

St Minver School & Nursery



Autumn 1 Week 4

Head of School Message

It has been another busy and positive week in school, with lots to celebrate.

A huge congratulations to our newly appointed Leadership Legends. The standard was incredibly high, and I was so impressed by the number of children who were willing to put themselves forward for these important roles. While there were naturally some disappointments, it was genuinely heartwarming to see children turning that disappointment into celebration for others. The encouragement, kindness and support shown between our children demonstrated exactly the values we are so proud of in our school.

Across the school, classrooms have been buzzing with interesting, engaging and motivating learning activities. It has been wonderful to see children so enthusiastic about their learning. Alongside this, our staff continue to invest time in their own professional development, ensuring that we are constantly reflecting, improving and developing our practice so that we can provide the very best opportunities for all children.

Next week, we are looking forward to our annual Harvest Breakfast, which is always a special opportunity for our school community to come together. We also have several classes heading down to Porthilly as part of their learning experiences, and we know these visits will provide some fantastic opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

Looking ahead, on Friday 9 October we will be taking part in Hello Yellow for World Mental Health Day, raising awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity supporting children and young people's mental health. We look forward to seeing the school awash with yellow as we come together to support this important cause.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Alicia Warren

St Minver Stars



Cowrie Class:

Stella & Jowan

Daymer Class:

Noah H & Rosie

Greenaway Class:

Douglas, Bertie & Freya

Lundy Class:

Kaiden, Inigo & Harry

Polzeath Class:

Arlo & May

Porthilly Class:

Ernie & Mathilda

Rock Class:

Harper & Flores

Makaton sign of the week...

As a school, we are just beginning our journey of introducing Makaton more widely across our community, and we are excited about the opportunities this will bring. Makaton uses signs, symbols and speech to support communication and understanding, helping to make communication more accessible for everyone.

This week, I was fortunate enough to watch Greenaway Class perform a song they have been learning to both sing and sign. It was a truly special moment and, if I'm honest, it gave me goosebumps. The confidence, enthusiasm and skill shown by the children demonstrated the power of communication in all its forms.

Over the coming months, we look forward to gradually embedding Makaton across the school, learning together and developing another way for our children to express themselves, connect with others and ensure everyone feels included.

The sign of the week for next week is:



Diary Dates

5.10.26 Re-booked photos (individual and family)
6.10.26 Lundy Class and Polzeath Class to visit Porthilly
8.10.26 Harvest Breakfast
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
04.11.26 PTA Bonfire Night Event
Wk Beg 16.11.26 Hamper Donations
27.11.26 PTA Event - Wreath Making
Wk Beg 30.11.26 Secret Room Donations

House Points



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St Minver School in action...



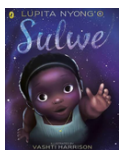
In assembly this week...

This week's assembly focused on the power of using our voice. We discussed how finding the courage to speak up, share our ideas and celebrate who we are can positively influence the lives of others. Children reflected on the message that every person has a voice, a story and something valuable to contribute to the world.

Marking both the start of Black History Month and National Poetry Day, we explored how our differences make our school community stronger. Using the story *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o, we reflected on the importance of self-acceptance and learnt that true beauty comes from embracing the unique qualities that make us who we are.

We also learnt about the life and work of Benjamin Zephaniah, whose poetry celebrated diversity, fairness and kindness. Through his poem *People Need People*, children considered how communities thrive when we support one another and ensure that every voice is heard.

The assembly linked closely to our British Value of Mutual Respect and to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly Article 2 (Non-Discrimination) and Article 13 (Freedom of Expression). Children were encouraged to think about their talents, interests, backgrounds and personal qualities, recognising that our individuality is something to be celebrated. The assembly concluded with Grace and Mathilda, who bravely used their voices to share their experiences of being members of Brownies. They spoke confidently about the badges they have earned, the adventures they have enjoyed and the many opportunities Brownies provides for fun, friendship and learning. They were excellent role models, demonstrating how using your voice can inspire and encourage others.



Special Mentions...

Stella for being so kind to her friends

Anabella & Florence for being so helpful in Greenaway Class at lunchtimes

Felix for putting outside equipment away that had not been put away.

