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*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 5th January 2026

Welcome to the Spring Term on St Agnes Base!

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 new term with plenty of learning ahead. Here is some information about this term:

Curriculum

This term we will continue with our fantastic Phonics. The children are making outstanding progress and Reception will continue to learn Set 2, and then start learning Set 3, sounds. In addition to this, we will continue our Drawing club lessons where we are sharing a range of books, learning sign language and further developing our Phonics and mark making skills.

In Maths, Reception will be focusing on learning numbers 6 to 10. This slow progression through the numbers, really helps to develop a secure understanding of number which is essential for future Maths success. In addition to this, they will be learning about measure and 3D shapes. Year 2 will also be looking at measure, as well as money and multiplication and division.

In Science we will be learning more about animals in particular thinking about life cycles. After half term, we will be learning about plants and we will expand the growing that we are doing in our school garden.

In Spring 1, our overarching topic for Geography will be Our Wonderful World with the focus question: What are the Wonders of Our World? We will be looking at the different wonders of the world and deciding what we think makes something a 'wonder'.

All aboard! Navigating together

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In Spring 2, our overarching topic for History will be How has photography changed over the years? We will be looking at the history of photography and linking this to the history of St Agnes.

The week before half term will be Project Week. Our activities will all have a focus on Volunteering. If you have any ideas, please let us know. More information to follow about this closer to the time.

Collaboration Fridays

Collaboration Fridays will continue this term with boating timings being **8.30am** returning on a **3.45pm** boat unless you hear otherwise.

What children need on the day:

- Please send children in their PE kits and trainers.
- Ensure all belongings are clearly named, especially:
 - Water bottles
 - Lunch boxes
 - Coats
 - Life jackets for the boat

PE

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Fridays. Children with long hair need a hair band to tie it back.

Reading

Thank you for your continued support with listening to your children read at home. They are doing amazingly with their phonics and their fantastic home reading is helping them to embed these phonics skills.

Our door is always open

Just a reminder that our door is always open. Please get in touch by phone, email, 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

Tamaryn Legg, Emily Sladen, Emma Stewart and Maddy Hicks

The St Agnes Base Team