The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers

13TH MARCH 2026

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2026

What a fantastic week the children have had! Lots of curious questions have been asked and the children have been finding out answers to some brilliant questions. Each year group has joined in with an interactive, virtual talk with the STEM Hub including To the Moon and Mars, Lunch-Bot Coding Adventure and Curiosity: What's Your Question? Y5 and 6 also took part in an online chat with a variety of scientists from different fields. They were thrilled to receive responses from some incredible scientists!

How could we get off a mountain?

Does water travel from the root all the way around the flower?

How can we build a rocket?

What is the best shape for an aero-dynamic paper aeroplane?

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Ambition

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

Can I program a healthy lunch bot?

What questions can we ask about our oceans?

How can you fill a glove with air?

How magic is milk?

Arbor

Thank you so much for your patience with the new booking system for Parent Consultations. We really appreciate it!

If you have not set the app up yet and need support booking your slot, or if you have any questions, please get in touch with the Office.

Thank you.

Will, from DT Coaching, visited last week to deliver some training to our Year 5 and 6 play leaders. The children learnt some new games and made some up of their own. They will be out at lunchtimes running these games for the other children to join in. Will commented on the amazing behaviour and attitudes of the children.

Football:

Y3 and 4

There was some great passing especially at the end. We took some good shots but were unlucky because their goalie saved them. Arthur took a ball to the head but recovered well. By Jay

Final score: Lostwithiel 2 —Tywardreath 0

Y5 and 6

On Tuesday, we played against Lostwithiel. We were well matched and scored a skilled goal at the end (scored by Sonny). Their team showed good sportsmanship.

By Sonny and Harry T

Final score: Tywardreath 1—Lostwithiel 0

Netball:

On Tuesday, we played against Lostwithiel. They were new to the game but still played really well. We had lots of new players who played for the first time. They played really well too. It was a great game with lots of goals scored.

By Jax

Final score:

Tywardreath 14—Lostwithiel 10

Football Tournament:

On Thursday, our Y5 and 6 football team took part in a football tournament at Brannel School. The teams were: Liskeard, Lanivet, St. Dennis, Nanpean and Roche. We came third. We were undefeated—we won 4 games and drew 2. Passing was really good between the team. We all had a great time!

By Harry T and Sonny

Cross-Country

On Wednesday, some of our cross-country runners attended the end of season presentation ceremony to accept their well-deserved certificates, medals and trophies!

By Betsy

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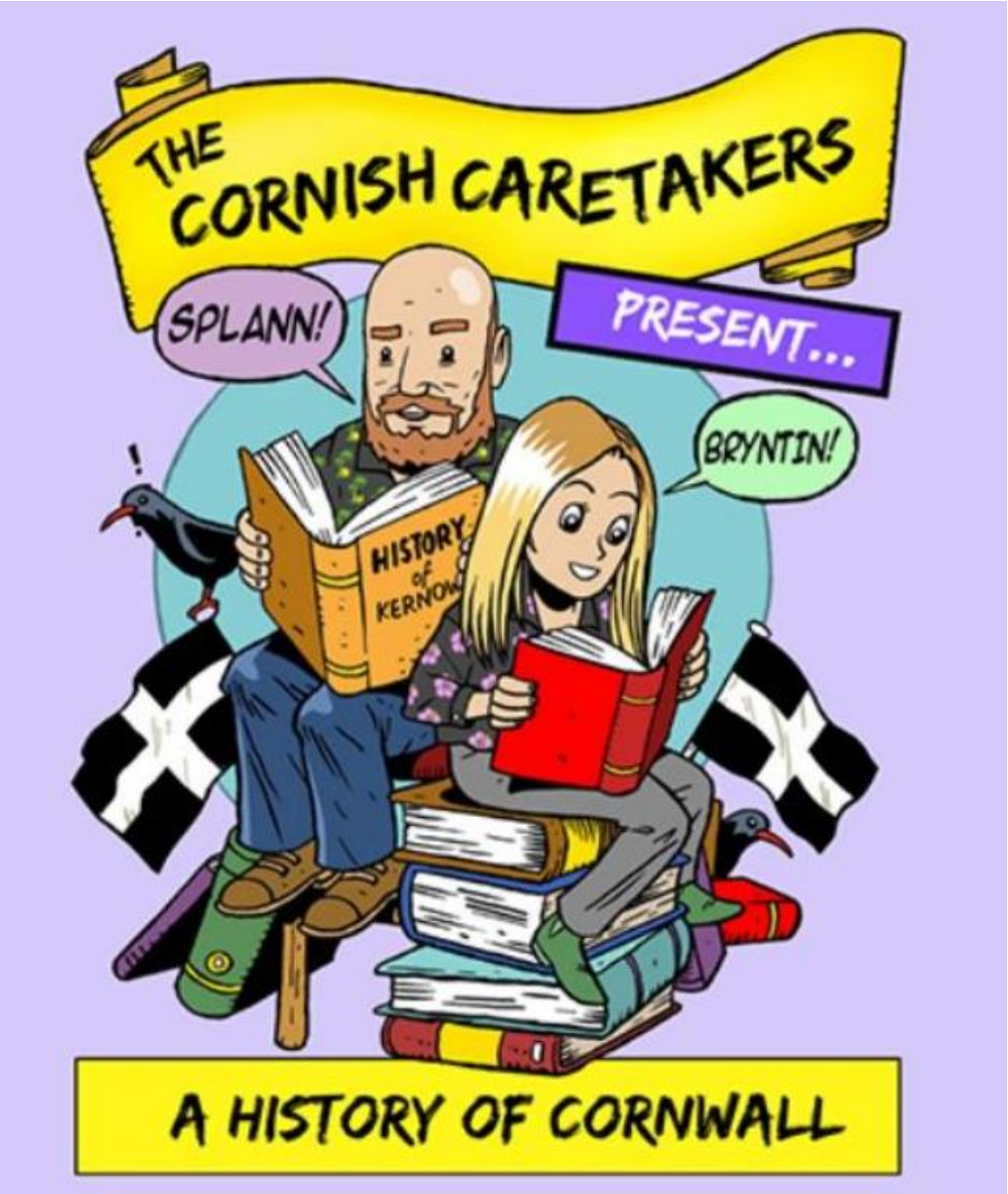
Cornish Caretakers: 18th March

