



# Full Circle

## The Weekly Newsletter of St Bees School

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### Healthy and Happy

There is much discussion these days of the importance of a 'healthy lifestyle', and this is something which we really value at St Bees School. We take every opportunity to move learning out of the classroom and into the open air, as evidenced by our commitment to

Outdoor Education: the proximity of the coast, lakes, and mountains, as well as our own fantastic grounds, gives us a wealth of opportunities to develop pupils' experiences, and the pupils are determined to make the most of what is on offer. They seem to love the food served in the

Dining Room, and it keeps them going through the busy day.... and especially when they have fitness training in the afternoon! Best of all, the children are happy – what could be healthier than that?

**Gareth Seddon,  
Headmaster**

**Important dates:**

**St Bees School Half Term:**  
22nd October - 2nd November

**Autumnfest:** 22nd October - 26th October

**Assessment day:** 25th October

**Open day** - 24th November

## Meet the Commercial Manager - Ann Stott



**Ann (centre) with St Bees School pupils**

**Tell us a little bit about your role as the School's 'Commercial Manager'.**

My role is quite varied. I am responsible for organising and managing events such as Summerfest, Autumnfest and Fashion Shows. I manage the swimming pool where I am a swimming teacher, I am a school first aider as well.

**What facilities does the School have?**

We have a brilliant setting as a school. The School has its own swimming pool, cricket pitch, rugby pitches, tennis courts and squash courts (among others!). We are also in the unique position of having the world's most

northerly Eton Fives courts. I think my favourite areas are the swimming pool and the gym, they are great spaces.

**We are in a great position to offer swimming at our pool as part of the curriculum. Are the children enjoying swimming?**

They love swimming. All of the children will complete their bronze medals and a handful will go on to complete their silvers this year. Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise, it is a good all round work out of muscles and lung capacity, it is also good for rehabilitation of injury. Not many schools have the opportunity to teach in their own pool, so we are incredibly lucky.



**How are you finding life at here at St Bees?**

I love St Bees, I am a fan of life in a village. The close proximity to the beach is an obvious positive as well! In terms of the School, the area is fantastic and it is great to be able to open up the facilities to the pupils and the wider community.

**What has been the most rewarding aspect of your role to date?**

When I started my role here a year ago we had 150 swimmers at the pool, we now have 315 people swimming with us and it is brilliant to see so many people enjoy the facilities. We have also increased the number of schools swimming with us from 6 to 11. Another rewarding aspect was the success of Summerfest. Over the 3 weeks the event was held 118 children attended, ultimately leading to the development of our new event in October,

'Autumnfest'. We also managed to raise over £330 in our recent Macmillan coffee morning, which is a great achievement!

**Is there anything coming up at the School that you would like to share?**

We have Autumnfest coming up in half term, running from 22nd - 26th of October. As a school we have also decided to get involved in the Shoebox appeal from November 1st - 18th. Our drop off point will be at the main reception in Foundation Building. If anyone would like more information about or if you want to get involved with the Shoebox Appeal we'd love to hear from you!

We are now on 'School Hire' website as well. This is great, people can see our facilities and access an online booking system. In January we will also have an online booking system for swimming lessons and other events.

