

St Minver School & Nursery



Autumn 1 Week 2

Head of School Message

We have now completed our second full week back at school, and it has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life. Classrooms are busy, routines are becoming established and there is a real sense of purpose across the school.

What stands out most is the attitude children are bringing to their learning. They are setting themselves goals, taking pride in their work and showing increasing confidence when faced with challenge. We talk a great deal about learning from mistakes, and it has been pleasing to see children demonstrating resilience when things do not go quite right the first time. Equally important is the way they support one another, whether celebrating success, offering encouragement or working together to solve problems.

This week, we welcomed the parents of our Reception children into school to find out more about how we teach early reading and how they can support their child's journey as a reader. It was lovely to see so many families attend and continue building those important home-school connections that help children thrive.

We have also been delighted to welcome back our parent reading volunteers. Their time, enthusiasm and commitment are greatly appreciated. By listening to children read, sharing stories and talking about books, they make a valuable contribution to our reading culture and help foster a love of reading across the school.

Reading remains one of our key priorities, and we are grateful for the support families provide at home. It is encouraging to see children reading regularly and talking enthusiastically about the books they are enjoying.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find our Reading Basket, with a selection of recommended texts to enjoy together at home. If a particular title sparks your child's interest, please let us know. We are often able to help families borrow books from school, and our local libraries are a fantastic resource for discovering new stories, authors and series.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Alicia Warren



St Minver Stars



Cowrie Class:

Robin & Iris

Daymer Class:

Axel & Margot

Greenaway Class:

Elijah & Hattie

Lundy Class:

Luna, Arlo & Rocco

Polzeath Class:

Finlay & Violet

Porthilly Class:

Millie & Lillie-Mae

Rock Class:

George H, Harry T, Mia & Ollie B

In assembly this week...

Assembly took place in classes this week where we explored the powerful message: "Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart and strong enough to live the life you've imagined."

We talked about how sharing an idea you care about is a generous way to make your world a little better. Every member of our school community has something valuable to contribute, and our ideas, actions and choices can have a positive impact on others.

The assembly also marked the International Day of Democracy and linked closely to the British Value of democracy. We discussed how everyone should have the opportunity to be heard and how voting gives us a voice in decisions that affect our community.

Children began thinking about becoming one of our Leadership Legends and what qualities make an effective leader. Over the coming week, prospective candidates will be writing and preparing their speeches, which they will share with their classes next week. Voting will take place next Friday, giving all pupils the opportunity to take part in a democratic process.

The learning also linked to Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that children have the right to express their views and have them taken seriously, and Article 13, which highlights children's right to share their ideas, opinions and information with others.

We look forward to hearing the children's speeches and seeing democracy in action across our school. More information about the Leadership Legends accompanies this newsletter.

Diary Dates

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



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St Minver School in action...



In other news...

Clubs

This week saw the start of our lunchtime and after-school clubs, and it has been fantastic to see so many children getting involved. From sport and music to creative activities, the clubs on offer provide opportunities for children to develop new skills, pursue their interests and spend time with children from different year groups.

A huge thank you goes to our staff, who generously give their time to offer such a wide range of activities beyond the school day.

There are still a few spaces available in some clubs. If your child would like to join a club, please contact the school office - Miss Martin will be happy to provide further information about availability. We would love to see as many children as possible taking advantage of these opportunities.

Achievements Assembly

Our next Achievements Assembly with Mr Gill will take place on Monday 21st September, and we would love to celebrate the many talents and accomplishments of our pupils.

If your child has recently achieved something they are proud of, please send in any photos, medals, certificates, trophies or other items that can be shared during the assembly. While sporting achievements are always welcome, we are equally keen to celebrate success in all its forms. This might include music, dance, drama, swimming, community involvement, fundraising, scouting, creative arts or any personal goal that your child has worked hard to achieve.

Achievements come in many different forms, and we want children to recognise and celebrate their efforts, commitment and successes both in and out of school.

Please send any items into school before the assembly, ensuring they are clearly named. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Special Mentions...

George D for helping Mrs Cooper in the playground at lunchtime.

Charlie H and Freddie S for helping to tidy and put away the equipment at the end of playtime.

Flores and Ollie B for contributing to thoughtful discussion in RE

Elijah for fantastic listening and reflecting, and for creating a lovely picture of the Creation Story.



