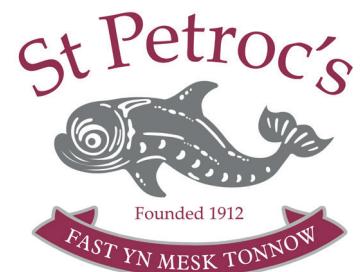


# St Petroc's Post



## Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St Petroc's Day! What a wonderful day it has been. I love so many of the traditions of the School and, although many do not completely 'fit' with the modern world of teaching and learning, they are truly fantastic and the spirit of togetherness and community within the School, particularly over the past two days, has been significantly evident. Listening to our leaving or graduating children sharing memories of their time at St Petroc's further demonstrates that what we do here is different and special. The affection for the School continues and lives on with so many of our leavers. It was great to see some of them celebrating with us today, while others will be joining us for their Summer Term work placements. I would also like to thank you all for making some of the prospective parents feel so welcome today. It was a great opportunity to meet us and see the School in a slightly different way. I must also thank the catering team for all their hard work this week. It is no mean feat organising the lunch for St Petroc's Day, especially in the slightly modest space that is the St Petroc's kitchen.

As I continue with my praise for the various teams around the School, the Office and Admin staff have also been superb at chasing the required consent forms for the multitude of things we offer here. Forms can sometimes be forgotten, not returned exactly on time, without the correct date or - in my case - the correct child filled in on the correct form, so I often apologise sheepishly!

Yesterday was an amazing morning. We had a special visitor in the form of David Humphreys, the General Secretary of MIST, who wanted to come and see the progress and development we have been making here. He was very complimentary.

The School then hosted the Dolphins Preschool Sports Day. Being able to watch nearly 60 children behave so impeccably, run with so many smiles and appear so confident, was delightful to see and credit must go to our Early Years team. They make this huge logistical challenge appear so calm, controlled and organised; I am in awe of their ability in that area. Well done to each of them and to the Key Stage 2 children that offered a friendly hand, by tending the track and various other chores, a spirit which is so evident throughout our School. The backdrop of Year 4 driving the Goblins was also impressive. Congratulations to the children who have passed their various Bikeability qualifications too! Thank you to each of you that were able to join us and share lunch together.

I hope you had a great time and that you have a restful Half Term.

Ben Hilton  
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## Diary Dates:

### Monday 3rd June

Term Resumes

### Tuesday 4th June

U10s Mixed Rounders  
v West Buckland & Shebbear (Home)

### Monday 10th June

Years 2 and 3 visit to Rosemoor

### Wednesday 12th June

U9s Mixed Cricket/Rounders  
v St Joseph's (Home)

### Thursday 13th June

Year 5 visit to Rosemoor

### Friday 14th June

Prep School Sports Day

### Tuesday 18th June

Swimming Gala

### Saturday 22nd June

Friends of St Petroc's Summer Fun Day

### Wednesday 3rd July

End of Term



# Summer Activity Club

**Monday 8th July**  
**Tuesday 9th July**  
**Wednesday 10th July**  
**Monday 15th July**  
**Tuesday 16th July**  
**Thursday 18th July**  
**Monday 22nd July**  
**Tuesday 23rd July**  
**Thursday 25th July**

Sessions:  
8am - 1pm & 1pm - 6pm

► **Sports**

► **Cookery**

► **Wildlife**

► **Craft**

► **Beach Fun**

► **Photography**



## Little Turtles

### Fun in the sun



What a fabulous week the Little Turtles have had, enjoying the beautiful sunshine. We have had gorgeous smiles, lots of giggles and heaps of fun. Such happy babies!

The Little Turtles have also been exploring the sensory tray this week, with dry pasta, scoops and cups, working on filling and emptying.



## Sea Lions



### Up, up and away



The Sea Lions have been up in the air this week, learning about air transport. Our Home Corner has been transformed into a hot air balloon and we've been taking flight, looking down over the Bude Sea Pool and going over mountains and city skyscrapers. We also made some hot air balloons to take home and hang in our bedrooms.

The Sea Lions have also been having lots of fun in the sun, talking about keeping safe by wearing sun cream and sun hats, as well as just enjoying the beautiful weather outdoors with our friends.

## Nightwalk

### Fundraising for North Devon Hospice

We had an amazing time doing the Nightwalk and raising money for North Devon Hospice. There was a great atmosphere and we all got into the 80s theme with our outfits. So far we have raised over £500! Massive thanks to everyone who has sponsored us already; the money is going to a very worthy cause.

