The Tywardreath School Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers

13th November 2026



What a fantastic evening! A huge thank you to our wonderful PSA and volunteers, who have put in so much work behind the scenes to make our Fireworks such a successful event. Another huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend and help raise valuable funds for our children.







Across the school this week, the children have reflected upon the importance of Remembrance Day, honouring those who have served and sacrificed for us. The children showed exceptional respect whilst listening to the significance of remembrance during our Remembrance Assembly and during the two-minute silence. Thank you for your kind donations to the Poppy Appeal. Here is some of the lovely work produced by the children:



















Visit from Tom Palmer



To help mark the occasion of Remembrance Day, we have had a visit from author Tom Palmer. Tom has written and published 75 books, including many historical novels set during World War 2. It was a fantastic morning and we are all feeling very inspired! The children are very keen to read more of his books, so we will be stocking up the library and classroom reading areas. He talked to us about where he gets his inspiration from and the importance of researching his books to make sure they are historically accurate, as well as answering lots of questions!
Thank you Tom, for such a brilliant, inspiring morning.

BREAK THE SILENCE
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Starts with
ODD SOCKS DAY 2026
Monday 16 November

On Monday 16th November, we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school with their school uniform!





On Friday 20th November, we will be celebrating Children In Need. Children are invited to come into school wearing something spotty or non-uniform. Please send in a donation, if you are able to.

Thank you.

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Apologies for the technical issues earlier in the week when trying to book Parent's Evening slots. If you are still unable to book, please contact the office. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing your children's progress and achievements.
Please note: There will be NO Taiko drumming after school next Thursday.

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ATTENDANCE

	This week	Year to Date
LG	97.67%	98.02%
Crinnis	96%	95%
Booley	97.45%	97.33%
Polmear	97.54%	96.11%
Polkerris	98%	98%
Silvermines	98.52%	95.88%
Gribbin	98.90%	94.58%
Carnjewey	98%	95.65%
Duporth	96.67%	95.54%
Menabilly	99.00%	96.49%

HARLEQUIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo QR codes have now been sent home. The order deadline for free delivery back to school is Monday 23rd November.

Print orders placed after the date above will be direct ship only and subject to postage costs.



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Diary Dates

November:

16th Anti-Bullying Week (odd sock day)
18th Parent Consultations
19th Parent Consultations
20th Children In Need (wear something spotty)
26th Glitter and Glow Disco
EYFS/KS1 4.15-5 KS2 5.15-6
27th Non-uniform - Rainbow Tombola

December:

2nd Cross Country @ Par Track
9th Christmas Lunch
10th EYFS Christmas Event (9.30am)
11th Christmas Fayre
16th KS2 Carol Concert - St Andrews Church 10am
KS1 Christmas Sing Along 2.15pm
17th KS2 Carol Concert - St Andrews Church 10am
KS1 Christmas Sing Along 2.15pm
18th Last day of term

2027

January:

4th INSET Day (school closed for children)

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PSA EVENTS CALENDAR

Fun events ♥ Great community ♥ Supporting our school



Fireworks
Saturday 7th November 2026

Glitter & Glow Disco
Thursday 26th November 2026



Rainbow Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27th November 2026

Christmas Fayre
Friday 11th December 2026



St Piran's Disco
Thursday 25th February 2027

Mother's Day Shop
Friday 5th March 2027

Triathlon
Date to be confirmed

Father's Day Shop
Friday 18th June 2027



Summer Fayre
Friday 2nd July 2027

Summer Disco
Thursday 8th July 2027

♥ Together we make a difference ♥

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SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2026
10AM - 3.30PM

Santa ON THE Sand



£7 per child

Includes
- Visit Santa's Grotto
- Small Gift
- Marshmallow Toasting
- Photo opportunities

Polkerris Beach PL24 2TL

Also Available

Prize Draw
Christmas Games and Activities
Food and Drink
(Not included in the price)

events@polkerrisscouts.org

Scan the QR code below to Book

Supported by

The Rashleigh Inn · Sams on the Beach · Scouts Polkerris

All money raised will help support Polkerris Scout Group

KERNOW KIDZ YOUTH CLUB

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME
8-12 YEARS

Mondays 4:30pm-6:00pm
term time

Activities, crafts, games, cooking and lots of fun with support form trained youth workers.

Kernow Youth CIC
St.Blazey Family Hub,
Station Road,
St.Blazey,
PL242ND.

For more information Email:
lisa@kernow-youth.co.uk

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Supported by BBC Children in Need

KERNOW YOUTH



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.

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