



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 21ST MARCH 2025



**A reminder that EYFS and KS1 will start week from next Monday!**

Please remember:

Swimwear (one piece for girls), swimming hat and towel (goggles if needed).

Please pay for your child's swimming lessons using ParentPay.

Only **£15** for the Summer Term.

<b>Monday</b>	Little Gerrans, Polmear, Duporth
<b>Tuesday</b>	Crinnis
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gribbin
<b>Thursday</b>	Menabilly, Carnjewey
<b>Friday</b>	Polkerris, Booley, Silvermines



Our Lego league team who have been working alongside Mrs Squire and Mrs Barnes - Tywardreath Tinkers - were lucky to be visited by George Slater (Education Projects Manager) to see the girls robot in action as well as their marvellous presentation project "short shouted seahorse sanctuary". The girls were a credit to the school, showing fantastic coding , teamwork and resilience.



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Truro and Penwith  
**Academy Trust**





Thank you to everyone who entered the British Science Week competition! There were so many fantastic entries which made it very difficult to choose the winners!



Well done to Matilda (Y5/6 winner), Amelia (Y3/4 winner) and Oscar (KS1) winner!



Well done to the runners up:

Tom and Zak, George and Jowan, Lottie, Evan, Olivia H, Lorna, Esme, Melodie Harvey R, Finn W, Theo H, Scarlett, Tegan, Jasper, Indy, Autumn and Eva P

Respect



Compassion



Resilience



**SPORTS REPORT**



Our amazing semi finalists! On Wednesday afternoon, 15 of our cross country team competed in the cross country semi-finals at Poltair School. The Tywardreath school values of ambition, resilience and community were on display as our children completed the tough races with determination and supported each other with enthusiasm and kindness. Huge congratulations to all the children and we wish Isla, Sonny, Ellen, Betsy and Georgia good luck in the County Finals next week -what an achievement!



Thank you for your donations to Comic Relief. We'll count up and share the total with you next week!



Well done to the following children for winning the joke competition!

EYFS—Teddy "What do you call a bear with no teeth? *A gummy bear*"

KS1—Roux "What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back? *A stick!*"

KS2—Vince "What did one hat say to the other hat? *I'll go on a-head!*"

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The parking outside school, particularly during drop off in the mornings is becoming extremely dangerous.

Please **DO NOT** drop your child off opposite the school.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe and being respectful of our local community.



# COME AND HAVE A BLOW



Here is some more information from Mrs Brock, following on from her wonderful demonstration last week.

## TASTER SESSION

Come and meet the Band  
Refreshments available

## WHEN

**Saturday March 29th, 2025  
11am to 2pm**

## WHERE

**The Earl of Chatham, Lostwithiel**

## LESSONS COMMENCING

**Thursday 24th April 2025  
The Social Club, Fore Street  
Lostwithiel**

[hello@lostwithieltownband.org](mailto:hello@lostwithieltownband.org)

[www.lostwithieltownband.org](http://www.lostwithieltownband.org)

**ALL AGES FROM  
7 YEARS AND  
UPWARDS**

**RAW BEGINNERS**  
FULLY FUNDED PLACES  
VARIETY OF BRASS  
INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED

**RETURNING  
PLAYERS**  
Refresher and confidence builder sessions available  
Instruments provided

LOSTWITHIEL TOWN  
TRAINING BAND IS  
RECRUITING!

IF YOU ARE A RETURNING  
PLAYER LOOKING FOR A  
HOME THEN WHY NOT  
JOIN US ON MONDAY  
EVENINGS, LOSTWITHIEL  
COMMUNITY CENTRE







## SUNBEAMS:

Forms have been sent home today to book for next half term. Please return the forms by the end of next week. Thank you.

### Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	95.5%	95.7%
LG2	97.0%	95.9%
Crinnis	94.8%	95.6%
Booley	96.2%	94.1%
Polmear	97.0%	94.5%
Polkerris	100%	94.3%
Silvermines	92.9%	92.9%
Gribbin	92.6%	94.1%
Carnjewey	95.9%	97.0%
Duporth	90.9%	95.2%
Menabilly	100%	96.2%

### Y6 Camp—

Please complete the 'Pre-Arrival' form as soon as possible using the link on Class Dojo.

Thank you

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### Diary

#### March

26th Parent Consultations  
27th Parent Consultations  
27th World Book Day  
28th PSA Mother's Day Shop

#### April

5th Easter Holiday Starts  
22nd Return to School

### Dates

#### May

5th Bank Holiday  
12th Y6 SATs Week  
16th Y6 Camp final payment due  
24th Half Term Holiday Starts

#### June

2nd INSET DAY (School Closed)  
3rd Return to School  
9th-13th Y6 Camp

#### July

24th Summer Holiday Starts

Please note INSET DAY  
24th November 2025  
has been changed to  
26th January 2026.

**Cornwall Wildlife Trust**

**NHS**  
Cornwall Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

Open to parents/carers and their primary school aged children in Cornwall

**Don't forget to sign up to the Mental Health Support Team free Wild Wellbeing sessions being held over the Easter holidays at various locations**

To request a place, please complete the online form via the link below or use the QR code attached  
<https://forms.office.com/e/1cVmDjXF5E>

## Family Worker Drop In

Tywardreath School

These sessions will be run by Ruby Waterfield Restormel Early Help Team Family Worker

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviors?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running a drop-in session on:  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 13:30-15:00.

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

**For more information please contact:**

Email: [Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: 01872 324929



Together for Families

[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

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Community



Curiosity



Ambition

## 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.***