**There is still time to donate as we'd love to raise that total even further! Please go to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TeamStPetros>. Thank you so much for your support.**

Laura, Kimmie, Katie, Fi, Jess, Kayleigh, Shirley, Josie, Tahira and Carol





## Dolphins

### Sporting stars



This week, the Dolphins children have enjoyed learning about friendships. They explored words associated with friends and how to be a good friend. The children worked collectively to draw around two classmates, then chose different textures and patterns to decorate the figures.

Throughout the week, the Dolphins demonstrated good listening skills at story time and the children enjoyed the books 'Frog and Mouse' by Tracey Corderoy and Anna I. Popescu, 'I want a Friend' by Tony Ross and 'Handa's Surprise', by Eileen Browne.

The highlight of the week was, of course, the Dolphins Sports Day, when children finally got the chance to display their athletic ability and participated in three races, which each demonstrated different skills.



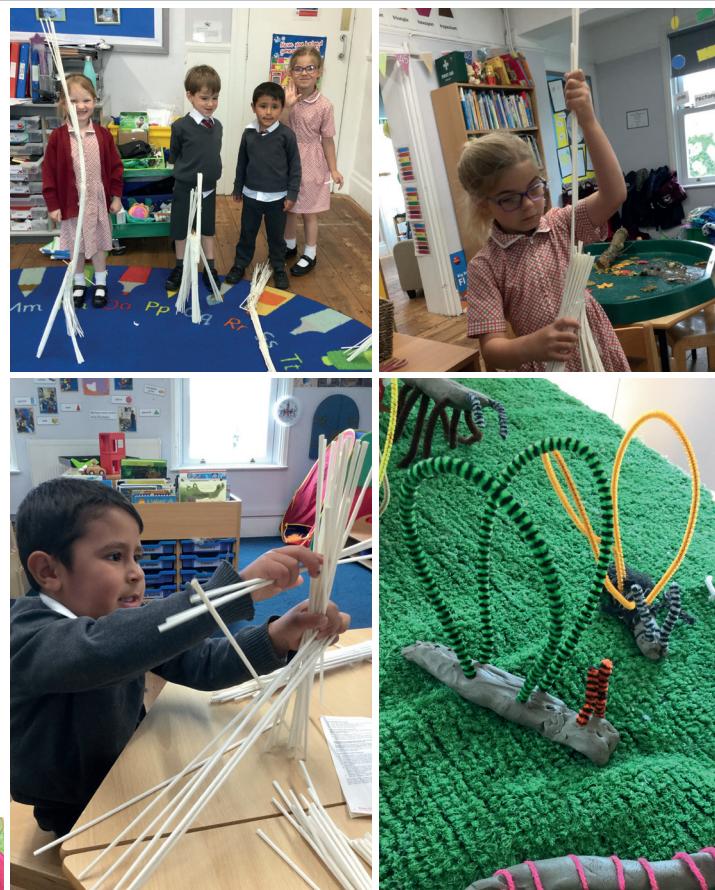


## Reception

### Creature features

Our Reception children have been looking at the features of creatures they found in the garden. They have used new language such as antennae, abdomen, thorax, chrysalis and their favourite new word - metamorphosis. We now have resident caterpillars to take care of. We are recording their growth and hope to one day be witness to them emerging as butterflies. Come and see the clay mini beast models the children have made!

Reception Class have also had a lot of fun problem solving. They had to work out how to build a beanstalk that could stand up on its own. We could then see who has made the tallest beanstalk. The children overcame lots of difficulties - mainly that the beanstalk kept falling over - but they didn't give up and everyone built a successful one in the end. Radi changed his design and decided he wanted it to be taller than Mr Hilton. When we measured the beanstalk next to Mr Hilton, Radi was very happy to see that he was successful!



### National Outdoor Learning Day

Thursday 23rd May was National Outdoor Learning Day and Reception spent the whole day using our Outdoor Learning Area. We started off the day with a tricky word treasure hunt, then spent some time building bug houses for woodlice. The children had to think carefully about how they built their structures and the challenge was to try and make it a two storey house.

We also spent time being butterflies and guiding each other around a course, starting off on our own and then progressing to working in pairs with one person closing their eyes. The children learnt trust and confidence by completing this activity and used their instructional language to guide each other.