Weekly Attendance	%
Daymer	97.5
Greenaway	93.0
Lundy	97.8
Polzeath	96.4
Porthilly	96.8
Rock	97.3



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

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The Weekly Book Basket

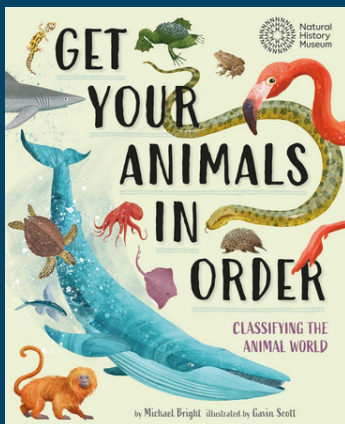


Home is Where the Heart is by Jonny Lambert

A pitch perfect picture book with breathtakingly beautiful, textured illustrations and a heartwarming story from author-illustrator, Jonny Lambert. When Bear moves into a new home in the woods, his home feels empty, and Bear is a little bit lonely. With a RAT-A-TAT-TAT! on his neighbour's door, Bear quickly finds a warm smile and friendship with Hare. When a storm CRASHES through the wood, destroying Bear's home, the two friends discover that home is more than just a house . . . it's where the heart is.

The Littlest Yak - Home is Where the Herd is by Lu Fraser

The adorable new story starring Gertie, The Littlest Yak!
In this brand new adventure from award-winning duo Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley, Gertie the Littlest Yak and her family are moving mountains to pastures new. And for Gertie, that means SQUEEZING all her belongings onto her sledge.
But when someone special gets left behind, will Gertie come to see that home is about so much more than the things that you pack?
A gorgeous and heart-melting story about what REALLY makes a home.



Get your animals in order by Michael Bright

Animals are so familiar but what makes an animal an animal? Produced in partnership with the Natural History Museum (NHM), this clever and clear explanation of animal classification puts your animals in order and explains why classifying animals is important.

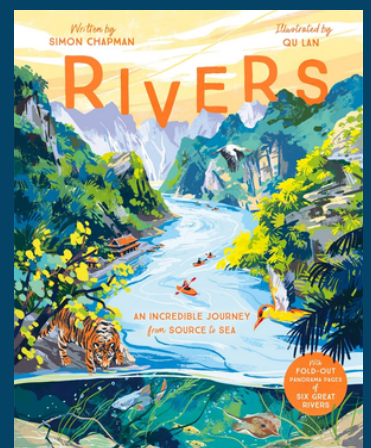
From whales to worms and snakes to stinkbugs, every creature ever discovered has been identified and added to a group within the animal kingdom. Scientists use this classification system to help them research, discover and save species. This children's book showcases the amazingly diverse range of animals found around the world and the different features that help determine their place in the animal kingdom. We see the similarities, differences and connections between animal groups, and discover how classification helps scientists conserve animals and their habitats.

'Odd-one-out' examples tell of peculiar animals that don't quite fit the natural order, such as egg-laying mammals and fish that climb trees.

Rivers by Simon Chapman

"Rivers", written by Simon Chapman and illustrated by Qu Lan, is a geographical masterpiece and educational gem that breathes life into the vast, diverse world of our planet's waterways.

The book has a superb balance between text and image, a testament to Chapman's writing and Lan's exceptional artistic skill. It presents geographical facts and a vivid story unfolding across every continent, showcasing rivers in all their glory. Chapman's keen sense of adventure and passion for exploration are evident throughout the book. His detailed yet accessible narration of the journey of a river is expertly supplemented with an ecologist's viewpoint, thanks to the contributions of river ecologist François Edwards. This combination of adventure, exploration, and factual accuracy will ignite curiosity in students about the natural world and engage pupils in geography, ecology, and history. The six rivers featured - the Amazon, Nile, Mississippi, Rhine, Ganges, and Murray - are depicted with intricate detail on the beautifully executed fold-out pages, allowing for a more immersive reading experience. Equally interesting is the focus on the human relationship with waterways. This perspective offers a unique opportunity for educators to discuss geography and wildlife and delve into the history of the civilisations that have thrived along the rivers, spanning various curriculum subjects. The beautifully crafted illustrations by Qu Lan bring an enchanting visual element to the book, with intricate details and vibrant colours that capture the essence of each river and the wildlife it supports. The images can prompt discussions, help in comprehension, and offer a multi-sensory experience that caters to various learning styles.



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



**FOOD
FESTIVAL**

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.

