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# St. Mary's Camp!

On Thursday last week, Compassion Class headed to Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre in St. Austell for the fantastic activity day as part of their residential. On arrival, the children tackled the climbing wall and enjoyed the challenge of clanging the symbols at the top of the wall. After that, it was time to head into the caves. This proved too scary for Miss Rundle, who ended up having to reverse out of the cave while Compassion Class showed how it was done! The man-made caves were really challenging, dark and realistic. There were interesting cave paintings as well as ammonites and fossils to spot. It was also difficult to navigate the narrow spaces, twists and turns.

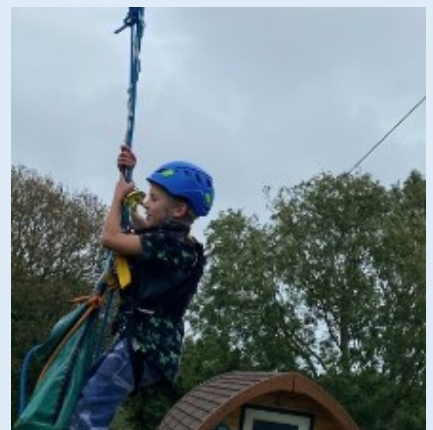
Then it was time for a break, so the children headed to the marquee for some sandwiches and a cup of tea! After a quick break, they were raring to go and had a quick game of football, before heading to the high-ropes course. There was just enough time for all of the children to take a "Leap of Faith" and to zoom down the zip wire. Compassion Class then headed back to school, after a fun and exhilarating day of adventure. Miss Rundle and the other teachers were so impressed with how supportive and encouraging the whole class were of each other. At school, the children headed outside to let off some steam. Some of the class even taught Mrs. Whaley how to play football! The children also played parachute games and enjoyed including their cuddly toys in the fun. After all that fun, the children had a feast for their dinner and made their way into the hall for a class sleepover!

Friday was even more action packed, as the children had the most fantastic fun at Forest school. They all toasted marshmallows on the fire and enjoyed a yummy hot chocolate too. The children decorated their own rock pet to take home. There were so many imaginative designs! The whole of Compassion Class worked so well together, had lots of fun and showed great team work to make a water run with pipes. One team made a moving car from cable reels. They even had a dancing, singing performance and a samba band performance. It's safe to say that our first St. Mary's based residential was a huge success!

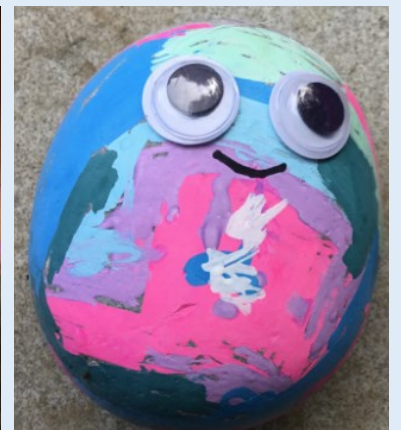
**You're never too young to make a difference!**

**1 Timothy 4:12**











# St. Mary's Harvest Festival 2023

*We celebrated a wonderful Harvest Festival service at Kenwyn Church this week!*

*We are so proud of all the children for their fantastic performances and behaviour, especially Sunrise Class in their very first church service. Thank you to all of the families who were able to attend.*

*We are still collecting donations of food at the school office for Truro Foodbank if you are able to give anything.*



# School Council Elections!

*After a brilliant week of manifestos, political talk and voting, St. Mary's has now elected their School Councillors for 2023/24.*

*Our councillors for this year are:*

Joy:	Orrin	Trust:	Monty
	Harrison		Ruby
	Dotti		Ralph
Hope:	Kimberly	Friendship:	Prisha
	Isaac		Isla
	Wilfred		Louis
Compassion:	Erica	Courage:	Chloe
	Idris		Elissia
	Ben		Toby
	Chad		





# Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

## Assembly

Each week at St. Marys, we have a wonderful celebration assembly. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the things our children have achieved throughout the week. As part of our assembly this week, Miss Williams and her team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors took to the stage to explain a little bit about what they do, and how they will help our St. Mary's community.

Our ambassadors Rosie, Connor, Elsie, Olly, Joshua, Ebony and Bella explained that they want to raise awareness of bullying behaviour and help tackle it across the school and even into our local community. They showed how they proudly wear badges and high visibility jackets during break and lunch times, let the other children who they are and encouraged everyone to come and find them if they are having any problems, so that they can help to solve them. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors also explained how they are going to raise awareness by creating posters, going on fun runs and so much more. They also told the school about the badges they will earn as part of their ambassadorship.

These are "Respect", "Well Being", "Community Action", and "Online Safety". They are currently working towards their "Community Action" badges so, they will be designing and hiding rocks around their local community. These rocks will have positive quotes and affirmations, designed to brighten someone's day and help to build self-esteem within the local community.