We finished the day with a campfire, where we talked about keeping safe around fire. The children helped to build it and then we had story time around the fire.

We all had a fantastic day and managed to fit in a lot of learning as well!

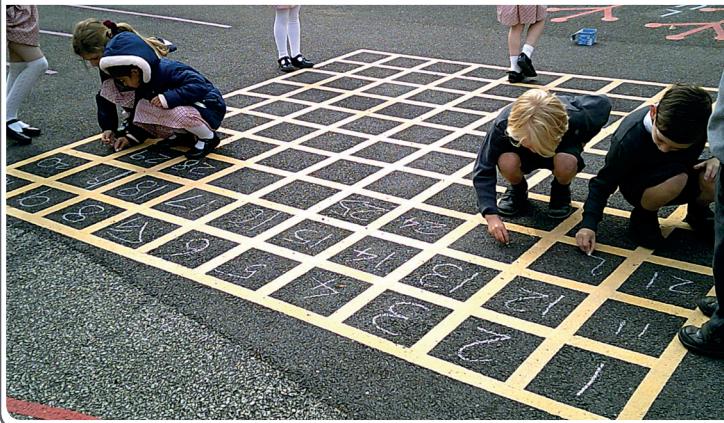


## Year 1



## Calm calculators

It's been another hectic week in Year 1! The children started the week with calm and creativity, finishing off assessments in English, and filling their afternoons printing repeating patterns to make mock 'William Morris' styled wallpapers with their plant and animal tiles. Year 1 have also been revising their Maths learning from the last term. They enjoyed the sunshine while practising counting on and back in tens and familiarising themselves with odd and even numbers, using the outside hundred square.



## Years 2 &amp; 3

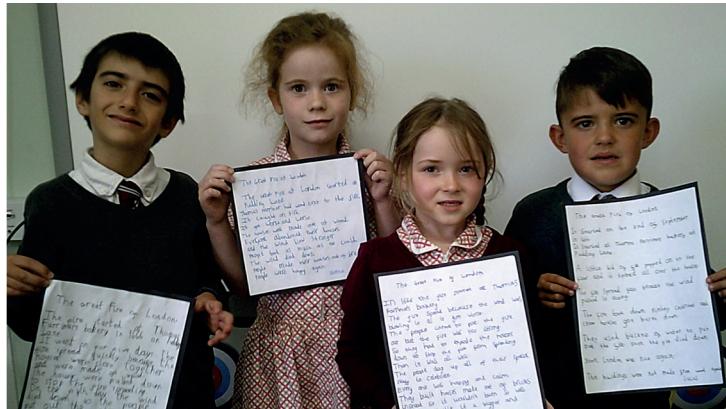
## Model students

To conclude our Science topic on 'Changing Shape', the children in Years 2 and 3 had great fun modelling an animal of their choice this week.

They started by recalling the different animal classifications and putting various animals into each group, before selecting one they would like to make.

Drawing up plans, and listing the different techniques needed to shape their creatures, resulted in something that vaguely resembled their intentions, although a horse, lion and a dog were never going to be easy!

Through research, books and information packs, everyone has found The Great Fire of London an interesting and fascinating history topic which has produced an informative wall display, finished off with the children's own version of the story.





## Year 4



## Assessing the situation

In what has turned out to be another really busy week in Year 4, we have made time to fit in some Half Term assessments, as well as practicing for the St Petroc's Day Service. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Science workshop and the Bikeability session. What a busy, busy week we have had!



## Year 5

## What an opportunity!

Year 5 have been busy working on their STEM projects, following on from the recent workshop with an external communications organisation. The task was to develop a technology or invention that they expect to see in 100 years. From a hologram watch that will allow you to communicate with the world, to a floating bed which combats the lack of bed spaces in our hospitals, the ideas have been original and very plausible! The winners of this competition will be granted special access to visit the premises of the communications organisation. A very rare and possibly 'never-again' opportunity!





