



# Bude Primary Academy

Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Friday 9th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome Back: A Term of Responsibility and Ambition

A heartfelt welcome back to all our families as we begin the Spring term! It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, ready to embrace the new year with a fresh sense of purpose. This term, our core value is **Responsibility**, a theme that will run deeply through every aspect of our learning. We are challenging our pupils to take ownership of their world—asking big questions about how we care for our environment and our communities.

This ambitious spirit is already alive in our classrooms. **Poppy Class** have begun discovering exactly what makes our home special by exploring the physical geography of Bude. Similarly, **Year 3** are examining how land use shapes our community, comparing Bude and Penzance, while **Year 4** investigates the vital role of rivers such as the Tamar. **Year 5** is looking even further afield, taking a "journey to the ends of the Earth" to understand the fragile ecosystems of the Arctic and Antarctic. Meanwhile, **Year 6** is tackling the ultimate question of responsibility: "How do we protect our planet for future generations?" by studying rainforests and evolution.

From exploring local landscapes to understanding global impacts, our children are learning they have the power to make a positive difference. We look forward to seeing them grow into responsible, curious citizens—together.

## Keeping Our Community Safe – Together

It has certainly been a week of two halves regarding the weather! From navigating snow and ice at the beginning of the week to facing the ferocious winds at the end, it has been a true test of **Resilience**. A heartfelt well done and thank you to our families for your efforts in ensuring our children arrived safely despite the challenges; it truly takes effort from all of us to keep the school day running as smoothly as possible.

As we move through the rest of winter keeping our community **Safe** is always our priority. While we do our utmost to keep the school open, severe conditions may occasionally mean a late opening or early closure. We will communicate any decisions as early as possible via Arbor email and text, so please do make sure your contact details are up to date. Thank you for your continued partnership.

We also coordinate directly with Cornwall Council - [School closures in emergencies - Cornwall Council](#)



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## Stars of the Week

A huge congratulations to our very first Star Learners of the Spring term. Returning after a break requires real focus, and these pupils have led the way by coming back settled, purposeful, and full of energy. It has been inspiring to see them immediately reconnect with our core values, demonstrating exactly how Creativity, Reflection, Empathy, Independence, Resilience, and Curiosity allow us to flourish in the classroom. By demonstrating such positive conduct so early in the term, they have set a wonderful standard for us all, reminding our community that we achieve our best when we are Ready, Respectful, and Safe – Together.



## The Lucky Plate

We are delighted to announce a wonderful event coming up in our dining hall: The Lucky Plate! As part of our upcoming Census Day, we want to bring a little extra excitement to our shared mealtimes. On the day, special stickers will be hidden at random under selected plates. The lucky children who find these stickers will win a truly unique Golden Ticket prize: an individual cookery session with Michele in the school kitchen.



This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to spark their curiosity and creativity, going behind the scenes to learn the special tricks that make our school food so nutritious, delicious and perhaps even inspiring a future chef!

We encourage all families to join in by booking a school meal on this day. It is a lovely way for us to come together to celebrate the food that fuels our learning and to support the school community.

A huge thank you to Michele for opening up her kitchen for this special experience—we can't wait to see who finds the lucky plates!



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## Extracurricular clubs – Spring 1

Our new club timetable is now live and available to book on ParentPay! We have a fantastic variety of activities for all year groups to enjoy. Most clubs run until 4:20pm unless otherwise stated. Please log in to ParentPay for your child's place!

Monday

- All years Gymnastics with LDJ Coaching - £30 for the half term
- FIRST LEGO League Challenge continuing - Until 4.30pm

Tuesday

- All years PiP Drama\* £30 for the half term
- All years Golf with LDJ Coaching\*- £30 for the half term

Wednesday

- All years Quidditch with LDJ Coaching - £30 for the half term
- Street Dance with Kaylie - £30 for the half term
- Year 3 and 4 3.20pm - 4.05pm
- Year 5 and 6 4.15pm - 5pm

Thursday

- All years – Tag Rugby with LDJ Coaching - £30 for the half term

## PE Days – Spring 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4  Year 5 – Crackington	Year 4	Year 3  Year 6	Year 5 – Widemouth  Poppy class	Year 3  Year 5 - both



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## Diary dates

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 trip to St Nectan's Glen – Sign up on ParentPay
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Y3 Local Area Geography Trip Year 4 Plymouth residential parent meeting – 3pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Spring 1
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Start of Spring 2
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Plymouth residential – payments required on ParentPay
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	End of Spring 2
WC 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Carnyorth Residential – sign up on ParentPay by 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Bristol Residential – payments required on ParentPay