If you find one while you are out and about, our ambassadors are encouraging you to take a photograph with it, post it on your Seesaw account and re-hide it for someone else to find.

Their vision is "Young People Can Change The World" and they are so excited to share more ideas with you!



# Who's That Trip Trapping

## Over My Bridge...

To introduce their new English unit: A Non-Chronological Report About Bridge Trolls, Joy Class went on a walk to search for bridge trolls. Mrs Spencer read each section of the text during their walk, so the children could search for clues. They went over a lot of bridges and were very careful not to make too much noise when walking over them. They did not want to wake up a bridge troll!

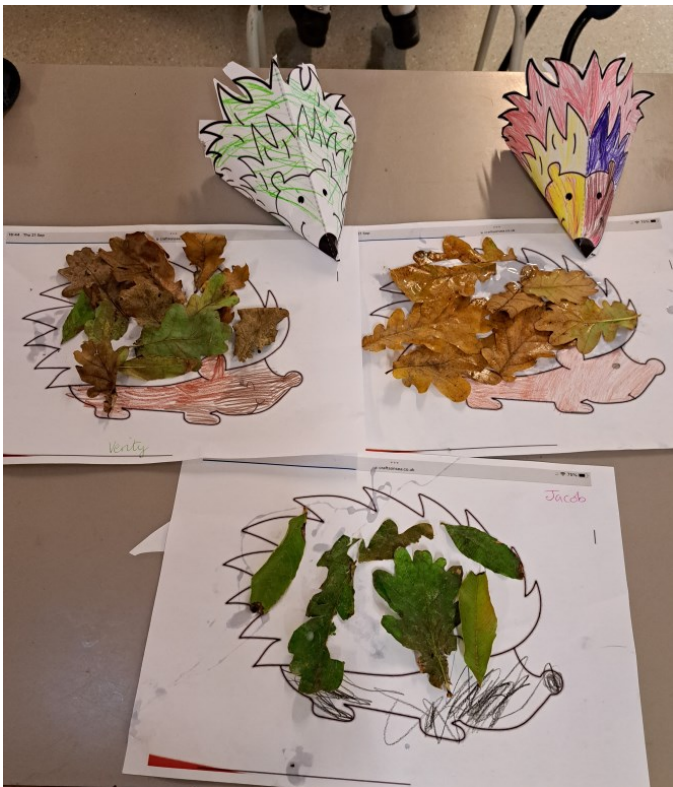
Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Spencer would like to say a big thank you to all the parent helpers who made this trip possible. Your help was really appreciated.





# Autumnal After School Activities!

Miss Williams and her team of after school 'Stay and Players' have had a busy time this week. The children went out and about exploring the school grounds, spotting the signs of Autumn and gathering pieces of nature to create their very own hedgehog pictures.



Watch out for next week's newsletter, as Miss Williams and her Stay and Play Team will be utilising our indoor space and having lots of fun taking part in "Miss Williams' Dance Kids"!

We are sure the children will absolutely love it!

We have wrap around care available from 7.45am until the start of the school day and from the end of the school day until 6pm. If you would like more information, please contact the office.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**16+**  
In UK and Europe;  
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

### 'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

### CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

### VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# Library Book Amnesty

## CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS!

Please can we ask you to check your bookshelves, rummage through bags and look under beds for any St. Mary's library books that your child/ren may have brought home. If you happen to find any, if you could pop them into the school office or send them in with your child we would be extremely grateful.

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and happen upon any books that perhaps your children have grown out of or no longer read, we would welcome any and all donations. Please bring them to the office and we will find a fantastic home for them!

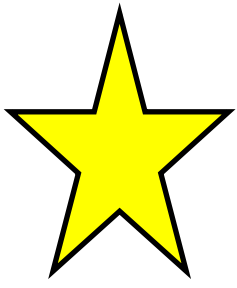




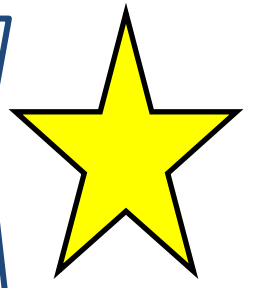
# Diary Dates

Monday 9th October 2023	Year 4 Bikeability (Group 2)
Tuesday 10th October 2023	Early Help Hub Drop In Session
Wednesday 18th October 2023	School Disco
Friday 20th October 2023	Year 1 and Year 3 Geography Trip to Truro
Monday 9th to 20th October 2023	Year 5 Swimming
Monday 23rd October 2023	Half Term Begins
Monday 30th October 2023	INSET DAY
Tuesday 31st October 2023	School Opens
Tuesday 31st October to 10th November	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 7th November 2023	Hatchbox School Photographs - Individuals
Monday 13th November 2023	Parent Update Sessions
Tuesday 14th November 2023	Parent Update Sessions
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 23rd/24th January 2024	Year 6 Bristol Trip
Monday 12th February 2024	Half Term





# STARS OF THE WEEK



Year R

Sunrise

Tommy Booker

For really trying hard with his phonics sounds and making lots of improvements with his grip and handwriting.

