



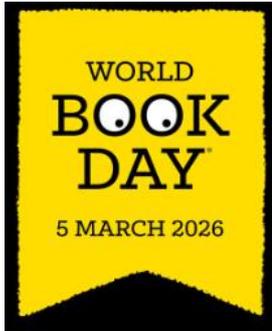
The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



6TH MARCH 2026



What a fantastic day we all had! There was a huge range of vocabulary throughout the school and some brilliant costumes! Thank you for all the thought and effort! The children explored vocabulary through a range of activities using books, music and art.

Reminder: entries for Parliament's World Book Day competitions will be judged on Monday!



“Gool Peran Lowen!”



We have also been celebrating St. Piran’s Day this week, thinking about Cornwall and what it means to us. We talked about our culture and heritage and what an incredible place Cornwall is! The children have taken part in different activities, including: printing, ‘stained glass’ art work, flag making, learning traditional Cornish songs and for lunch, were served a delicious pasty!



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Compassion



Resilience



Arbor

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Bookings for Parent Consultations will be made using the Arbor app, instead of sign up sheets in school. At 6pm today, slots will be available to book on the app.

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

Thank you.



Football:

Y3 and 4

Our team played really well and did some good passing and some good defending. Arthur was great in goal. I scored the goal for our team.

Overall, it was a great match! By Jay

Final score: Mevagissey 2—Tywardreath 1

Y5 and 6

It was a great game on Tuesday with a draw against Mevagissey. There was lots of effort put into the match. Great defending and multiple goal scoring opportunities for us so well done to all the footballers.

By Harry H.B

Final score: Mevagissey—Tywardreath

Netball:

On Tuesday, we played against Mevagissey. We won 8-6! They were a great team and they played really well. It was a very tight game and they kept their ground. We are all proud of how we played. They gave us three cheers at the end, as we did too and we ended feeling happy and proud so we shared out some biscuits!

By Lorna and Ailish

Next Tuesday (10th March), there is a football and netball match, **HOME** to Lostwithiel.

Football training for those children not in the team will continue as normal with Coach James.

Community



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Diary

March:

6th Bookings for Parent

Consultations goes live on Arbor

9th British Science Week

10th Football/Netball Match
(away vs Lostwithiel)

13th Mothers Day Shop

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

Dates

May:

1st Non-Uniform—donations
for rainbow tombola

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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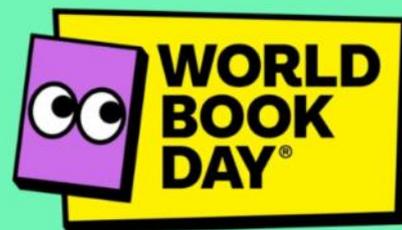


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Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	97.14%	95.67%
LG2	96.15%	95.91%
Crinnis	97.50%	96.35%
Booley	97.2%	96.19%
Polmear	95.0%	94.7%
Polkerris	93.79%	94.53%
Silvermines	97.59%	96.54%
Gribbin	92.5%	94.05%
Carnjewey	98.13%	95.89%
Duportth	93.79%	93.82%
Menabilly	98.28%	95.82%

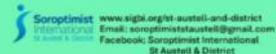
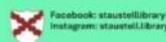


Book Giveaway!

Members from Soroptimist International St Austell & District will be here offering FREE children's books! For ages 0-teens.

St Austell Library
Sat 7th March
10.00am-12.00pm

For more info, call 0300 1234 111,
or email: staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk



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Upcoming Events!

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

A CHANCE TO BUY A GIFT FOR YOUR SOMEONE SPECIAL AT HOME

Friday 13th March

FROM MUGS TO KEYRINGS
THERES SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

STARTING FROM £2 UP TO £5 PER ITEM.
PLEASE SEND CASH, IN A NAMED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD.

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

Friday 13th March

CERAMIC MUGS £4
TRAVEL MUGS £4
BUILD A FLOWER KIT £4

WATER BOTTLES £3
NOTE BOOKS £3
BRACELETS £3
MINI PLUSH / BEARS £3
POCKET MIRRORS £3
CANDLES £3

STATIONERY ORGANISER £2
SOCKS £2
MAGNETS £2
KEYRINGS £2

PLEASE SEND CASH, IN A NAMED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD.



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

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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.