



Friday 24th September 2021

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For term time absence  
text us on:  
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# St Michael's Matters

## **A note from Mr Hirani**

We are delighted that our return to some normality has been well received by parents. We will continue to normalise our procedures as the term continues. For example, whole school assemblies will resume in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to having a Harvest Assembly week beginning 11th October.

This week, the children of 2M and 2S have been happily working with iPads learning about algorithms and coding. It was fantastic to see all of the children confidently using specific instructions to make a computer program work. These lessons are just a small part of the exciting new computing curriculum and we look forward to see what these future programmers create in the coming year.



## **Test and Trace**

We have communicated before that the school operates under new guidelines from central government. You may be aware that there have been a few isolated cases at our school. We continue to monitor these. If there is a confirmed case, NHS Test and Trace (TTP) will ask questions designed to identify recent close contacts of your child, and for contact details - if you know them - of the individual or their parent/guardian. TTP will then get in touch with these close contacts to provide instructions or advice to yourselves and the school.

If your child is identified as a close contact, they can still attend school unless they develop symptoms or are advised otherwise by TTP. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive.

If a child tests positive, only a minority of their classmates will be identified as close contacts. But if there is a pattern of cases TTP may ask us to update you on the situation and remind you of key steps, including advising you to keep an eye out for new symptoms your child may develop, and to stay away from vulnerable family and friends in the short-term.

We do expect that there will be cases of COVID-19 across our community over the coming weeks, but this does not mean that COVID-19 is spreading within the school. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms. If you are in any doubt, order a PCR test for your child.

Anyone with symptoms - a new continuous cough, fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste - should remain in self-isolation until the test result is known.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been. Thank you for everything you have done to support your child and our school. Further information can be found on our website at

<https://www.st-michaels-helston.org/covid-19-support/>

## **Social Media**

Social media and in particular Facebook, can be an amazing communications platform that has given us the opportunity to share the wonderful work our staff and pupils engage with. We have been able to efficiently share information regarding school procedures during the recent pandemic and to update on events happening in the community. It is a tool that, when used right, can benefit the partnerships between schools, parents and local communities.

However, it does come with some concerns that on some (rare) occasions when parents are worried or frustrated, it can become a platform that is not used appropriately. At St Michael's we place a high value on effective communication to resolve issues. We urge parents to use the appropriate channels of contacting the class teacher, Head of School or the school advice email when they have concerns.

We understand that this is understood by many parents but we do request that before using any form of social media, you think very carefully about what you are posting and who has access to it. Have the appropriate channels been utilised first? As a school and as parents, we have the joint responsibilities of being strong role models for the children in our care. We would like to thank all parents who have made use of our school Facebook page and for your continued support.

## **Parking**

Parking around school is very difficult and we encourage you wherever possible to use the Trengrouse Way carpark or walk to school. We still have parking passes available from the school office for the Trengrouse Way car park.

If you do park in Penberthy Road please be mindful of access for residents and of parking on junctions or yellow lines.

### Attendance

Below is a class by class breakdown of attendance from:  
Monday 20th - Friday 24th September

RR - 92.17%	RD - 95.42%
1C - 91.94%	1S - 98.15%
2M - 96.38%	2S - 95%
3HN - 91.85%	3HY - 93.04%
4DC - 97.93%	4J - 93.1%
5G - 95.33%	5P - 94.19%
6T - 94.29%	6M - 92.67%

Overall school attendance average is 95.21%

### CALENDAR DATES

What's on this term?

Go to [www.st-michaels-helston.org](http://www.st-michaels-helston.org) and click on CALENDAR DATES

Mon 11th October	Reception Class Vision Screening
Tues 12th October	Cross Country - 4pm Helston College KS1 and KS2
Weds 20th October	School Photos with Academy Portraits
Mon 8th Nov	Year 1 Hearing Screening

### A Special Mention....

Congratulations to Daniel for competing in the South West regional gymnastics final where he managed to achieve second place overall after competing in 7 events. As a result, Daniel has managed to compete in the under 9 National Gymnastics finals to be held in Telford this November. Well done Daniel this is an amazing achievement!



