

St Minver School & Nursery



Autumn 1 Week 3

Head of School Message

Another busy week has flown by in school, and it has been a pleasure to hear and read the speeches from children who have applied to become our Leadership Legends. I have been so impressed by the thought, effort and courage that has gone into their applications. Standing up in front of others, sharing your ideas and putting yourself forward takes real confidence, and every child who took part should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Today, pupils took part in a democratic vote, giving them the opportunity to experience first-hand how people can have a voice and make choices that affect their community. We will now count and verify the votes before announcing the successful candidates next week.

Whilst we are excited to celebrate those who are elected, this process also provides an important opportunity to talk about resilience. In life, things do not always go our way, whether that is in a vote, a competition, a sporting event or when trying something new. Learning how to manage those feelings of disappointment, recognising the courage it took to take part in the first place and being ready to try again are all valuable life skills. Every child who put themselves forward has demonstrated leadership qualities already, and I hope they know just how proud we are of them.

You may also have noticed a few additions to the school calendar, including our Harvest Breakfast. We wanted to give families plenty of notice, and further details will be shared next week. We look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate the harvest season and reflect on the importance of gratitude, kindness and supporting others.

Have a lovely weekend.

Alicia Warren



St Minver Stars



Cowrie Class:

Freddie P & Nellie

Daymer Class:

Freddie & Iris H

Greenaway Class:

Lorenzo & Demelza

Lundy Class:

Inigo, Annie & Purdey

Polzeath Class:

Billie & Stanley

Porthilly Class:

Deano & Charlie

Rock Class:

Flores & Jemima

In assembly this week...

This week's assembly took place in classes rather than as a whole school gathering, allowing children the opportunity for deeper discussion and reflection.

Using the book *The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Town* by Justin Roberts and Christian Robinson, we explored the idea that you do not need to be the biggest, loudest or oldest person to make a difference. The story follows Sally McCabe, who notices the things others miss and finds the courage to speak up when something isn't right.

Children discussed the difference between being a bystander and an upstander and reflected on how they can use their voice to help others, show kindness and challenge unfairness in an appropriate way. These conversations linked closely to our school values, the British Values of Mutual Respect and The Rule of Law, and children's rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly Article 2 (the right to be treated fairly) and Article 12 (the right to express their views and be listened to).

The children shared some thoughtful ideas about the small actions we can all take to make a positive difference. As Sally reminds us, even the smallest voice can have a powerful impact when it is used to stand up for what is right.

Diary Dates

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

House Points



Pentire: 203



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St Minver School in action...



In other news...

Makaton

We are excited to be introducing Makaton more widely across the school. Makaton uses signs, symbols and speech to support communication and understanding, helping people of all ages and abilities to express themselves and be understood. As part of this initiative, we will be launching a whole-school Sign of the Week, giving everyone the opportunity to learn and use simple signs together. Next week's sign will be "autumn".



Autumn



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Self-Confidence and Self-esteem

At St Minver, we are always looking at ways to build children's confidence and self-esteem. We want every child to feel valued, capable and willing to have a go, whether that is answering a question in class, performing in assembly, joining a club or taking on a leadership role. Confidence grows through encouragement, perseverance and being given opportunities to succeed. For families looking for ideas on how to support this at home, you may find this resource helpful:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/building-childrens-confidence-and-independence/>

Special Mentions...

Phoebe, Violet and Kahlan for helping put away the sports equipment.

Pixie for helping to comfort a friend who was feeling sad.

Felix for supporting a friend who was upset.

Alfie for a great save in the dining hall.

Axel, nominated by George D for being so kind.

Heidi for supporting Daymer Class at lunchtimes.

Noah, Felix, Ollie B, Orbie, Zac and Harry for being amazing role models to the little ones and including them in their football game.

Arlo for being a kind member of Polzeath Class

Bow for being a superstar helper.

Theo L for his bravery.

Isabella for being selected to play football for Cornwall!



