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Equity, Evolution, Excellence

*The Five Islands Academy is an all-age, multi-site, Church of England Academy,
serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco.
It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.*

Monday 1st September 2025

Welcome to the New School Year!

Dear Parents and Carers

We're very much looking forward to welcoming your children into their new classes at Five Islands Academy on Tuesday 2nd September. Our dedicated teams, including Teachers, TAs, Sites, IT, and Admin, have been working with care and creativity to ensure a smooth, safe, and joyful start to the new school year.

We hope our FIA pupils are feeling refreshed after a sunny summer and excited about reconnecting with friends, ready for a fantastic year of learning, growth, and discovery.

We are particularly keen this year to develop our partnership working with parents and the wider community in Scilly. Another exciting calendar of opportunities to enrich our children's education and personal development lies ahead, and we would like to involve you as much as possible: for support, advice and helpful feedback.

To begin our year of open communication, we warmly invite you to join us after school on Tuesday 9th September for our *All Aboard 2025–26 Open Doors Afternoon*. All parents and carers are welcome to gather in the Performance Hall at St Mary's Base at 3.30pm, where our new Leadership Team will be speaking both proudly and honestly about the school we love, and sharing our key priorities for school improvement.

This will be a chance to connect, listen, and look forward together. Afterwards, our class teachers and tutor teams will welcome you into your children's classrooms for informal chats about the year to come and to answer any questions you may have. Your children are, of course, warmly invited to join you.

We know that this time may not suit everyone; if you are not able to come, please don't worry - we intend to run a series of parent information and consultation events throughout the year at different times of the day. For this occasion, we will share a Teams link for the presentation for off-island parents, and teachers will be happy to arrange a time to catch up with any immediate questions

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you would like to ask by phone. Off-island teachers will arrange separate opportunities for you to come in and see them. Any key information shared will be emailed out to all parents.

During the first week back, your child's teacher/tutors will write to introduce themselves to you and to share some key dates and information for the year.

Meanwhile, you will find the important information you need for your children's first day back below. We hope this is clear and helpful - please email enquiries@fiveislands.org or telephone us on 01720 424850 from Monday morning if we have missed anything out.

We look forward to working closely with you this year in the spirit of our FIA motto: "All Aboard! Navigating Together".

Yours faithfully

Rachel Lewin, Interim Headteacher

Maddy Hicks, Deputy Head: Head of Primary

Emily Banfield, Senior Assistant Head: Achievement & Standards

Charlotte Jewell, SENCO and Assistant Head: Safeguarding & Inclusion

Jackie Marshall, Assistant Head: Developing Teaching

Tim Garratt, Assistant Head: Behaviour & Aspirations

Key Information for Tuesday 2nd September

Timings of the day

Primary students (Years 1-6) should arrive and go to their classrooms/bases by 8:45am. Ms Nimmo will meet Gigs Class (St Mary's Reception) on the school field at the bottom of the School Reception path. Off Island teachers will contact parents to liaise with them regarding first day arrangements. We have a gentle, values-led 'Learning to Learn' week planned, placing connection, clarity and care at the heart of everything we do.

Secondary students should arrive by 8:40am and line up on the MUGA where they will meet their form tutor. We will have an extended tutor time on the first morning to reconnect with classmates, explore timetables, set up iPads and get ready to dive into rich learning.

As usual, Primary students finish their day at 3:10pm and Secondary at 3:15pm. From Year 3 onwards, pupils are permitted to make their own way home independently.

Uniform, equipment and PE kit

Please check [our website here](#) carefully to make sure that your child arrives back at school in the correct uniform. Teachers and tutors will be reminding pupils to wear their uniform correctly, and we

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greatly appreciate parental support with this. We do understand the challenges of delivery here on the islands, of course. Please email your child's class teacher/tutor directly if there is an item of uniform that you are still waiting for, as they will then let other staff know.

Secondary students must bring a pencil case in their school bag with all the equipment needed for learning, as set out on the [website](#). This is all available to purchase from Sarah Lock in our stationery shop - we even have scientific calculators in stock! If your child is in receipt of the pupil premium and we can help with more expensive items, please contact Sarah on sarahlock@fiveislands.org.

Please see below for the Core PE days for each year group.

We kindly ask that Primary children come to school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE days.

For Secondary students:

- If PE is scheduled in the morning, they should arrive in PE kit and bring their uniform to change into afterwards.
- If PE takes place in the afternoon, they should come to school in uniform and may go home in their PE kit.

Year Group	PE Days	
St Agnes	Friday Morning R/Y1/Y2	Friday Collaboration Y3/4/5/6
Tresco/Bryher	Friday Morning R/Y1/Y2	Friday Collaboration Y3/4/5/6
St Martins	Friday Morning R/Y1/Y2	Friday Collaboration Y3/4/5/6
Reception*	Tuesday Afternoon	Friday Morning (inc off islands)
Year 1	Wednesday Afternoon	Friday Morning (inc off islands)
Year 2	Wednesday Afternoon	Friday Morning (inc off islands)
Year 3	Monday Morning	Friday Collaboration
Year 4	Monday Morning	Friday Collaboration
Year 5	Monday Afternoon	Friday Collaboration
Year 6	Monday Afternoon	Friday Collaboration
Year 7	Tuesday Morning	Thursday Afternoon (Week B)
Year 8	Monday Afternoon (Week A)	Wednesday Morning
Year 9	Thursday Morning (Week A) Monday Afternoon (Week B)	Wednesday Morning
Year 10	Thursday Registration & Thursday Morning	
Year 11	Thursday Registration & Thursday Morning	

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