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Newsletter 27 – 17th April 2026

Class News

- Nursery - have embraced our theme of 'Dangerous Dinosaurs' and have enjoyed going on a dinosaur safari.
YR - have had an amazing WOW Day exploring the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have made porridge bites, began a gummy bear experiment and created collages of the story characters.
Y1 - have really enjoyed learning Cricket this week during PE.
Y2 - have been inspired by the recent events surrounding the Moon so we wrote a fact file about it.
Y3 - have loved exploring how food gets to our plates and understanding what fairtrade means.
Y4 - have enjoyed making Roman Shields on our WOW Day.
Y5 - have loved building the Titanic on WOW Day.
Y6 - have enjoyed making a sculpture in the style of Giacometti during DT.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I trust everyone had a wonderful Easter break, enjoying the sunshine and celebrations. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school. The children have returned with great enthusiasm to get back to learning and the WOW Day today has been particularly special.

20 is plenty!! Congratulations to the School Council and St Ives community. Their campaigning has been successful in reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph outside the school along Sandy Lane. This takes effect as of 28th April 2026. It shows working together brings about positive change for our community and children. Well done!

Easter Extreme Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who took part in the Easter Extreme Reading Challenge. Mrs Bowden and I were very impressed with all the creative and imaginative places you read in. The winners are Rosa and Edith Foot, Leah Hall, Isabelle Dixon, Christian Hammond and Jack Mehaffey. These children will be awarded a book prize.

School Led Clubs

These will start on Monday 27th April and you will have received the letter in your child's bag this week. Please return the Reply Slips to the school office no later than Tuesday 21st April. Homework Club will start sooner on Thursday 23rd April and no booking is required.

REMINDER - Summer School Uniform and PE kits

Summer uniform: St Ives **blue polo-shirts** (NO white) & grey shorts/blue and white gingham dresses, black shoes (no open toes or trainers).

PE kit: blue shorts & blue St Ives PE t-shirts (**no track suits/leggings after Easter**).

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform.

If your child has any coloured cotton braids, wraps or beads in their hair, it is important that these are removed before next week. Braided hair (natural or synthetic) on its own is fine. Thank you.

Online Safety

With millions of apps available and children accessing them from an increasingly young age, app stores can present a range of risks. From malware and copycat apps to inappropriate content and persuasive in-app purchases, this guide highlights how easily young users can encounter issues – even when using official platforms.

It also offers clear, practical advice to help parents and educators manage these risks. From setting up parental controls and checking app credibility to having open conversations about safe usage, the guide supports adults in building children’s awareness, encouraging safer choices and promoting more balanced, responsible app use.

PE Days for the Summer Term

YR – Monday & Thursday
Y1 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y2 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y3 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y4 – Monday & Thursday
Y5 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y6 – Monday & Wednesday



Dates for Diary

April

23rd Y1 Athletics Festival
30th Y5 Class Assembly (9am)

May

5th Y2 Trip to Blashford Lakes
11th – 14th Y6 SATs Week
18th Nursery Celebration of Learning (2pm)
19th Y5 Enterprise Day
20th KS2 Swimming Assessment Week – *Further Information to Follow*
Y5 & Y6 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip
Nursery Celebration of Learning (2pm)
21st Y2 Class Assembly (9am)
22nd INSET DAY **School Closed**
25th – 29th May Half Term

June

1st Back to School

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher



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Awarded by Arts Council England