



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



26TH JUNE 2026

Year 5 have had a great enrichment week! They have had a first aid workshop from St John's Ambulance, a visit from Cornwall Marine Academy where they did a boat building and engineering workshop and a great day at Fowey River Academy, taking part in sports and science sessions.



Year 6 Camp Week:

What an incredible week the children have had at Porthpean Outdoor Centre! Not only have the children taken part in some amazing activities – high ropes, archery, laser tag, axe throwing, problem solving, water discos, swim safe training, rockpooling, wave jumping, bushcraft, fire lighting, climbing, caving....—they have also built some very special bonds and made some incredible memories to last a lifetime. The week was finished with a spectacular lightning show—a true marvel of nature!

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Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	94.76%	95.87%
LG2	90.95%	95.73%
Crinnis	95%	95.74%
Booley	96%	96.41%
Polmear	96.9%	94.95%
Polkerris	93.79%	94.65%
Silvermines	92%	96.16%
Gribbin	94.44%	93.53%
Carnjewey	98.33%	96.14%
Duporth	94.64%	93.57%
Menabilly	97.86%	96%

New date announced!!

Tuesday 14th July

Diary

June:

- 29th Y5/6 Trip to Eden
- 30th Y6 Bikeability begins
- 30th EYFS Sports Day (9.30am)
- 30th KS1 Sports Day (1.30pm)

July:

- 1st Y2 Beach Trip
- 2nd Y6 Fowey transition
- 3rd Y1 Beach Trip
- 3rd Summer Fayre (pm)
- 6th Taiko Team—Hall for Cornwall
- 7th Y6 Poltair/Penrice transition
- 7th EYFS Sports Day RESERVE
- 8th Y6 Careers Day
- 8th Family Support Worker Drop In
- 9th Summer Disco
(EYFS/KS1 4.15-5,
KS2 5.15-6 +Y6 only 6-6.30)
- 10th EYFS Graduation

Dates

July:

- 13th Meet the Teacher for Y5 + Y6
(at 3.20pm)
- 14th Meet the Teacher for Y1 + Y2
(at 3.20pm)
- 14th Triathlon
- 15th Meet the Teacher for Y3 + 4
(at 3.20pm)
- 15th KS2 Sports Day
(Y3/4 9.30am and Y5/6 1.30pm)
- 16-17th Y4 Camp
- 22nd Y6 Production (1.30pm)
- 23rd Y6 Production (1.30pm)
- 24th Last day of term

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Extraordinary Explorers

FREE summer fun for your child, plus a swim voucher & rewards!

Dear Parent/Carer,

Looking for something fun, free and rewarding to keep your child engaged this summer? 'Yes' we hear you cry!

Join the Cornwall Reading Challenge 2026!

WAIT! Don't stop reading because we said Reading Challenge, we promise it's worth reading on...

From Saturday 11 July, children of all ages can sign up at their local library and start an exciting summer adventure with books.

Why sign up? Because it's packed with rewards...



- FREE to join
- FREE swim voucher just for signing up
- Collect stickers and rewards along the way
- Children can read about the things they love in a way that works for them.
- Earn a certificate and medal for completing the challenge
- Finishers receive a Treasure Trail worth £9.99!

Choose your challenge

- Reading Quest – read 6 books and unlock rewards
- One and All Challenge – an accessible challenge. It's our flexible option so every child can take part and succeed.

And more than just reading...

- Build confidence and keep reading skills strong over summer
- Discover new books, authors and ideas
- Take part in FREE library activities all summer long

To get started simply visit your local library from 11 July to sign up.

Don't miss out – thousands of Cornwall children took part last year. Let's make this summer even bigger!

It's fun. It's free. And there's a reward waiting from day one.

See you there. [The Cornwall Libraries Team.](#)



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Mental Health Support Team Wild Wellbeing



This summer please join MHST and other partners for a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.**

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book **EACH** child on to a session

The sessions will last approx. 2 hours and sign up will close one week before the event, or when sessions are full.

Locations and dates

All sessions begin at 10am

Tuesday 28 July - **Trengwainton Gardens**

Tuesday 28 July - **Golitha Falls**

Thursday 30 July - **The Core, St Ives Orchard**

Monday 3 August - **Tehidy Woods**

Tuesday 4 August - **Penrose Estate**

Wednesday 5 August - **Lanhydrock**

Wednesday 12 August - **Kennack Sands**

Thursday 13 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**

Tuesday 18 August - **Lanhydrock**

Wednesday 19 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**

Monday 24 August - **Tehidy Woods**

Tuesday 25 August - **Trengwainton Gardens**

Tuesday 25 August - **Dipping Pond**

To book a place please complete the online form or scan the QR code to sign up



<https://forms.office.com/e/XSQpOXRw5a>

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Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

What are the changes?

There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.

There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid within 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

Please see FAQs below with more information about how the new rules may affect you.

FAQs

If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards?

No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate?

Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

Who can be issued with a penalty notice?

Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school.

In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?

No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time?

You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued?

No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it?

Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?

Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.