



# Newsletter

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## CLASS INFORMATION

Porthcurno Class is the home of Year 4, 5 and 6. The class is taught by Mrs Rendle Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Mrs Ayotte on Thursday and Friday. Mr McDonald teaches maths each morning to year 4. Mrs Butterfield supports the class Monday-Thursday mornings with interventions and support in class. We focus on our school values of believing in ourselves and others, striving to achieve our potential and aspiring to always do our best and aiming high. Our trust values of excellence, equity and evolution are embedded within our curriculum. We believe that our classroom is a safe place for all children to be themselves and take risks in a supportive environment. Please help us to support your child by making sure that they are in school promptly each morning ready to learn with any resources they have been asked to bring.

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## PORTHCURNO CLASS

Our topic for this term is 'Rivers and Rainforests'. We will focus on the continent of South America with an in depth study of the Amazon river and rainforest. We will learn about how rivers are formed, study a local river and learn about the water cycle. Our essential question is 'Why is Water so Important'.

### Weekly Information:

PE will be every Tuesday - please wear the correct PE kit to school.

Porthcurno will be taking part in Forest School for the first half term on a Wednesday afternoon. Please send your child with the correct kit to change into. If you need any help with kit then please contact Mrs. Rendle.

Please note we will **not** be swimming this term.

Healthy Snack: Please ensure your child has a water bottle and a healthy snack with them each day. It is a long time between breakfast and lunch; keeping hydrated and some fuel at breaktime will enhance their learning.

### Parent Volunteers:

If you would be willing to support us by listening to readers or helping with our Forest School sessions then please contact us.

**PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT (SUCH AS WATER BOTTLES) ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

## READING AND HOMEWORK

**Reading:** We ask that children read at home to an adult at least 4 times a week. This should predominantly be their school reading book. They could also read a book from home, a magazine, an article on the internet or anything else that encourages your child to read and enjoy reading. Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary/ log in school every day and that it is up to date with what they have read. We will be awarding regular certificates for those who read at least 4 times a week.

**We will not be setting formal English and Maths homework this term (other than some revision for Year 6 leading up to the SATs in May). We would prefer children to focus on ensuring they are reading regularly as well as practicing their weekly spellings and times tables. If your child wishes to do any extra learning at home then please choose some tasks from the optional homework grid.**

# Other Information



CREATIVITY



CONFIDENCE



COLLABORATION



INDEPENDENCE

*Excellence - Equity - Evolution - Believe - Achieve - Aspire*

At St Buryan Academy safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Please see our website for our policies and more information; however, if you feel that you may need to speak to our Safeguarding Office or Deputy, then please find their details below:

**Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mr Joshua McDonald - [head@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:head@stburyanacademy.org)**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Joanna Kwiatkowska - [joannak@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:joannak@stburyanacademy.org)**

**Parent Liaison Officer: Mrs Tina Care - [secretary@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:secretary@stburyanacademy.org)**

Porthcurno's  
Attendance in  
Spring Term was  
95.06%  
next term let's get  
it to 96%

## ATTENDANCE

We are committed to driving our attendance continuously upward. It goes without saying, but the more that your child is in school, the more opportunity they have to learn and progress in all areas.

90% attendance is still 4 weeks off school each year!

80% attendance = 1 day a week off over 5 years = 1 full year of school missed!

Over a year, 10 minutes late each day is 6 full days of school

**OUR SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8.45AM AND FINISHES AT 3.15PM**

### Term Dates and Insets:

#### Autumn Term

4 Sept - 19 Dec (Half term: 23-27 Oct)

#### Spring Term

4 Jan - 28 Mar (Half term: 12-16 Feb)

#### Summer Term

15 Apr - 24 Jul (27-31 May)

**INSETS: 4th & 5th Sept 2023, 7th June 2024, 22nd, 23rd & 24th July 2024**

## INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Here are some websites to help your child's progress:

- Spelling Shed
- Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)
- Read Theory
- [bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize)
- [primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)
- Rollama
- Maths Frame

**IF THE USUAL PERSON IS NOT PICKING YOUR CHILD UP, PLEASE LET THEIR CLASS TEACHER KNOW, EVEN IF IT MAY BE ANOTHER PARENT OF THE SCHOOL - THANK YOU**

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