



## Year 6 Cathedral Visit

On Monday this week, Year 6 visited Truro Cathedral as part of the Humanities topic Our Parish...Our Town. We had a guided tour led by Kirsten, and found out lots of information about the history of the cathedral and why it is so important to Truro.

We saw the main areas that are open to the public, then got to see the crypt downstairs and found out why it's not underground as you would expect. Ask a Year 6 why! Then we got to dress in various different every day and ceremonial costumes, and learn all about various church services and traditions.

The highlight of our trip was getting to process down the main aisle, or nave, dressed in costume and then sit in the choir stalls and perform an impromptu hymn for the public visiting. The children sounded even better in church than they do in school, it was amazing and made Mr Miles and Mrs Tucker feel very proud.

There is currently an opening for a bishop at Truro Cathedral, although our procession was very well handled by Bishop Henry who stepped in on the day!

A very enjoyable visit, and if you haven't been already, it's well worth going in the half term holiday.



## Mrs Bray Baby Update

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Bray has had her baby, Arlo, 6 weeks earlier than planned. Both Mrs Bray and Arlo are doing well and we hope to see them both very soon. If you want to send Mrs Bray a card please send them into the school office and we will forward them on to her.

## Miss Brooks Update

We were very sad to say goodbye to Miss Brooks at the end of last term. She visited Kea at the end of September to say a final goodbye before she left to go off on her travels. Since leaving Cornwall she has been to Niagara Falls, New York, Boston and is currently in Chicago. Staff and pupils are feeling envious!

## Winter Festival Topic

As part of our Winter Festival topic, on Friday 3 November children are invited to come to school wearing sparkly or white clothes. On the afternoon of this day they will be sharing work they have been doing during the week and taking part in a light festival.

### Attendance

As you are aware, the government set strict attendance figures for schools. The local authority target for attendance is at least 96.4%. Headteachers are expected to work closely with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to monitor low attendance (below 95%) and particularly to follow up persistent absence (below 90%). After half term, letters will be issued for children who's attendance has been lower than 95% in the first half term. We are aware however, that some children have been off for three or four days this term due to illness which is unavoidable. However, if this type of pattern of attendance continues throughout the whole year, this will have a negative impact on the child's attainment, progress and social wellbeing. Rita Rowson, our new EWO will be making appointments later this term to meet with parents of children with particularly low attendance.

### **Absence from school**

Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year.  
The LA target for attendance in Primary Schools is at least 96.4%.

Attendance during one school year (%)	Equals – days absent	Which is approximately – weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Number of lessons missed over five years	Your son/ daughter is now classed as a persistent absentee.
95	9 days	2 weeks	58 lessons	290	
90	19 days	4 weeks	114 lessons	570	√
85	29 days	6 weeks	174 lessons	870	√
80	38 days	8 weeks	228 lessons	1140	√
75	48 days	10 weeks	288 lessons	1440	√
70	57 days	11.5 weeks	342 lessons	1710	√
65	67 days	13.5 weeks	402 lessons	2010	√

### Dates for Your Diary

#### October

Fri 20 Break up for half term

23-27 Oct Half term

#### November

Fri 3 Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament Qualifier at Truro college TBC

Fri 3 Children dress up in sparkly clothes for Winter Festival Topic

Tues 7 11.10 AM Parental viewings for Sep 18 intake

Fri 17 Non School Uniform for Children in Need Day

Fri 17 3.00 pm Cake Sale for Children in Need Day

Tues 21 Resources & Safeguarding Committee Meeting 8.00 AM

Tues 21 T & L Committee Meeting 2.00 pm

Wed 22 2.00 PM Parental viewings for Sep 18 intake

Fri 24 Y3 & Y4 Puppet Theatre workshop

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