

Bishop Cornish CEVA Primary School

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

This term's value: ***Friendship***

Dear parents and carers,

Wishing you all a happy new academic year! We ended last year on a real high not only with an outstanding performance of Moana but also with our children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 6 achieving above the national average in meeting the Early Learning Goals, passing the Phonics Screen and Key Stage 2 SATs.

80% of children met their Early Learning Goals against a National Average of 68%

81% of children passed the Phonics Screen against a National Average of 80%

KS2 SATs

Subject	Bishop Cornish	National Average
Reading	92% Expected Standard 32% Greater Depth	75% Expected Standard 31.1% Greater Depth
Mathematics	80% Expected Standard 28% Greater Depth	75% Expected Standard 27.2% Greater Depth
SPaG	76% Expected Standard 24% Greater Depth	74% Expected Standard 30.4% Greater Depth
Writing	76% Expected Standard 20% Greater Depth	73% Expected Standard 13.2% Greater Depth
Combined Reading, Writing & Maths	76% Expected Standard 8% Greater Depth	63% Expected Standard 8.6% Greater Depth

A huge well done to all the children and teachers for their hard work.

This term we welcome new teachers to the school – Miss Underdown is teaching our children in Year 3, Miss Alford in Year 4 and Mr Fletcher in Year 5. They bring a wealth of experience to our team. Our older children returned to school and have quickly settled back into routines. It has been a joy hearing all about their exciting summer and what they are looking forward to this year. Our new children in Reception Class are amazing. They are enjoying their new classroom, which was revamped over the summer holidays, to provide more opportunities to explore and learn. We are super proud of them already in the way that they have settled into school life.

Our Year 6 children have spent the week at Heatree enjoying their residential trip. The photos and feedback show they are having a wonderful time throughout the

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 23rd September

SATS Parents Meeting after school

Wednesday 30th September

No After School Club (wrap around care)

Monday 5th October

Parent Consultation Week

Monday 12th October

Tempest Photography (Individual photos)

Wednesday 14th October

Harvest Festival St Stephen's Church

Friday 16th October

Year 6 start swimming lessons

Friday 23rd October

Inset Day

Monday 26th October –

Friday 30th October

Half-Term

Monday 2nd November

Inset day

day as they have a go at kayaking, and many more activities that encourage them to try something new. The teachers are super proud of all the children.

As many of you know Mr Brown undertook his World Record attempt to scooter across Australia over the summer holidays. I am delighted to let you know that Mr Brown achieved his goal. A massive well done to Mr Brown.

Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive information about what your child will be learning about over the next term. In addition, we will be inviting you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled into the new school year. Class dojo and team points are already climbing quickly. Well done to all the children. I have already seen some amazing work. Class dojo is a great way to contact your child's class teacher with any questions or sharing of information. Please remember, however, that they teach all day so will get back to you as soon as is possible.

A reminder that after school clubs will be starting next week – with an array of choices – Lego, Mindfulness, Chess, Football, and Arts & Crafts.

I end this week with a couple of reminders - Can everyone that travels to school by car please make sure that the entrance to the school is not blocked and the zig-zag yellow lines are not parked on. This is to ensure the safety of all our children and their families. I have had quite a few absence requests. It is important that children are in school. Recent research from the Department for Education has highlighted a crucial link between school attendance for primary school children in succeeding and developing key life skills.

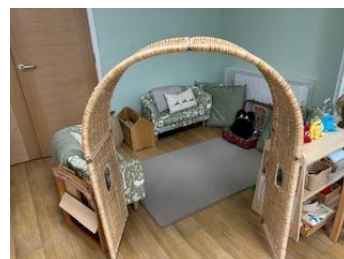
Why Attendance Matters

- Social & Cognitive Development – Attending school every day helps children build friendships, develop social skills, and grow in confidence.
- Higher Achievement – Pupils who attend school regularly perform better academically, particularly in subjects like English and Maths.
- Long-Term Benefits – Good attendance lays the foundation for future success in education and career opportunities.

We are really looking forward to an exciting year and working closely with all parents and carers so that children have the best possible time at school.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Fletcher

Check out our new Early Years Classroom



Message from Revd Laura Bushell Hawke

The Bible Course — Thursdays, 7pm at St Stephen's

Whether you're brand new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, *The Bible Course* is a brilliant way to grow in confidence and understanding. Over eight sessions we'll explore the big story of Scripture, how the books fit together, and how it speaks into our lives today. Everyone is welcome — whatever your level of knowledge or experience. Come with curiosity, come with questions, or simply come and listen.

Please do share this invitation and encourage others to join us. It's a great opportunity to deepen faith, build community, and discover the Bible in a fresh and engaging way.

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Revd Laura Bushell Hawke