Delphi for looking after her friend that had fallen over.

Lenny for moving chairs so that another child could get past.

Henry for such polite manners at the play shed.

Paige and Maddie for brilliant interpretations in RE.

Kaiden for picking up the safety fence after it had been knocked over.

Fergus for always including other children in his games.



Weekly Attendance	%
Daymer	94.1
Greenaway	94.6
Lundy	97.7
Polzeath	97.8
Porthilly	96.4
Rock	96.4



Useful Links

St Minver School - Home
www.stminver.org

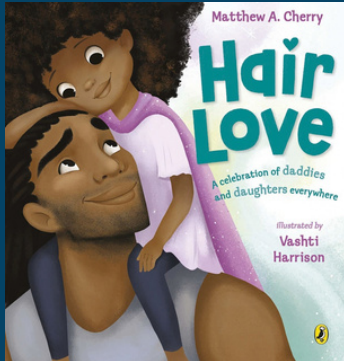


Inset Days

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



Hair Love by Vashti Harrison

It's up to Daddy to give his daughter an extra-special hair style in this story of self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters.

Zuri knows her hair is beautiful, but it has a mind of its own! It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Mum always does Zuri's hair just the way she likes it – so when Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn.

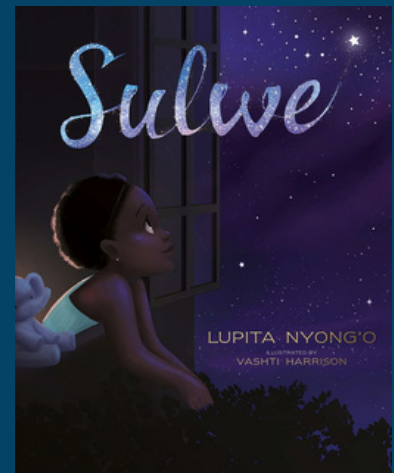
But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her – and her hair – happy. Tender and empowering, Hair Love is an ode to loving your natural hair – and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o

From Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o comes a powerful, moving picture book about colourism, self-esteem and learning that true beauty comes from within. Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family, and everyone at school.

All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister.

Then a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything. In this stunning debut picture book, Lupita Nyong'o creates a whimsical and heartwarming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty.



Black and British by David Olusoga

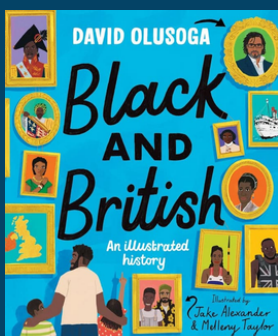
The essential starting place for anyone who wants to learn about Black British History. David Olusoga's thought-provoking text charts the forgotten histories of Black people in Britain from Roman times right through to the present day. From Roman Africans guarding Hadrian's Wall, to an African trumpeter in the court of Henry the Eighth, Black Georgians fighting for the abolition of slavery, Black soldiers fighting for Britain in the First World War, Windrush and right up today. These are the stories that brought us all together in this country.

When did Africans first come to Britain?

Who are the well-dressed black children in Georgian paintings?

Why did the American Civil War disrupt the Industrial Revolution?

These and many other questions are answered in this essential introduction to 1800 years of the Black British history. This children's edition of the bestseller Black and British: A Forgotten History is beautifully illustrated in full-colour with maps, portrait galleries, timelines, photos and portraits.



Make Good Trouble by Jamia Wilson

Read real stories about moments that changed history, and find out what you can do to make a difference!

"Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

– John Lewis, Twitter 2018

Inspired by civil rights activist and congressman John Lewis's call to challenge injustice, explore famous moments of global activism throughout history with more than 70 narrative stories.

Featured stories include the Newsboys' strike of 1899, the Freedom Summer Project of 1964, Greta Thunberg's first School Strike for Climate, and students against book banning.

A must-have, illustrated narrative non-fiction guide through stories of exemplary activism:

Topics for every interest: Stories cover protests about climate change, racism, feminism, LGBTQIA+ pride, disability, and more from around the world.

Beautifully told stories and useful resources: Alongside the moving narrative retellings of historical moments, kids can find information about how they can be activists in a safe way, alongside a glossary and key dates for annual activism moments from across the globe.