Useful Links

St Minver School - Home
www.stminver.org

Inset Days

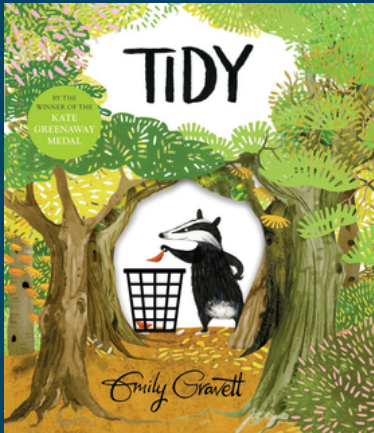
Thursday 3rd September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 11th June 2027
Friday 23rd July 2027

Weekly Attendance	%
Daymer	93.7
Greenaway	94.7
Lundy	97.1
Polzeath	97.0
Porthilly	97.2
Rock	96.2



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The Weekly Book Basket



Tidy by Emily Gravett

Pete the badger likes everything to be neat and tidy at all times, but what starts as the collecting of one fallen leaf escalates and ends with the complete destruction of the forest! Will Pete realise the error of his ways and set things right?

Lush foliage and delightful characters abound in this cautionary tale of overenthusiastic neatness that delivers its message of environmental preservation with subtlety and humour. The freshness of the illustrations and the many comic details make this a very special book. Once you enter this forest, you'll never want to leave.

Fox's Favourite Autumn by Fiona Barker

Tuck into this wonderful picture book introduction to the changing of seasons. There's nothing Fox loves more in the world than autumn. And he's going to make it last as long as he can!

As soon as Fox opened his door, he could tell. "Autumn at last! There's so much to do!"

Autumn is Fox's favourite time of the year. He loves tasting blackberries, scrunching and collecting leaves! But as the days pass, Autumn starts to reach its end. Winter is coming ... and Fox DEFINITELY cannot let that happen!

Join Fox as he tries to do everything to stop Autumn from slipping by and eventually learns that each season has its magic.

A funny and quirky story about the changing seasons.
Fabulous text by Fiona Barker, full of humour and heart.



After the Storm by Nick Butterworth

Celebrate thirty years of Percy the Park Keeper and his animal friends with this funny story in the classic series from award-winning author and illustrator Nick Butterworth!

A storm is raging outside and Percy the park keeper is having a sleepless night. When he gets up the following morning, Percy finds that the old oak tree has been blown down. It is a disaster for his animal friends who live there, but Percy is soon devising a plan to help his little friends find new homes.

Includes a zoology timeline of the people and places that have influenced the study of animals.

The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming

A brilliantly funny picture book about seasons, written by Alice Hemming and illustrated by Nicola Slater.

Squirrel is so cross. Yesterday there were loads of beautiful leaves on his tree, but today? Today some are missing and Squirrel is convinced that someone has stolen them... there's a leaf thief on the loose!

Join Squirrel on a mission to find the culprit, and meet so many fun animals on the way, while you find out how the world takes on different colours as the months pass by. A laugh-out-loud book about the changing seasons, with extra information in the back for especially curious minds.

Perfect as a companion reader to children learning about seasons in school.

A brilliant picture book that explores feelings, moods and times where we feel out of control.



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By Aspens

WHAT A WOMAN!

We are incredibly proud of Mrs Davies (Miss Bradley) for her continued commitment to raising money for charity. Her latest challenge saw her take on a very windy coastal walk, clocking up an amazing 50,000 steps while dressed as a flamingo! What a fantastic achievement for a great cause, and a wonderful example of determination, resilience and community spirit. 🦩👏❤️



This challenge is raising money for CoppaFeel!, a charity that encourages awareness of breast cancer and the importance of checking regularly. If you would like to support Mrs Davies and this fantastic cause, donations can be made here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/flamingo-south-west-coast-path-stomp?scrlybrkr=f69e15cc>