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# Outdoor Learning Day!

*On Friday 3rd, the whole school took part in Outdoor Learning Day at St. Mary's. Each class had a fun and imaginative time using our beautiful outdoor spaces. Some classes were able to use parts of nature to create pictures on the ground, some toasted marshmallows in Forest School and made Christmas decorations and some explored the area around them and learned invaluable map reading skills along the way. We are so proud of our surroundings here at St. Mary's and even more proud that we are able to give the children such a unique and wonderful opportunity to learn brilliant lessons and still make it fun!*



**You're never too young to make a difference!**  
*1 Timothy 4:12*

# ODD SOCKS DAY!

## Monday 13th November 2023

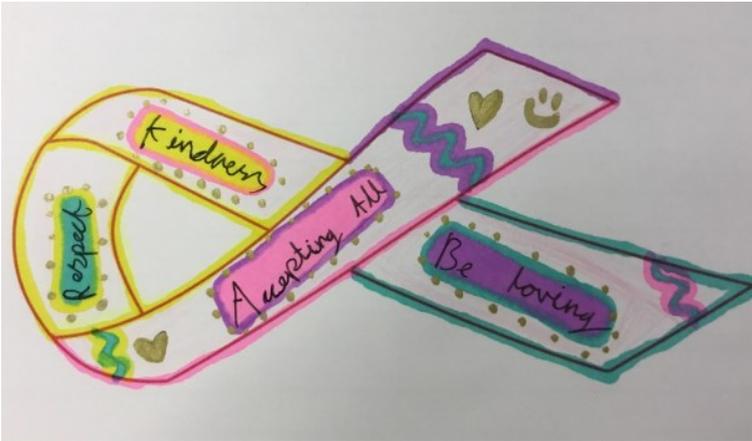


*Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and as part of this, we are showing that it's OK to be different, by inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November 2023. We are raising money for the brilliant charity The Anti-Bullying Alliance. If you are able to do so, please make an optional donation to our Just Giving page as detailed below:*

*<https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-marys-c-of-e-school-1699618875472?utmzmedium=fundraising&utmzcontent=page%2Fst-marys-c-of-e-school-1699618875472&utmzsource=copyLink&utmzcampaign=pfp-share>*

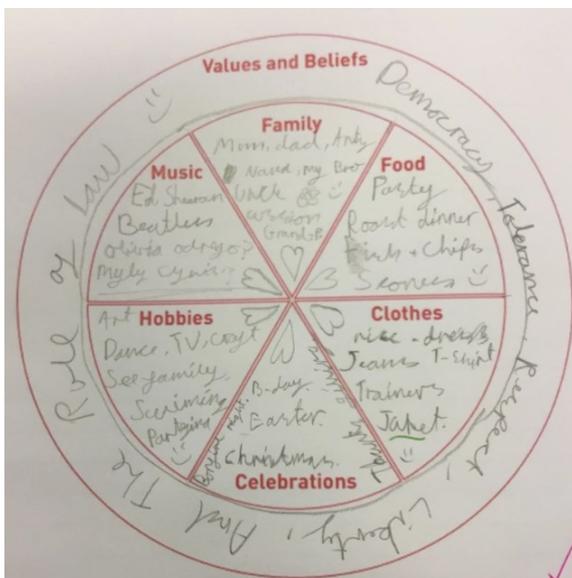


# Celebrating Difference!



Our new jigsaw topic this term is all about "celebrating difference." This week, Compassion Class thought about their own cultures and discussed their values and

beliefs. The children also discussed what racism is and they all designed a ribbon to encourage everyone to treat each other fairly. Finally, Compassion Class thought about the different types of bullying and thought about the difference between "direct" and "indirect" types of bullying. The children discussed how they could help a girl called Carol who was being bullied.



**Scenario:** "Carol has recently moved to the school. She has few friends and recently a group of girls has made it obvious they will not accept her into their group, by isolating her and giving her nasty looks. They make her feel like they are talking about her and she has recently begun to receive anonymous text messages calling her names. Carol feels very lonely, sad and isolated and is feeling scared about coming to school."

