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## Newsletter 18 – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

### Class News

Nursery	- have been exploring our “how many colours in a rainbow?” theme through lots of colour mixing activities.
YR	- have been learning about African jewellery and creating our own.
Y1	- have worked on independent writing based on the story of Tom Thumb.
Y2	- have been learning about how compassion is shown in the Quran.
Y3	- have loved exploring lifecycles of flowering plants.
Y4	- have loved creating our own rainforest poems.
Y5	- have loved learning about Peter Thorpe in Art and recreating his work in their own style.
Y6	- have enjoyed learning about variables during their Computing lesson this week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at St Ives. Children are working hard in their learning and really enjoying their themes.

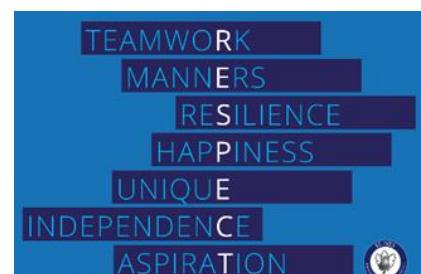
### SISA

Our sincere thanks to Holly Burns and Elena Coleman, our outgoing Chair and Treasurer, for their dedicated service to SISA over the recent years. Although they are stepping down from their roles, we are delighted that they will remain on the SISA Committee and continue to support the school community.

With these changes, as well as very low numbers (especially in Earlier Year Groups), we are now looking for new volunteers to join SISA. SISA is our fantastic Parent Teacher Association, and the support it provides makes a huge difference to the experience our children have at school and nursery. Thanks to SISA, we have been able to fund major playground equipment, the Nursery and Reception outdoor play area, benches, samba drums, iPads, interactive whiteboards, book bags, water bottles, and even special gifts for pupils throughout the year. SISA also proudly fund and run the school swimming pool which is something truly unique to our school!

There are many ways to get involved, whether you have lots of time or just a little. If regular volunteering is not possible, one-off help is always appreciated, such as running a stall at the Christmas or Summer Fair or baking for a cake sale. You can also support by offering any skills you might have or by donating raffle or auction prizes through your workplace. Meetings are held virtually at varying times during school terms to accommodate as many parents as possible. Volunteering is a rewarding way to feel more connected to the school community, and we would love to welcome more parents on board. If you are interested in joining or finding out more, please email [sisastives@outlook.com](mailto:sisastives@outlook.com), contact us via the **SISA St Ives School Dorset** Facebook page or phone or email the school office on **01425 475478** or [office@stivesprimary.com](mailto:office@stivesprimary.com).

If you feel volunteering for SISA is not for you, we are keen to find out what the barriers are so we can consider your feedback. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could take two minutes to complete a short anonymous survey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com>



## **NSPCC Number Day**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February we will be supporting the NSPCC's Number Day. The children are invited to come into school wearing clothes that have a mathematical theme, e.g. displaying numbers, shapes, repeating patterns, etc. The children will be spending the day taking part in mathematical challenges and activities and will also be using their maths skills to do some baking. We will be asking the children to bring in a donation to support this very important charity

## **After School Clubs**

Just a reminder that all KS1 clubs finish at 4.00pm, and KS2 clubs finish at 4.15pm.

## **Value of the week: Happiness**

The whole school have learnt about our school value 'Respect' and the impact this has throughout the school. The children listen and engage with such respect, well done!

## **Online Safety**

Roblox is hugely popular with children, offering millions of user-created games and social experiences. This week's guide explains how the platform differs from traditional video games, and why its scale, self-rating system and automated moderation can expose young users to inappropriate content or unsafe interactions.

Aimed at parents and educators, the guide explores concerns including online communication, in-game spending and compulsive play. It also shares practical advice on parental controls, limiting chat and encouraging open conversations, helping adults support children to enjoy Roblox more safely and responsibly.

## **Dates**

### **January 2026**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Assembly at 9am

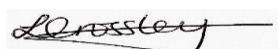
### **February 2026**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - MAT Dance Festival (Years 3 & 4)  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - NSPCC Number Day  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Children's Mental Health Week  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Safer Internet Day  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Celebration of Learning at 2pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Celebration of Learning at 2pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - School Closes for half-term  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Back to school

### **PE Kit days for January 2026**

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

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley  
Headteacher

