stretch and breathe!

Recommended ages 5-10 years.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

What to bring

A mat if you have one, if not a towel will do.

Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a drink to stay hydrated.

Your favourite teddy and favourite blanket.



Book your space by emailing saltash.library@liscornwall.org.uk or in person at the library

Find us on Facebook and Instagram! @SaltashTownCouncilLibraryHub



SPORTS REPORT

SE CORNWALL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS)

An excellent 1-0 win for our boys football team against Burraton B team, in difficult conditions on Wednesday to keep us top of the league. Player of the Match was Josh W, with a very mature performance in defence. Well done boys.

SE CORNWALL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SMALL SCHOOLS)

Straight after that match our B team played Burraton C. After taking the lead with a nice goal from Isaac D, Thomas I added 2 more to give us a comfortable 3-0 victory, and also keeps our B team top in their league. Hunter, who is only in Year 3, was our Player of the Match. Well done everyone on an excellent team performance.

Achievement Award

Reagan in Reception Class for contributing great ideas to our maths learning this week. Well done for being such a fantastic mathematician!

Ada in Year 1 is a super hard worker and it is paying off, well done Ada.

Nala in Year 2 for making super progress and writing an absolutely super story last week. you are trying so hard with all your learning.

Barney in Year 3 for an amazing effort this week with his independent write up about robotic pets and having some very creative and imaginative ideas that have been fun to read. Well done Barney.

Jeremy in Year 4 is an absolute superstar. He always tries his best and is an amazing friend to everyone.

Jack in Year 5 for his remarkable progress in his independent writing this half term.

Tabitha in Year 6 used her own time to create an informative poster about the Wonders of the World. It is a great piece of work and very detailed and well presented. Well done Tabitha.

Values Award

George in Reception Class is always making sensible choices and being a very trustworthy member of our class.

Sienna in Year 1 is a trustworthy person and a good friend to all.

Isaac in Year 2 for being such a lovely and trustworthy child who always works super hard at everything he is asked to do.

Isabel in Year 3 is a trustworthy and reliable member of Year 3 who always shows kindness and comes into class every day with a smile. Well done Isabel.

Harper in Year 4 has been an absolute super star this week - she can always be trusted to try really hard in all of her learning. Well done Harper.

Dexter in Year 5 for always upholding and promoting our value of Trust within the school community. Keep it up.

Harper in Year 6 used her own time to create a detailed and reflective piece of work on our value of Trust. She outlined what it meant to trust and how to be trustworthy. It was such a lovely way to express our value.

Beautiful handwriting presentation BFF (Bottoms, Feet, Fingers)

Micah in Reception Class

Oscar in Year 1

Jacob in Year 2

Viy in Year 3

Amelia in Year 4

Niall in Year 5

Isla B and **Tabitha** in Year 6

This week in school we have.....

This week Year 2 went back in time and became Victorians for the day. They looked amazing and had a great experience - doing the three 'R's', drill, Victorian games and making and eating Victorian sponge cake. They also showed how super they were with their multiplication and division, sharing and grouping with ease. They enjoyed spending time looking at their plant experiment and comparing what had happened to the plants in different conditions.

This week in Reception we have explored the sounds 'qu' and 'x' in phonics, practising how to spot them in words and use in our writing. In maths, we have learned about weight and measure using balance scales to compare different objects - using new vocabulary such as heavier and lighter. We also got creative with some fantastic dinosaur art, using different materials and techniques to make our own masterpieces for our classroom display!

Year 3 walked in the door on Monday morning excited to begin their Big Write about their Robot pet! We were impressed with how keen they were to do their writing - they have really enjoyed this topic. Once finished, they shared their work with each other and did some peer editing. They then made some super posters to advertise their amazing creations. In our topic work this week we have explored the question 'who actually built the pyramids?' and the children were surprised to find that the evidence shows that the workers were probably not slaves, but well looked after workers. Exploring how accurately the Ancient Egyptians measured the Pyramids, linked very well to our maths in which we have been trying to measure accurately! We learnt that the Ancient Egyptians used cubits, not meters.

This week in Year 1 we looked at the stories of David and Goliath and Chanukah we made dreidels and played with them. We also made fact files about our favourite animals and much more.

This week, year 6 have wowed me with their outstanding write ups for their stories (The Journey). They have taken on board lots of advice and really focused on their targets to produce amazing year 6 writing. I am so proud of their hard work and determination to do well. In maths, we looked at fractions, after half term we will focus on converting fractions, decimals and percentages. In art, they have created beautiful geometric Islamic art. They have taken so much care and they really are quite wonderful! On Wednesday, we were invited to Saltash Secondary School to watch their production of The Little Mermaid – they had an amazing time. Have a lovely half term 😊

Year 4 have really enjoyed their science this week. Last week we set up an 'eggsperiment' to see what might happen to teeth if they were soaked in different liquids. We all had an 'eggcellent' time and were really surprised by some of the results! We then moved onto to learning about food chains and food webs - we really have been super scientists this week! In our RE lessons we have been researching the different Hindu deities and in art, we have enjoyed designing our own mehndi patterns. Another super week - well done.

This week in Year 5, we have been busy publishing our independent writing in English. In Maths, we have continued working on short division, both with and without remainders. In Art, we have been painting our Mayan masks using vibrant colours. The children have also continued to develop their skills in field gun, getting progressively quicker each week.

Photo Gallery

Reception Class



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