Written by Jamia Wilson: The acclaimed author of Shining Bright, Shining Black, Big Ideas for Young Thinkers and Young, Gifted and Black.

Each true story in Make Good Trouble shares how activists across a variety of beliefs, ages, and backgrounds called for change, empowering young readers of all ages, abilities, and circumstances to make a difference. Brimming with illustrations and additional resources, including a timeline and information about how kids can get involved, this is essential reading for budding activists.



St Minver School PTA SAVE THE DATES!

Pop this
on the fridge
at home!

The run-up to Christmas is a huge fundraising time for the PTA and the children especially love all the events we put on!

To make these events possible, we need the help of each and every parent or carer. Whether you can donate, help on the day, sponsor, or simply come along and support us - every bit makes a difference!

Bonfire Night

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

A true St Minver tradition and one of the best nights of the year!

Our Bonfire Night has always been fully sponsored, which means every single penny raised on the night goes straight back to the children of St Minver School!

If you or your business would like to sponsor, please email
thecornishbrayers@gmail.com

- ♥ Bonfire
- ♥ BBQ
- ♥ Bar
- ♥ Tuck Shop
- ♥ Fireworks
- ♥ and just the best St Minver night!

Pay on the night - we can't wait to see you there! ♥



Wreath Making

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

NEW THIS YEAR!

We are very excited to be hosting our first St Minver Christmas Wreath Making evening!

A booking link will be sent out shortly, so don't delay - we know this will be a busy evening!

Grab your friends, get into the Christmas spirit, enjoy some festive music and make your very own Christmas wreath.

We can't wait to see the amazing creations! ♥



Hamper Donations

All week - from Monday
16th November

Each year we create beautiful Christmas hampers from donations, which we raffle off throughout the festive season. They are a fab fundraiser and always the talk of the town!

We would love donations of:

- ♥ Chocolates
- ♥ Festive foods
- ♥ Wine & fizz
- ♥ Biscuits
- ♥ Mince pies
- ♥ Christmas treats and goodies



Secret Room Donations

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
All week

The Secret Room is a much-loved St Minver tradition - in fact, we think it was around when some of us attended St Minver!

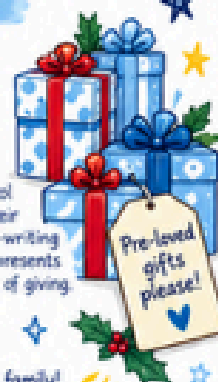
We ask for donations of your unwanted, pre-loved gifts (in good condition). We then set up a Christmas shop at school where the children can choose gifts for their families. There's a wrapping station, a tag-writing station and the children head home with presents for all the family - all while learning the joy of giving.

We need donations of gifts for:

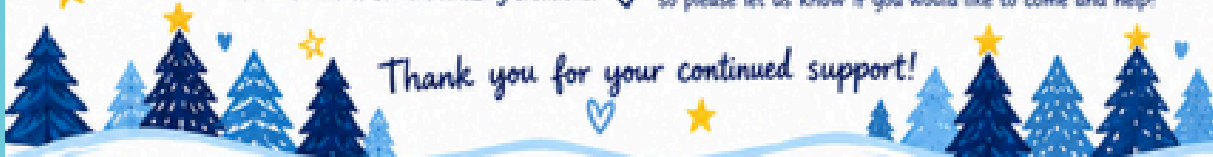
- ♥ Mum ♥ Dad ♥ Children
- ♥ Grandparents ♥ Anyone in the family!

We always struggle for Dad/Grandad gifts!

Helpers at the Secret Room are always very welcome - so please let us know if you would like to come and help!



Thank you for your continued support!



The background of the poster is a festive wreath made of green pine branches, brown pinecones, orange slices, and red berries. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area in the center.

St Minver School PTA

Festive Wreath

WORKSHOP

Friday 27th November 2026

St Minver School Hall

7:00pm – 9:00pm

£35 per person

includes a glass of mulled wine

Tickets available via PTA

Save Money

**Potential saving of
£495**

LUNCHTIME

FREE MEAL

Healthy, nutritious and freshly made daily

EVERY child in Reception Year 1 & 2
can have a **FREE** school lunch.



Please contact recep on
for details



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