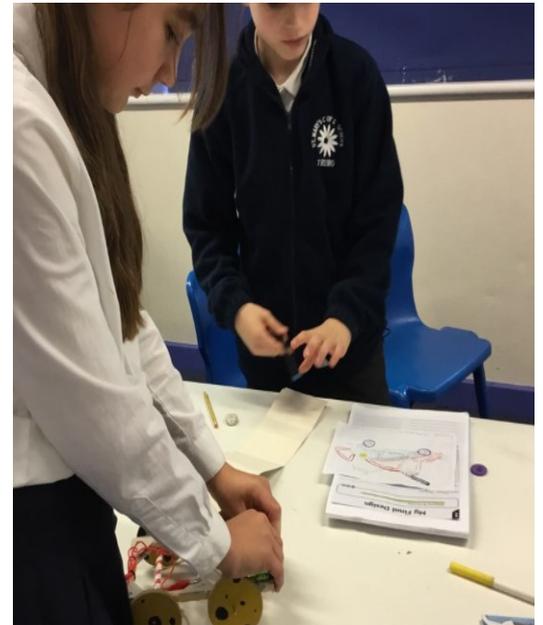
**A way Carol or someone in her class could help solve this situation or make it better.**  
Tell the teacher  
Invite her to play  
talk to her

**Something that might make the situation worse.**  
Fight her  
Send a nasty text

# DESIGNING AND MAKING

## PULLEY CARS

Courage Class are designing and making cars that use a pulley and an electrical circuit in their Design and Technology lessons. The children couldn't wait to bring their designs to life. The class have been looking at electrical circuits in their Science lessons, so had to apply this knowledge when they made an electrical circuit with a battery and motor to power their car. Each group worked really well together and assigned jobs to each individual. Courage Class are looking forward to putting the finishing touches to their cars in the next session and testing them in a car race!



# RBL Poppy Appeal

*This week, some of our Year 6 children have been helping with the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and selling poppy products during break times throughout the week. We would like to thank Toby, Elissia, Chloe, and Bella for helping us to raise money for this wonderful charity.*



# Parking



and



# Road Safety

We have noticed that a number of parents are using the school car park when dropping off and collecting their children from school. Please note that the car park is for staff and parents with whom we have made a prior arrangement, as it does not have enough capacity. Our barrier is currently awaiting a part to be fixed meaning that it is not able to close. We ask that parents please adhere to the rules, regardless of whether the barrier is working, for the safety of all.

We need to ensure that emergency vehicles can access the site at all times. There is plenty of on-street parking along Higher Trehaverne and Chainwalk Drive however, we ask that you are mindful of local residents and their driveways. Please also be wary of children walking on pavements and crossing roads outside of the school.

Thank you for helping us to keep our community safe.

# Family/Parenting Worker Drop In

**St Marys C of E School**

*Higher Trehaverne, Truro, Cornwall TR1 3RJ.*

**These sessions will be run by Rachel Telling Family Worker from  
Early Help Team.**

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

**We are running drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary  
starting on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
between 2.00pm to 4.00pm.**

**Then continuing on the following dates:**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown  
through to the Learning Support room.**

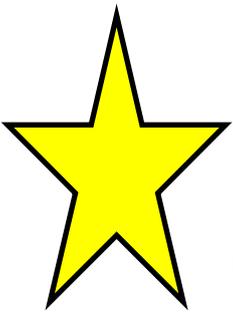
## **For more information please contact:**

Email: [Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk)