Year 1

Joy

Edward Buist

For always working hard.

Year 2

Trust

Jaxon Mugford

For great perseverance in maths.

Year 3

Hope

Elowen Elliott-Bennett

For always putting 100% effort into your work and being such a kind, caring member of Hope Class.

Year 4

Friendship

Edith Warner

For her post modifying expanded noun phrases.

Year 5

Compassion

Damian Gabriel-Williams

For fantastic artwork using ink to create a detailed city-scape.

Year 6

Courage

Charlie Keast

For having an excellent attitude towards all aspects of his learning and showing great perseverance in maths this week.





# Reading Awards



**Bronze:** Lamorna Chase, Jake Morgan, Isabelle Thompson, Tristan Baden, Coby Grigg, Reva Dhumane, Ralph Trevail, Daniel Gomez, Fergus Bennett, Hattie Welsh, William Andrzejuk-Allen, Lacie Salmon, Samuel Rippington, Chad Currie, Zak Howard

**Silver:** Orla Jones, Sebastian Perry, Sennen Stevenson, Henry Smith, Leon Insa-James, Tommy Booker, Edward Williams, Chloe Ituen, Ruben Senior, Bee Aucott, Dotti Daly, Sofia Mitchell, Orrin Lewis, Verity Burrows, River-Rose Sharrinton-Jenkins, Arlo Julyan, Ross Pritchard, Reuben Norton, Rosie Gray, Freddie Booker, Alina Paul, Aurelia Rankine, Agnes Richards, Sam Treganowan, Ruby Whaley, Prisha Dhumane, Louis Burrows, Isabella Gray, Finley Senior, Alice Jones, Evie Albert, Jack Keast, Isla Whaley, Isobel Lewin, Carmen Hadfield, Aksel Middleton, Olivia Stock, Lacie Salmon, Eve Baker, Olly Pitt, Rosie Stevens, Connor Champion

## Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

*This week, we will be celebrating people who:  
care about other people's feelings:*

Amelia Abdalla, Coby Grigg, Sennen Stevenson, Orla Jones, Rose Holmes, Verity Burrows, Karam Talab, Agnes Richards, Zachary Young, Ivy Wyatt, Callum Williams, Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Bethany Bryant-Toy, Lowenna Stevenson, Lily Walker, Aiyla Mills, Ethan Williams, Lenny Pearson, Malachi Netherton, Hattie Welsh, Max Dougan, Prisha Dhumane, Isaac Shirley, Eve Baker, Erica Green, Isla Tann, Rudo Keeler, Ruan Lewis, Ebony Leach, Chloe Pengas, Bella Clapp, Rosie Stephens, Esme Lindsell, Zoe Lewis, Connor Champion, Toby Duke



# Recommended Read



## *Tiny the Secret Adventurer*

*Author:* Aisha Bushby

*Illustrator:* Kubra Teber

Among the petals of the smallest sunflower in the grounds of Oakwood Primary School lives Tiny, a miniature girl with a big heart. She loves watching the school children play, but wishes she had a friend of her own, so sets off to explore the garden, in search of friendship and adventure. Tiny asks three young mice if she can join their game, but instead of welcoming her, the mice are hostile and push her over, making her feel sad and scared. When the other garden creatures try to intimidate her, Tiny is frightened and confused, but puts her fears aside to help Frog when he is in danger, demonstrating her courage and compassion.

This gentle, inclusive tale is the first adventure in a series of books about Tiny. The story explores the effects of bullying, as well as some potential causes, such as ignorance, fear and peer pressure, which will help young readers to develop empathy. Ultimately uplifting, the book shows the importance of tolerance, kindness and friendship. The short chapters provide natural breaks for children as they build up their reading stamina, while plenty of black-and-white illustrations throughout add visual interest.

*Interest Age:* 6-8

*Reading Age:* 7+



Truro Rugby Football Club (TRFC), located at the top of St Clements Hill, offers coaching to both girls and boys in all age groups from the Under 7s through to the Under 18s. Most training sessions take place on Sundays, although there are other training opportunities during the week. TRFC is an all-inclusive, friendly club that has been actively promoting the game amongst children and youngsters by engaging them in a fun and safe environment for many decades. The club is also actively encouraging the game for the girls and its success in this area has been recognised by England's Rugby Football Union. For parents who might be interested for their children, please email [trurorugby@gmail.com](mailto:trurorugby@gmail.com) – or just come along on a Sunday morning.



# 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.

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