

St Minver School & Nursery



Autumn 1 Week 1

Head of School Message

Welcome back to a new academic year! It has been wonderful to see our school filled with happy faces once again after the summer holidays.

I have been incredibly impressed by the positive start all of our children have made. Across the school, children have returned with enthusiasm, determination and a readiness to learn. They have settled quickly into their new classes and routines, responding brilliantly to the expectations of their new year groups.

Classrooms have already been busy with purposeful learning, and it has been lovely to see children working hard, challenging themselves and showing pride in their achievements. Equally important, they have embraced opportunities to make new friendships, strengthen existing ones and enjoy being part of our school community.

As we begin this exciting year together, our children are demonstrating exactly the qualities we hope to see: a commitment to doing their best, a willingness to try new things, and a determination to have fun whilst learning. We are extremely proud of the start they have made and look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow, learn and succeed throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead and look forward to sharing them with you over the coming months.

Warm regards,

Alicia Warren

St Minver Stars



Cowrie Class:

Lakey & Lottie

Daymer Class:

The Whole Class!

Greenaway Class:

Beau & Eliza

Lundy Class:

Bohdi, Skye & Pixie

Polzeath Class:

Toby & Phoebe

Porthilly Class:

Arthur & Kitto

Rock Class:

Eddie & Sam

In assembly this week...



This week in assembly, we reminded ourselves of our school motto: Be Brave, Be Kind, Belong. Throughout this term, we will be focusing on Be Brave, exploring what it means to show courage in our everyday lives.

At the start of a new academic year, every child experiences a new beginning. Whether it is moving into a new classroom, making new friends, tackling challenging learning, or taking on new responsibilities, these experiences all require courage. Being brave does not mean never feeling nervous; it means having the confidence to take that first step, even when something feels unfamiliar or difficult.

To help us think about this, we shared the story *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. The story reminds us that everyone starts somewhere and that sometimes the bravest thing we can do is simply make a start. Vashti's journey shows us that we do not need to have mastered something before we begin. Instead, we learn by trying, persevering and growing through experience.

We also discussed the importance of celebrating our mistakes. Mistakes are not failures; they are opportunities to learn, improve and become more resilient. When we are willing to take risks in our learning and learn from setbacks, we develop the confidence and courage needed to succeed.

This links closely to Article 28 and Article 29 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which highlight every child's right to an education and to develop their talents and abilities to the fullest. It also reflects the British Value of Individual Liberty, encouraging children to make positive choices, express themselves confidently and embrace opportunities to grow as individuals.

We look forward to seeing our children demonstrate courage throughout the term as they continue to learn, challenge themselves and make the most of every opportunity.

Diary Dates

15.9.26 Reception Parents Reading Workshop

25.9.26 Non Uniform Day for The Children's Cancer Unit Fund, RCH

9.10.26 World Mental Health Day - wear a splash of yellow

Wk Beg 19.10.26 Autumn Term Parent/Teacher meetings

23.10.26 Non Pupil Day

26.10.26-30.10.26 Half Term

2.11.26 Non Pupil Day

House Points



Pentire: 96



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St Minver School in action...



In other news...

PE KIT

As you know, the children already wear their PE kits to school every Friday for the Active Mile, which has proven to be a very successful and efficient routine. Following this success, we will be launching a trial this half-term to extend this practice, allowing children to come to school wearing their school PE kit for the entire day on their other scheduled PE days as well.

We recognise that changes to uniform routines require careful consideration, and there are valid viewpoints on both sides of this approach. However, based on our positive experience with Fridays, we believe expanding this routine offers several practical advantages.

Class teachers will confirm your child's specific mid-week PE days this week (on the class letters). On those days—and as usual on Fridays—please ensure your child arrives in their full school PE kit (PE t-shirt, school sweatshirt, trainers, and plain dark joggers/leggings/shorts, plain white or black socks). Standard school uniform remains mandatory on all non-PE days.

We value your partnership and will be seeking feedback from parents, staff, and pupils towards the end of this half-term trial before making any permanent decisions. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Special Mentions...



Heidi has been nominated 3 times this week for being helpful, kind and considerate!

Florrie-Mae for helping to keep the classroom tidy.

Charlie R and George D for opening doors for others.

Mya for amazing determination and teamwork in PE.

Mireya and Edie for organising the play shed and being helpful at lunchtime.

