



Spring 2 Week 4

Head of School Message

What a lovely week it has been in school. Finally seeing the sunshine has made all the difference – the children have been able to enjoy much more time outside, and it has been wonderful to see so much exploration, investigation, fun, friendship and laughter. Being outdoors is so important, and a break in the weather has made it all the more pleasant for everyone.

Thank you for your support during the unusual situation on Tuesday when we had to close early due to having no water. Parent meetings that were affected will be rescheduled for next week, but thank you to those of you who have already been able to attend. These meetings are such valuable opportunities to talk about how your child is getting on, especially now that we are more than halfway through the year.

Our netballers are out competing today – we wish them the very best of luck and know they will be doing us proud.

We were also delighted to welcome Ben Maguire, MP for North Cornwall, into school today. He met with our school councillors, and they engaged in some really interesting discussions with thoughtful and confident questions. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about the role of an MP and to share their ideas.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and hoping this sunshine continues!

Warm regards,
Mrs Warren

St Minver Stars



Cowrie Class:

Rosie & Bibi

Daymer Class:

Alma, Henry & Frank

Greenaway Class:

Finley & Pixie

Polzeath Class:

Zara & Johnny

Porthilly Class:

Bonnie, Katy & Grace

Rock Class:

Flores & Digory

The Weekly Book Basket

As part of the National Year of Reading, our newsletter will now include weekly recommended reads for Nursery, Reception, KS1 and KS2. Each week we'll highlight a selection of wonderful books to inspire a love of reading across the school and help families discover new stories to enjoy together. We hope this regular feature encourages every child to explore, imagine and lose themselves in a great book. (Please see page below for further details of each book).



Diary Dates

Wk Beg 23.3.26 Parent/Teacher Meetings

26.3.26 Spring Concert (pm)

31.3.26 Songfest - Hall for Cornwall (selected children)

2.4.26 PTA Easter Egg Hunt

2.4.26 2.30pm PTA AGM - Election of new committee

2.4.26 Spring term ends

House Points



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St Minver School in action...



In assembly this week...

In this week's assembly, we explored the themes of bravery, courage, and kindness. We shared *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna, a powerful story about a family who must leave their home because it is no longer safe. Through their experience, we learned that courage isn't only about facing danger — it is also about staying together, showing kindness, and holding onto hope even when things are difficult.

We reminded the children that bravery can be quiet and gentle: choosing kindness, supporting one another, and respecting others' experiences and journeys. As we think about our own journeys, it's important to remember that everyone deserves kindness, dignity, and respect, no matter where they come from.

We linked this to several articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:

- Article 2 - All children have rights, no matter who they are or where they come from.
- Article 14 - Every child has the right to their own thoughts, beliefs, and opinions.
- Article 22 - Children who move to a new country seeking safety should receive protection and support.

A thoughtful and reflective assembly — well done to all the children for their empathy and understanding.

Useful links

St Minver School - Home
www.stminver.org

Special Mentions

Heidi for looking after the younger children so well.

Rory for setting a lovely example of sharing with the younger children.

Grace and Olive for taking on the play shed monitor role this week.

Zara, Violet, Purdey, Freya and Alice for collecting litter at lunchtime.



Sickness and Absences

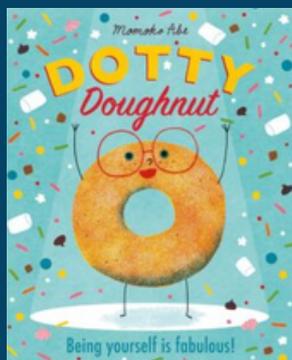
Please report your child's absence before 9am. You can call and leave a message on option 1 or you can email us at school. If your child will be off again the following day, we will require you to notify the school of their progress.

Inset Days

Friday 5th June 2026
Thursday 23rd July 2026

St Minver School & Nursery

The Weekly Book Basket



Dotty Doughnut by Momoko Abe

Dotty is a plain doughnut in a shop full of exotic doughnuts. She is desperate to be noticed, so she tries to transform herself into another kind of doughnut that someone might pick. This is a wonderfully dotty book, featuring all sorts of wild-flavoured doughnuts such as Bubble Gum, Matcha Madness or Lemon Meringue – all of them superstars in Dotty's eyes!

The story teaches you to love yourself for who you are in a very comical and engaging way. The illustrations are bright and bold, and even plain

Dotty looks pretty fabulous with her red rimmed glasses. There is something incredibly appealing about the doughnuts in this book.

Younger children will love the look of this book, and older children will enjoy the humour, and as the tagline says, "Being yourself is fabulous".

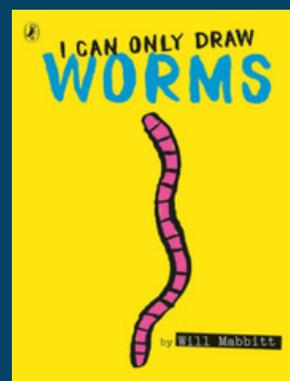
I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt

This laugh-out-loud story book has become a modern classic and a true story time staple for Year 1.

The format is a simple counting book, but the commentary from the illustrator adds a layer of hilarity that children love – making it a funny counting book with a humorous twist.

The illustrator directly addresses the reader to explain that he can only draw worms, and proceeds to demonstrate by drawing a series of brightly coloured neon wiggly worms. His added commentary promises extra details – such as flying unicorns and an outer space setting – but as he has admitted, he can't draw these details so he teases the reader with the details instead and leaves the rest to the imagination.

Children love the tension of wondering whether anything other than worms will really appear, but never feel short-changed when they don't because the in-joke is now theirs to enjoy over and over again.



The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

Imaginative and charming, The Boy Who Grew Dragons is a wonderfully whimsical story that kept me smiling the whole way through. The first in a series, this hugely entertaining adventure about a small boy and his pet dragon makes a super read-aloud for Year 3.

Tomas is busy in the garden with Grandad, planning which fruits to grow that might be turned into delicious jams or tarts. When Tomas stumbles across a strange tree with curious-looking fruit, he never expects that what might emerge from the fruit is a real live dragon! This is an adventure that is humorous at every turn, but also full of heart. Tomas is a great positive role model for showing how young people can apply curiosity and creativity to the process of growing and nurturing plants and see 'magic' in the course.

Coupled with charming illustrations by Sara Ogilvie, this early chapter book makes a fantastic choice for newly confident readers just taking off with independent reading and it will also go down a storm as an entertaining story choice.

The Highland Falcon by M.G. Leonard & Sam Sedman

A full-steam-ahead adventure that had me hooked from the get-go. The Highland Falcon Thief is a middle-grade mystery story set on a steam train. With a high spirit of adventuring and a good and proper mystery that unfolds with clues and red herrings along the course, this is a brilliantly fun story that is sure to be on track to find itself set among the very best in the children's mystery genre.

Harrison Beck (Hal) ends up aboard the last-ever journey of a famous royal steam train, 'The Highland Falcon', unwillingly accompanying his travel-writer uncle. Hal doesn't think much of steam trains, and he is even less impressed when he finds there are no other child passengers on board and no electricity to charge his devices. Before long, Hal finds himself caught up in entertainment of a more old-fashioned kind. A mystery begins to unravel among the passengers and what's more, Hal befriends a secret stowaway girl called Lenny and the pair set to work to solve the mystery before The Highland Falcon reaches the end of its last-ever journey.

It's a full-throttle mystery with likeable characters and a well-paced plot that is especially full of treasures for anyone who loves trains. Even those who are not particularly into trains – like myself – will enjoy the feeling of being immersed in the world of locomotions, and the joy of being on board one comes across with great passion. Highly recommended!



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