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Equity, Excellence, Evolution

*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 Treasco.
It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.*

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Welcome to the Spring Term In Hovercrafts!

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the break and we hope you all had a restful, fun-filled Christmas. The children have settled back in well and we are excited for a fresh term and plenty of learning ahead. Here is some information about this term:

Curriculum

This term we will keep building strong routines in Maths and English while moving into our new topics. In Maths we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division and then tackling Fractions while keeping up our big focus on times tables. Any practice at home makes a real difference.

In English we will start with a non-fiction unit on 'Africa, Amazing Africa' which we will follow with our narrative unit on 'Starbird' before moving into some poetry. In Spring 2, we will focus on 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' which is an exciting tale, full of rich historical content.

In Science our topic is rocks and fossils which always sparks lots of curiosity. In Geography we will explore maps and globes, looking at co-ordinates and lines of longitude and latitude. In History we will travel from the Bronze Age into the Iron Age to discover how life in Britain changed over time. We hope to be able to visit an Iron Age settlement here and will send more information about this at the time.

Forest School

Y3 will still have Forest School on Tuesday afternoons and Y4 on Thursday afternoons. Please make sure children have suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

All aboard! Navigating together

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PE

PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. Children with long hair need a hair band to tie it back. Stud earrings should be left at home or stored safely in a small box or envelope during lessons. Please make sure all PE kit items are named.

Reading

We will be re-checking reading levels over the next week or so and giving out new books where needed. Thank you for everything you do to support reading at home. We know how busy home life is and your efforts really do have an impact on your child's progress.

If any parents would like to come in to hear readers please let me know. We can arrange a free DBS check for anyone who would like to help.

Our door is always open

Please get in touch by phone, email or Seesaw or arrange a chat before or after school if you have any questions. Weekly newsletters will also share key updates.

Thank you again for your support. We are looking forward to lots of fun and learning this term.

Yours faithfully

Jackie Marshall

Armored, Mrs Duffy, Tana, Nicky and Layan

Hovercrafts Team