### Star of the Week W/C September 20th

These children have received the **Star of the Week** award:

- 1C - Billy B for working super hard with his learning tasks
- 1S - Annabelle J for consistently working hard
- 2M - Kitty R for her beautiful writing
- 2S - Charlie N for always following the golden rules and giving excellent effort in class at all times

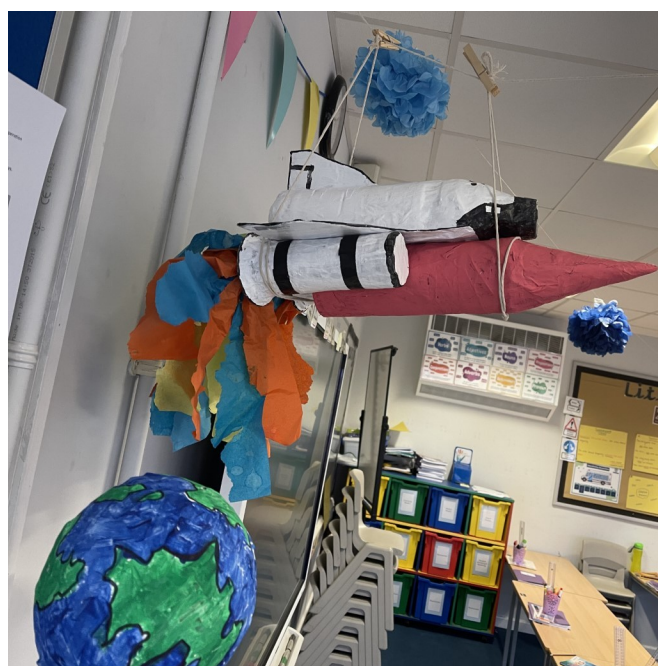
This week the Junior assembly was about *New Beginnings and Settling In*

These children received Star of the Week award in KS2:

- 3HY - Eva O & Joey P
- 3HN - Esme P & Felicity C
- 4DC - Amy P & Mason G
- 4J - Isabella B & Dillon C
- 5G - Aubrey C & Ethan H
- 5P - Oliver P & Ellie H
- 6T - Ciaran W & Ava C
- 6M - Lyla P & Logan E

### Class 5G

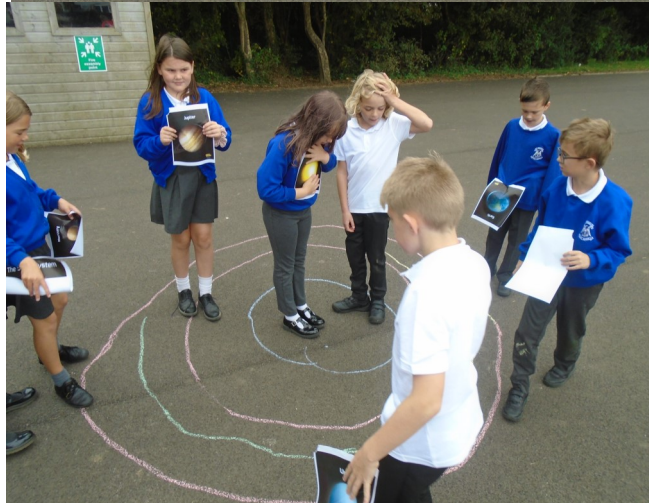
Awesome artwork done at home by 5G children: Starla and Lucy!





## Year 5

This week Year 5 did some outside learning and created human solar system diagrams





## Reception Class

This week in reception we have been doing lots of making, creating and being busy. Some children made a house for Michael our class Dragon. We have been acting out traditional stories and making our own stories. Others created houses and boats outside. We have had a busy week in School!





## Royal Navy Family and People Support - Culdrose Community Centre

Our community team now provide youth provision on a Wednesday. It is open to three different age groups and gives an opportunity to children and young people to engage with and talk to our leaders and volunteers.

There is a weekly coffee morning on Wednesdays - for families or serving personnel to drop in, network with each other and chat about any concerns or issues they may be experiencing.

We have a new group starting on Thursdays, Bump to Babe, pregnancy to early years. This is to give advice and support and to enable networking and reduce isolation. It is in addition to Breast Intentions held on Monday mornings.

For more information:

[navynps-peoplesptrnfpsculd@mod.gov.uk](mailto:navynps-peoplesptrnfpsculd@mod.gov.uk)



# RN FPS YOUTH Provision

EVERY WEDNESDAY from 8th September  
(except last one of month)

1530-1700: 5-7 yr olds

1730-1900: 8-11 yr olds

1900-2030: 11+ Senior drop in

For more information please contact  
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or call 01326565132