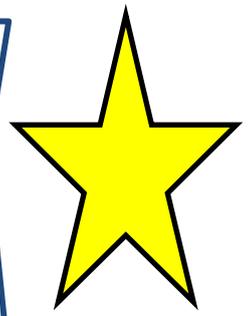
Call: 01872 324929

# Diary Dates

Monday 13th November 2023	Parent Update Sessions
Tuesday 14th November 2023	Parent Update Sessions
Tuesday 14th November 2023	Year R Trip to Kenwyn Church
Thursday 16th November 2023	Year 5 Junior Life Skills Trip
Monday 13th to Friday 24th November	Year 3 Swimming
Tuesday 21st November 2023	Early Help Hub Drop In Session
Wednesday 29th November 2023	Rocksteady Christmas Concert 2023
Tuesday 5th December 2023	Nativity Play
Wednesday 6th December 2023	Nativity Play
Monday 11th December 2023	Christmas Service - Kenwyn Church
Tuesday 12th December 2023	Whole School Trip to HFC's Christmas Show
Wednesday 13th December 2023	FSM Christmas Crafternoon
Thursday 14th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Christmas Break! Happy Christmas!
Thursday 4th January 2024	School Opens - Happy New Year!
Tuesday 16th January 2024	Early Help Hub Drop In Session
Wednesday 24th - 25h January 2024	Year 6 Bristol Trip
Friday 2nd February 2024	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 12th February 2024	Half Term
Monday 19th February 2024	School Opens
Wednesday 20th March 2024	Rocksteady Easter Concert
Tuesday 26th March 2024	Easter Service - Kenwyn Church
Friday 29th March 2024	Easter Break - Happy Easter!
Monday 15th April 2024	School Opens
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May 2024	Half Term
Monday 3rd June 2024	School Opens



# STARS OF THE WEEK



Year R

*Sunrise*

*Lamorna Chase*

*For an amazing drawing of a princess using 2D shapes and then describing her character*

Year 1

*Joy*

*Regan Martin*

*For using a number line when adding two numbers in Maths*

Year 2

*Trust*

*Jacob Trenerry-Talbot*

*For excellent behaviour on the class trip*

Year 3

*Hope*

*Nancy White*

*For a fantastic attitude to learning this week*

Year 4

*Friendship*

*Daniel Gomez*

*For gaining confidence with swimming*

Year 5

*Compassion*

*Ben Hocking*

*For always working hard in class and excellent group work skills*

Year 6

*Courage*

*Rami Talab*

*For always trying his best with his learning and tackling any challenges head on*



# Reading Awards



*Bronze: William Parker, Zander Nicholas, Aiyla Mills*

*Silver: Chloe Pengas, Orrin Lewis, Logan McIntosh, Ollie Hagan, Thaleia Pengas, Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Annabelle Young*

*Gold: Laila Green, Iris Blomfield, Olly Pitt, Zak Howard, Oscar Julian, Luna-Rose Blaney, Regan Martin, Sebastian Hadfield, Edward Buist, Emily Bostock, Sam Morgan, Bee Aucott, Tabitha Buist, Teddy Julian, Arlo Taylor, Jacob Trenerry-Talbot, Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Freddie Green, Bethany Bryant-Toy, Jack Keast*

# Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

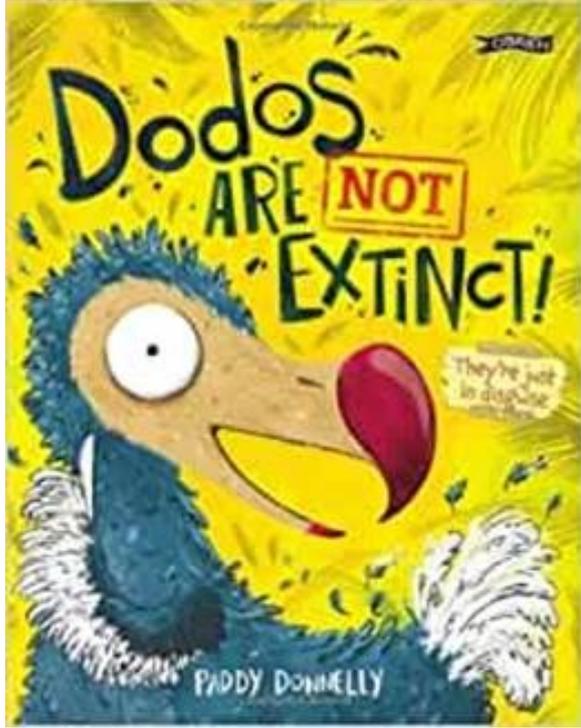
*This week, we will be celebrating people who:*

*Include others when working and playing*

*Sofia Mitchell, Reuben Norton and Luna-Rose Blaney, Bethany Bryant-Toy, Freddie Green, Jack Neil, Jack Savage Otto Butler, Lenny Pearson, Iestyn Baker, Arthur Ewer-Hagan, Alina Lin, Blake Thomas x. Louis Burrows, Finley Senior, Sophie Bostock, Ben Hocking, Ruan Lewis, Samuel Rippington, Connor Champion, Bella Clapp, Toby Duke, Joshua Gardner-Chicote, Laila Green, Zoe Lewis, Isabelle Middleton, Chloe Pengas, Sophia Somerville*