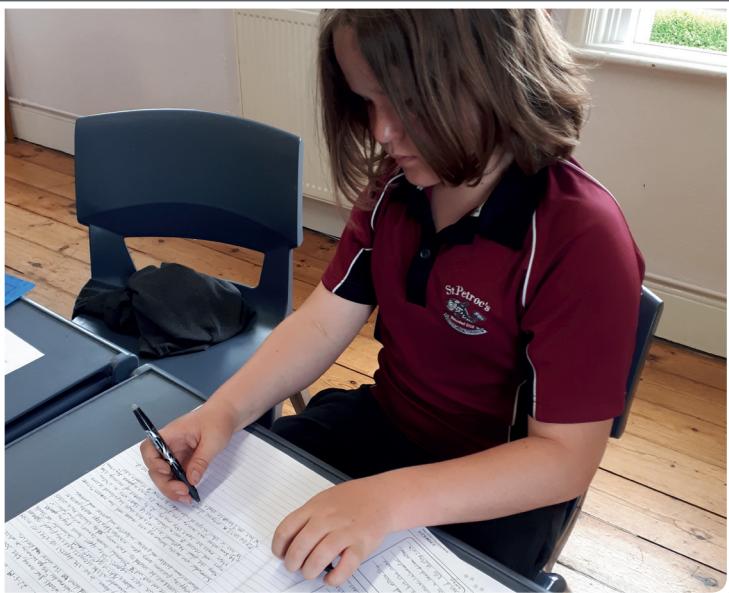
## Years 6 & 7

### Salamander stories

After a busy morning of Bikeability on Thursday, Years 6 and 7 got back to the serious work of Creative Writing.

In their English lessons, the pupils are looking at a graphic novel called Salamander. It is about a young girl who has an imaginary friend whom she meets at different times during her life.

The Salamander tells her stories and the task for the children was to create a 'traditional tale' based on one of these stories. They made a plan and are working on their drafts. After Half Term, they will produce a final copy of their work.



### Key Stage 2 Science Workshop at Budehaven



### Surprising Science

On Monday, as part of our Year 6 transition programme and our growing partnership with Budehaven Community School, we were invited to participate in a Science Workshop that was full of bangs, whistles and surprises!

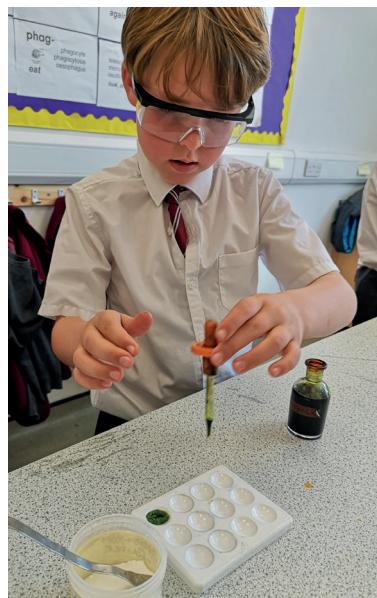
The pupils of St Petroc's were first treated to Mr Whittaker's top three chemical demonstrations, including a hydrogen balloon bomb, a screaming Jelly Baby and an unusual experiment which turned powdered rust back into a solid metal. These certainly were inspiring!

Later, Mrs Hughes and her three Science Leaders from Year 10 delivered a lesson on acids and alkalis. The children set up their own dimple tray experiment, testing numerous liquids with universal indicator solution.

The results were quite surprising, with Coca-Cola reading a potent PH1! Would you still drink it, knowing it is powerful enough to dissolve metal?

The final experiment required careful instruction following, as the pupils tried to separate 5 liquids, all with a different PH levels, to create a rainbow potion.

A great afternoon of learning had by all. A huge thank you to Mrs Hughes, Mr Whittaker and their three brave Science Leaders.





## St Petroc's Day

A few moments from our annual celebration of the School's foundation





## St Petroc's Day





The Friends of St Petroc's

# Summer Fun Day

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

ST PETROC'S SCHOOL FIELD,  
40 OCEAN VIEW ROAD, BUDE, EX23 8NJ

**SURF SIMULATOR**  
£2

**BUNGEE RUN**  
£1

**WITH GIANT INFLATABLE PARK 12-3PM**

**£6 unlimited bouncing**

BOUNCY CASTLES - ASSAULT COURSE - GIANT SLIDE  
DOG SHOW (50P ENTRY) - GAMES - BABY & TODDLER PLAYZONE  
BBQ - BAR - LOCAL CRAFT BEER - PIMMS - CREAM TEAS - ICE CREAM  
FACE PAINTING - PLANT STALL - CROQUET - LOCAL CRAFTS  
AND MUCH MORE!

FREE ENTRY FROM 12 NOON

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