



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



5TH DECEMBER 2025

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

EYFS Nativity:

Thursday 11th December at 9.30am.

Tickets are available from the main school office and are limited to 3 per child to begin. Any tickets that are unsold by Tuesday will then be offered to those wishing to acquire additional tickets. We will be asking for donations on the day and hope to raise enough money to buy a new shed for forest school!



KS1 would like to invite you to their Sing and Sign

Christmas celebration. Tickets will be limited to 2 per child and can be collected from the school office. We kindly ask for a small donation on the day.



Dates:

Monday 15th December 1.30pm

Tuesday 16th December 9.30am

KS2 Carol Concert:

Please choose which day you would prefer and let your child's class teacher know which day you will be attending.. For the performances, the children may wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform, if they wish.

Dates:

Wednesday 17th December 1.30 pm

Thursday 18th December 1.30 pm

Due to capacity at the church, please can we kindly ask that two adults per child attend.



Next week will be the last week of after school clubs before we finish for Christmas. There will be no clubs the week starting 15th December. After school clubs will resume on the week beginning Monday 12th January. Thank you.



Next week is our Christmas Fayre!

You can pick your child up from their classroom from 2pm. We will also be offering a quiet session from 1.45. There will be stalls in the hall as well as various classrooms around the school. Children have been very busy making some wonderful things to sell! We look forward to seeing you there!



SUNBEAMS:

Please check bookbags for Sunbeams booking forms for January and return to the school office.

Thank you!



Diary

December:

- 10th Christmas Lunch
- 11th EYFS Nativity (9.30am)
- 12th Family Worker Drop In
- 12th Christmas Fayre (2pm)
- 15th KS1 Sing and Sign (1.30pm)
- 15th EYFS Christmas Party
- 16th KS1 Sing and Sign (9.30am)
- 17th KS1 Christmas Party
- 17th KS2 Carol Service (1.30pm)
St. Andrew's Church
- 18th KS2 Carol Service (1.30pm)
St. Andrew's Church
- 19th Last day of term

Dates

- 2026 January:
 - 5th Children back to school
 - 26th INSET Day
- February:
 - 13th Last day of half term
 - 23rd Children back to school
- April:
 - 2nd Last day of term
 - 20th Children back to school
- May:
 - 22nd Last day of half term
- June:
 - 1st Children back to school
 - 19th INSET Day
 - 22nd Y6 Camp Week
- July:
 - 24th Last day of term

Respect



Compassion



Resilience



Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	98.68%	94.91%
LG2	97.5%	95.55%
Crinnis	96.67%	97.49%
Booley	98.4%	96.22%
Polmear	92.0%	94.94%
Polkerris	97.59%	95.82%
Silvermines	96.55%	96.61%
Gribbin	98.21%	93.85%
Carnjewey	98.39%	96.01%
Duporth	97.24%	93.8%
Menabilly	96.9%	95.85%



Together for Families

Starting school September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022



The deadline for applications is 15 January 2026

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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Did you know that parents can access [Blackbird Pie](#) magazine for free on BorrowBox using their library card?

If the printed copy is lost, crumpled at the bottom of a school bag, or simply never made it home, it's quick and easy to read the magazine on any personal device.

BorrowBox is completely free to use with a Cornwall Libraries membership and offers instant access to *Blackbird Pie* along with a wide range of children's eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines—perfect for days when families need inspiration for things to do.

If parents aren't already members, they can [sign up for FREE online](#) in minutes or pop into any Cornwall Library.

THE FIRST CULTURAL CENSUS OF PAR, ST BLAZEY & TYWARDREATH

With support from a Get Involved Award from the University of Plymouth, The Creation Works / Hwel An Gwrians is undertaking research that will inform how the organisation works in the future.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We'd like to hear what you think about what there is to do, see and take part in, here in the Par Bay Area. We'd like to know what you would like to see happening here in the future.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code or fill the survey online:
<https://forms.office.com/e/zdizszSadW>



You can also choose to take part in a case-study interview to help us even further. Simply opt-in to an interview when completing the survey.

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Academy Trust



Community



Curiosity



Ambition



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NHS

Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Please join us for our 5
week online

Parenting Intervention

- * Each session will take place online, weekly, beginning **Monday 5 January 2026** (10am or 6pm) with MHST practitioners.
- * The sessions are designed to give parents and carers a greater insight into their child's needs and how they can support them
- * Please sign up via the online form here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/nHpNgKgBhH>
or scan the QR code



Sign up closes 29/12/2025 at 5pm



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Parent Led CBT Intervention

- * Each session will take place online, weekly, beginning **Monday 5 January 2026** (10am or 6pm) with MHST practitioners.
- * Parent-led cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) is a brief psychological intervention in which parents and carers are supported in applying CBT principles in their child's day-to-day life.
- * Please sign up via the online form here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/qWsPTfwXC3>
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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.