# Recommended Read



*Dodos Are Not Extinct*

*Author: Paddy Donnelly*

*The bird in this book has a big secret to tell - they are in fact not a bird at all, rather a dodo in disguise! But dodos are extinct, aren't they? This dodo is here to prove otherwise*

*The trouble with being rare and close to extinction is that you get a lot of unwanted attention. So, whether it's strapping on a*

*beak to look like a bird or suiting up in a tuxedo to fit in with the penguins, dodos have found a way to go about unnoticed. Dodos aren't the only masters of disguise. A whole cast of famous 'extinct' animals - from the woolly mammoth to the sabre-toothed tiger - have found inventive ways to blend into their surroundings and fool us all!*

*This brilliant, playful picture book is packed full of silly humour as well as informative content about famous extinct creatures. The final pages are a lovely and useful addition to the book dispelling fact from fiction & there are brief information snippets on various extinct creatures that feature in the story, some which have gone extinct naturally and some which humans have caused.*

*Young readers can delight in the spotting what extinct animals lie beneath the funny disguises depicted in the vibrant and expressive illustrations. We particularly love the expression of the grumpy sabre-toothed tiger!*

*Interest Age: 6-8 Reading Age: 7+*

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COURSES

ACROSS THE SOUTH WEST...



FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 2-12 YEARS

PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE

## THE INFO...

 **10AM-3PM**  
(9AM EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE)

 **DEVON, DORSET, CORNWALL & SOMERSET**  
(AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS)

 **DECEMBER 2023**



# Music in Cornwall



Cornwall Music Service Trust provides instrumental lessons, classroom support, music therapy and music ensembles in many educational and community settings throughout Cornwall.

There are currently spaces for new flute, clarinet, saxophone and bassoon pupils. Children can start from as young as Year 3 (saxophone normally from Year 5). All lesson costs, terms and conditions and where to sign up can be found on our website.

Hear Music.  
Learn Music.  
Play Music.

For more information  
head to:  
[CMST.co.uk/learnmore](https://www.cmst.co.uk/learnmore)

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# CHRISTMAS at DAIRYLAND

Entry 10-6  
(10 - 4 on Christmas Eve)

Breakfast  
with Santa  
@ Farmhouse Kitchen 9 - 10  
See our website  
to book



*Book Here*



2nd, 3rd,  
9th, 10th  
16th-24th\*  
**DECEMBER**

*Santas Grotto  
Elves Workshop  
Singing Reindeer  
Christmas Trail  
Festive Lights  
And Much More*





Truro

# OUR GREAT LITTLE *Festive* CITY

## Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - **Festive Friday**

Christmas Lights Switch-on at 7pm, followed by live music.

With Pirate FM's Johnny Cowling & Lucy Start from 3pm, entertainment from 4.45pm & all-day market.

Brought to you by **Truro BID** & sponsored by **Coodes Solicitors**.

## Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - **The Father Christmas Parade at 6.30pm**

Featuring Father Christmas, dancers, musicians, & circus performers.

Brought to you by **Truro BID** & sponsored by **Coodes Solicitors**.

## **Wednesday Late Night Shopping & Christmas Shopping Saturdays**

Wednesdays from 29<sup>th</sup> Nov & Saturdays from 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.

Traffic-free streets & markets stalls on Boscawen Street.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Nov to 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - **The BIG Christmas Market**

New for this year in festive wooden cabins on Lemon Quay.

Hosted by **Truro Farmers Market**.

## Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec & Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - **Made in Cornwall Christmas Fair**

At Truro Cathedral. Open 10am to 5pm.

## From Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - **Finding Father Christmas Grotto at Royal Cornwall Museum**

See website for all dates, booking essential.

Brought to you by **Truro BID**, in association with **Coppice Theatre**.

## Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Dec - **New Year's Fireworks**

Family display at 7.30pm & New Year's display at midnight.

Brought to you by **Truro City Council**.

For information on Truro's festive events go to:

**visittruro.org.uk | @visittruro**



Illustration by Natasha Robinson

# FINDING *Father Christmas* at the Museum



The Royal Cornwall Museum is hosting a **Father Christmas Grotto** and storytelling experience

6<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December

To book tickets for this magical Christmas experience with Coppice Theatre go to: **HALLFORCORNWALL.CO.UK**

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