A KS2 Cornish history and heritage show bringing to life some of Cornwall's History, including the National Bird of Cornwall a nd the Cornish hedgerow! Funny and educational!

Performed by Edward Rowe (aka Kernow King) and Emily Harrison.

Funded by our PSA.



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Diary Dates

March:

18th Cornish Caretaker Event for KS2
25th Parent Consultations
26th Parent Consultations
31st Y5/6 Parent Drop In (2.20pm)

April:

2nd Y1/2 Parent Drop In (2.30pm)
2nd Last day of term
20th Children back to school

May:

1st Non-Uniform—donations for rainbow tombola
5th Class and Team photos
11th Y6 SATs Week
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

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Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	95.24%	95.65%
LG2	94.76%	95.85%
Crinnis	87.86%	95.96%
Booley	95.6%	96.17%
Polmear	90.0%	94.49%
Polkerris	95.17%	94.55%
Silvermines	94.83%	96.46%
Gribbin	87.86%	93.77%
Carnjewey	98.75%	96.02%
Duporth	91.72%	93.73%
Menabilly	99.31%	95.98%

Family Worker Drop In

Tywardreath Academy

These sessions will be run by Jackie Chillingworth Senior 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 with no appointment necessary on:

Thursday 2nd April 14:00-15:30

If you would like to make an appointment, please speak with Reception.

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
Call: 01872 324929

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LONDON MARATHON
CHARITY CONCERT
ALL PROCEEDS TO BE SHARED BETWEEN
BRISTOL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
TEENAGE CANCER TRUST
& ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITAL TRUST
featuring
CHAMPAGNE CORNWALL CHORUS
MEVAGISSEY MALE CHOIR
AND SPECIAL GUEST
HARRY GLASSON
AT TYWARDREATH CHURCH 7.00pm
SATURDAY MARCH 28th 2026
Tickets available from
www.ticketsource.co.uk

Tywardreath Pre-School Playgroup
Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 5th April
10am - 12 noon
The New Inn, Tywardreath
£3 per child
Bacon Baps and Refreshments on sale
Craft Table
Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos £3 each
FREE Easter Bonnet Competition
Raffle
Tombola
See you there!
Charity No: 1029667

NATURAL ENGLAND
National Trust
Cornwall Wildlife Trust
NHS
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
MHST
Wild Wellbeing
MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Wild Wellbeing session in 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
EXTRA SITES!!!
ALERT!
Each session will last approx. 2 hours
Locations and dates:
07 April - Golitha Falls
07 April - The Gardeners House, Penzance
07 April - Lanhydrock House
14 & 15 April - Penrose Estate
16 April - St Ives Community Orchard
16 April - Tehidy Woods
To request a place, complete the online form https://forms.office.com/e/CdbKBnMH0q
Scan to sign up
All sessions will begin at 10am. Please wear weather appropriate clothing!
Please be aware that spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you cannot attend after being allocated a place, inform us so we can give your spot to someone else.
Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

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.