The Tywardreath School Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers

16th October 2026

World Mental Health Day

A great reminder of the importance of looking after our mental health. The children took part in lots of activities, including yoga, mindful affirmation colouring, makng breathing sticks and dreamcatchers, as well as creating 'recharge routines'.

















🎟️ FIREWORKS TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/tywardreath-school-fireworks-display

🗓️ Sat 7th Nov – gates open at 5.30/ Display starts at 7pm

🍔 BBQ, Vegan Chilli & Popcorn

☕ Hot & cold drinks

🎶 DJ on the night

🛋️ 100% of money raised goes back to the school!

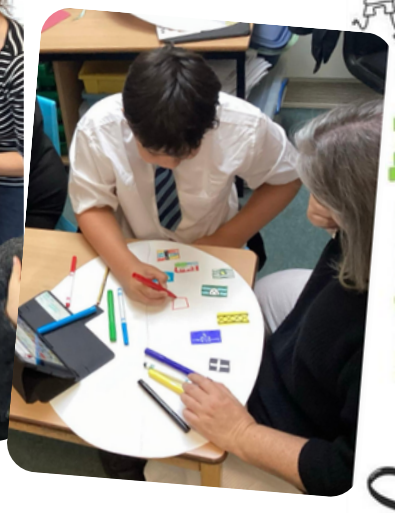
This year we've gone for 100% digital tickets, similar to Justgiving. You can make a donation to the platform to allow Zeffy to keep offering this software free to charities. Please check you have changed to 0% if you don't want to do this! ✔️

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It has been lovely to welcome so many of you in this week to share activities with your children during our Parent Drop Ins. Autumn crafts, bridge building, fossil hunting, body labelling, Roman headress and Viking shield making - what fun!





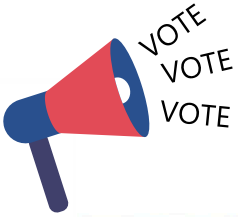






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Well done to our newly elected School Parliament members!

KS1: Teddy, Elsie, Marlow

KS2: Rudy, Lucas, Eli, Rosie, Oscar, Rosie, Autumn, Lerryn, Elodie, Poppy

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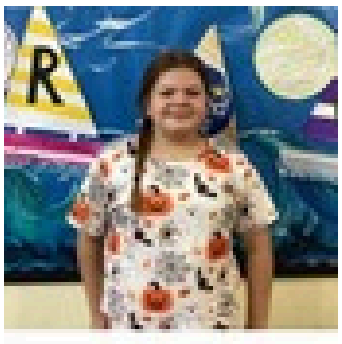
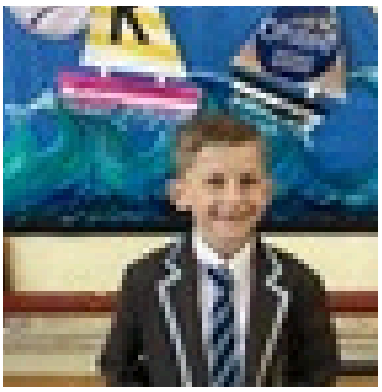
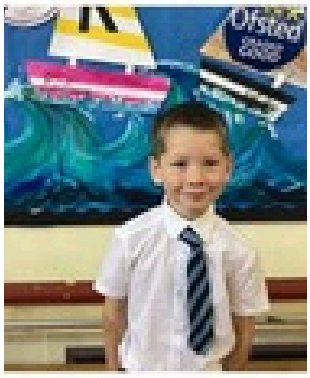
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ATTENDANCE

	This week	Year to Date
LG	97.10%	98.26%
Crinnis	89%	96%
Booley	92.70%	98.09%
Polmear	94.00%	95.92%
Polkerris	98%	98%
Silvermines	96.80%	95.15%
Gribbin	93.00%	94.91%
Carnjewey	96%	95.98%
Duporth	90.40%	96.13%
Menabilly	95.70%	96.77%



Christmas Card design proofs have now been sent home. You can order online using the link on the card. Proceeds will go to the PSA!

School lunches for after half term are now available to book using ParentPay. The deadline is midnight on Thursday 29th October. Thank you



Diary

October:

16th Last day of half term

November:

2nd Children back to school

7th Fireworks

11th Cross Country @ Par Track

18th Parent Consultations

19th Parent Consultations

26th Glitter and Glow Disco
EYFS/KS1 4.15-5 KS2 5.15-6

27th Non-uniform - Rainbow Tombola

Dates

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

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January:

4th INSET Day (school closed for children)

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Please join us for our five week

Parent Led CBT Intervention

- Is your child struggling with worries or anxiety? MHST is offering a Parent-Led CBT programme, providing parents and carers with practical strategies to help their child manage anxiety.

- Sessions start on Monday 9 November, and will be each week on 16, 23, 30 Nov, 7 & 14 December please choose a session time (9.30-11.00am or 4pm - 5.30pm) when you sign up. You will be signed up to the same session time each week

Register your interest by completing the link below or scan the QR code:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/A4sus4rfFJ

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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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BOOKINGS ARE NOW LIVE FOR OUR OCTOBER HALF TERM TIME2MOVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME! PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK ON: HTTPS://WWW.ACTIVECORNWALL.ORG/PARENTS-AND-CARERS/



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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