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## PRAYER

Dear Lord,  
We thank you for the gift of Spring; for the lengthening days and the signs of new life breaking through the earth. We pray for our Trust family as we enter this new season. May our schools be places of rich soil, where every young person is nurtured, protected, and given the space to flourish. Bless our staff with renewed energy and our leaders with clear vision, as we work together to bring light and hope to our communities.  
Amen.

## CEO SPACE

Hello everyone,

As we break for Easter, I want to thank our incredible staff and volunteers for their expertise and dedication in providing the very best education for our pupils.

This has been a vibrant term, from the Year 3/4 adventures on the Jurassic Coast to the focused preparations for next term's Key Stage 2 assessments, Phonics screening, and Multiplication checks.

A special thank you to our parents for your fantastic support; the standard of entries in this year's Spring Show was truly "out of this world."

Wishing you all a restful and happy holiday.  
Sean

## FUELING AMBITION: QUETHIOCK PUPILS EXPLORE ENGINEERING AT IWD 2026

Quethiock School pupils celebrated International Women's Day with an inspiring visit to the Go South West event. As they plan their own outdoor track, students consulted "real-world" expert Macie Hitter and exchanged tips with competitive racers from All Saints Academy.

The day was a powerful look into the future of engineering and transport. Our thanks to Go South West for showcasing how women are leading ground-breaking industries and inspiring our young people to dream big.



The first day of spring is the only time of year when the sun rises due east and sets due west for everyone on Earth.



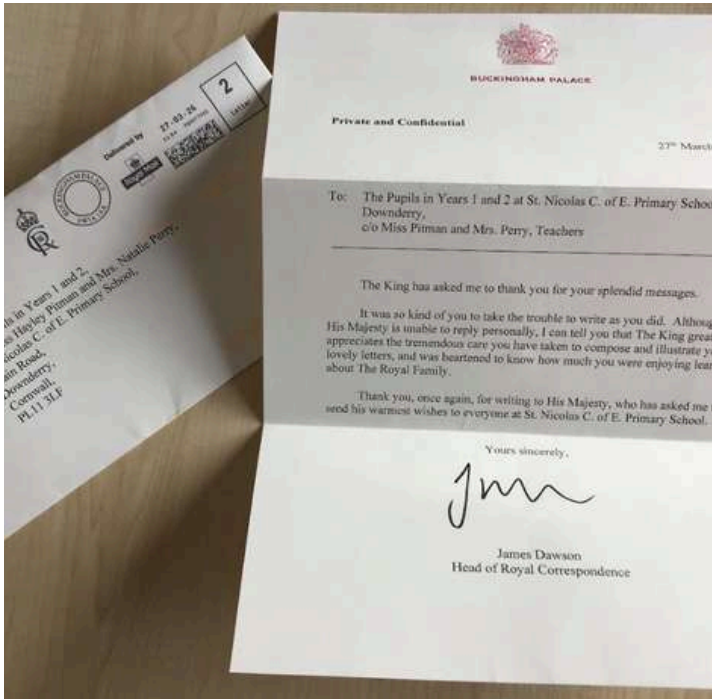
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## A ROYAL ARRIVAL AT ST NICOLAS

"The children of St Nicolas were treated to a truly 'crowning moment' this week when a formal reply arrived from Buckingham Palace. Nestled inside a heavy, cream-laid envelope—complete with the Royal Cipher—was a message of sincere thanks from the Household. The letter expressed how much the Royal Family enjoyed reading the children's 'Curious Quests' and praised the impressive penmanship and thoughtful questions sent from our classrooms. It is heartening to know that the hard work of our young historians traveled all the way to the heart of the monarchy, providing a magical conclusion to our Royal Family topic."

## OUR LIGHTHOUSE HAS LANDED!

The "Guiding Lights" project has reached a major milestone—our very own lighthouse sculpture has officially arrived! We are thrilled to involve our St Germans School students in this unique art experience. Our mission is to design a sculpture that captures our school spirit and community values before it joins the city-wide Education Exhibition at The Box, Plymouth, this summer. To ensure every child has a voice, we have launched a design competition. We are looking for vibrant, meaningful ideas that represent who we are. We can't wait to see the creativity our students bring to this project!



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## ST WINNOW TAKES TO THE STAGE

We are bursting with pride following the St Winnow school choir's performance at Songfest at the Hall for Cornwall. In a truly exceptional turn of events, our pupils were the only school invited to perform a solo in front of an audience of hundreds. This special request came directly from the event lead, Angela Renshaw, who was so moved by their talent during rehearsals a few weeks ago that she singled them out for this unique honor. A huge congratulations to our wonderful singers for representing St Winnow School and the Trust so brilliantly!

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Our Outdoor Adventure Programme has reached new heights this term, with pupils demonstrating incredible resilience and camaraderie. From the physical challenge of scrambling over rugged terrain to the strategic demands of our Three Peaks teambuilding expedition, the children have embraced every opportunity to push their boundaries. It has been inspiring to watch them work together to navigate routes and support one another through difficult climbs, proving that the greatest lessons often happen well beyond the classroom walls. These experiences are not just about reaching the summit; they are about building the confidence and teamwork that our pupils will carry with them for a lifetime.



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## NETHERCOTT FARM RESIDENTIAL

Our recent farm residential was a resounding success, offering students a truly immersive "field to fork" experience. Throughout the week, the children embraced the responsibilities of a working farm, from tending to animals to working in the kitchen gardens and polytunnels. They used fresh farm produce and explored the natural world through beekeeping and biodiversity walks. Evenings were filled with storytelling and woodland crafts, before retreating to the comfort of their dormitories. This fostered deep teamwork and a genuine understanding of where our food comes from.

## BEER RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 3/4 pupils have had an unforgettable, curriculum-enriched residential to Beer. From the historic halls of the Tank Museum and its immersive 1940s workshop to the wind-swept heights of Golden Cap, the children embraced every challenge with remarkable perseverance. The group became budding paleontologists while fossil hunting in Charmouth, navigated the daring heights of the Tunnel Tree Tops high ropes course, and explored marine life at Lyme Regis. Between the educational discoveries at Dinosaurland and a cozy two-night stay at YHA Beer, these young adventurers have created lasting memories that will stay with them long after their primary school years.



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## SPRING FAIRS

This has been a landmark year for creativity across our schools. The talent on display at our recent Spring Fairs was truly exceptional, showcasing the imagination and dedication of our pupils and staff alike. We are immensely proud of the vibrant community spirit that made this year's events our best yet.

