



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



7TH MARCH 2025



Thank you for supporting the PSA's St Piran's disco! The children had lots of fun!



Next week is British Science Week.

The children will be taking part in some workshops around the theme "Change and Adapt". We have some exciting visitors from Imery's, BugLife and Cornish Wildlife Trust.



Some of our choir are taking part in 'SongFest' on 11th March. The children will be joining primary schools from across Cornwall to sing a fantastic set of exciting songs that celebrate the musical heritage of Cornwall, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Brittany, the Isle Of Man and Galicia in Spain.

COMIC
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Friday 21st March—Comic Relief

Children can come into school dressed in red with a donation.

There will be a joke competition in assembly

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Design a Red Nose Competition



School parliament are organising a 'design your own red nose' competition. Entries cost 50p each and the winner will win an Amazon voucher.

Please hand in your entry - that clearly has your first name, last name and class on it with the 50p attached - to your class teacher by Friday 21st March.

Winners will be announced the following week.



PLEASE NOTE: Change to INSET Day for 2025/2026.

INSET Day has changed from November 24th 2025 to January 26th 2026

Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	98.6%	95.74%
LG2	94%	95.71%
Crinnis	96.3%	95.53%
Booley	97.3%	93.94%
Polmear	94%	94.14%
Polkerris	98.8%	93.93%
Silvermines	92.6%	93.07%
Gribbin	94.8%	94.25%
Carnjewey	92.4%	97.05%
Duporth	94.1%	95.24%
Menabilly	98.1%	96.01%

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 28th 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
Call: 01872 324929



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Diary

March

- 10th British Science Week
- 11th SongFest
- 12th Lego League Competition
- 19th Cross Country Semi-Finals
- 21st Comic Relief Day
- 26th Parent Consultations
- 27th Parent Consultations
- 28th 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
4th November 2025
has been changed to
26th January 2026.

Respect



Compassion



Resilience



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.