Fergus for asking insightful questions in RE.

Paige for sharing her knowledge with others.

George H and Carlie R for being actively engaged and asking interesting questions in their RE lesson with Mrs Borrott.

Weekly Attendance	%
Daymer	96.5
Greenaway	94.7
Lundy	96.6
Polzeath	95.1
Porthilly	95.4
Rock	98.7



Useful Links

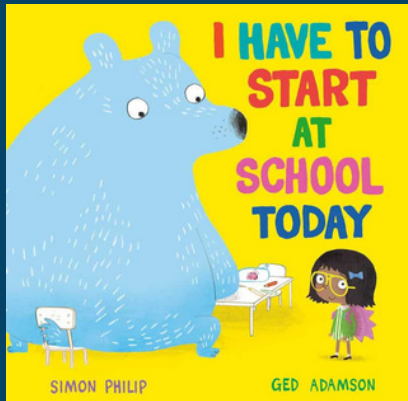
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Inset Days

Thursday 3rd September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 11th June 2027
Friday 23rd July 2027

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The Weekly Book Basket



I have to start at school today by Simon Philip

Another laugh-out-loud picture book from the award-winning author of You Must Bring a Hat, I Don't Know What to Call My Cat and Be More Bernard .

I have to start at school today.

"You'll have such fun!" my parents say.

I know they think I'll be okay,

But what if things don't go my way?

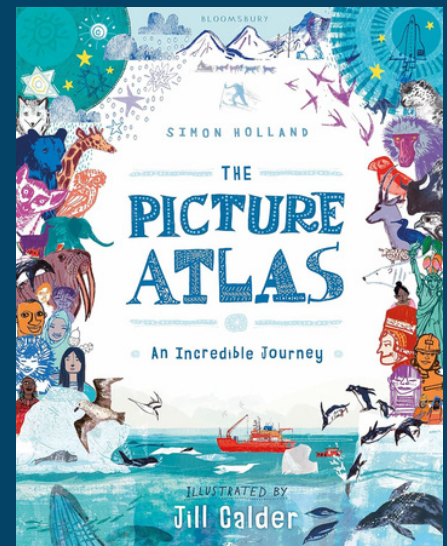
Starting at a new school can be scary business. From rhinos at the gate to bears who won't share, there are all SORTS of things that could go wrong. Luckily, Grandma is on hand to point out that there's no need to fright, as things could just as easily . . . go right!

The Picture Atlas by Simon Holland

Explore the world by looking not only at borders, mountains, rivers, seas and oceans, but by discovering the natural wonders of the world, historical artefacts, amazing animals, fascinating cultures and much much more.

With stunning illustrations from the incredible Jill Calder, The Picture Atlas is quite unlike anything you've seen before. From the freezing Arctic Circle with its powerful orca whales, to the amazing Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef, learn, explore and be amazed by the wonders of the world.

Bursting full of beautiful artwork, informative maps and astounding facts, take a trip around the world like you've never seen it before.



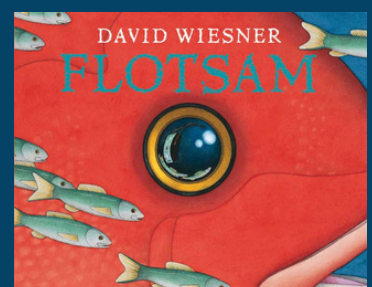
The Big Book of the UK

Introduce children to the wonders, history, culture and customs of the United Kingdom with The Big Book of the UK. Learn about the sport of "dwile flonking", find out where black diamonds come from, meet the supernatural animal that haunts the Scottish Highlands and discover the British sweets that helped Hillary and Tenzing scale Everest. Filled with facts about wildlife, food, sports, geography, language and some very silly place names, this book will help you uncover national secrets and unearth local legends from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



Flotsam by David Wiesner

A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam—anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery: a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera, with its own secrets to share . . . and to keep.



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EVERY child in Reception Year 1 & 2
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By Aspens



**Royal Cornwall
Hospitals Charity**

Registered charity number 1049687



Royal Cornwall Hospitals
NHS Trust

Non School Uniform Day

Friday 25th September 2026

September is Children's Cancer Awareness Month

**Raising funds for The Children's Cancer Unit Fund,
Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity.**

Help support children in Cornwall on their cancer journey.

