



The Tywardreath School

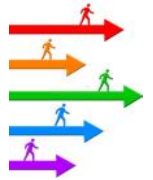
# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 11TH JULY 2025

This week, the children have all had an opportunity to move up to their new classrooms and meet the staff they will be working with in September. There will be another transition session next week too.



On Monday, our Taiko Team performed in a TPAT Musical Showcase at the Hall for Cornwall, celebrating musical talent across the trust. The children performed brilliantly and had a fantastic time watching other children perform. Well done everyone!



Part of the  
Truro and Penwith  
**Academy Trust**

### RockSteady Concert:

A wonderful performance from our three RockSteady bands this week.

The Crazy Ducks: Charlie, Cruz, Stan and Maisie

The Screaming Bats: Halle, Archie, Rose, Ellis, Fleur, Rudy and Nara

The Pink Marshmallows: Harvey, Sarah, Lerryn, Felix, Luna, Alex, Ellis, Elodie and Elliot

The children played and sang together brilliantly!

The rest of the school loved seeing their friends perform on stage. Well done everyone!



Respect



Compassion



Resilience



**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

Please can you return any football, netball and cross-country kits, including jackets to school as soon as possible. We currently do not have enough kit for our children to compete in events. We still have lots of kit missing! Thank you!

# Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	94.76%	96.08%
LG2	91.50%	95.40%
Crinnis	90.74%	95.69%
Booley	97.31%	94.41%
Polmear	90.97%	94.68%
Polkerris	98.46%	94.19%
Silvermines	87.67%	92.57%
Gribbin	98.67%	94.54%
Carnjewey	91.72%	96.58%
Duporth	98.06%	95.91%
Menabilly	99.38%	96.81%



## OPEN EVENING

- SAVE THE DATE -  
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

"Pupils excel at Penrice Academy."  
Ofsted 2025



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## Diary

### July

- 16th School Disco  
EYFS/KS1: 4.15-5.00pm  
KS2: 5.15-6.00pm  
Y6: 6.00-6.30pm
- 17th Transition 2
- 21st-22nd Y6 Production 1.30pm
- 23rd Last day of term

## Dates

### September:

- 1st INSET Day
- 2nd Children back to school

### October:

- 17th Half Term break begins

### November:

- 3rd Children back to school

### December:

- 19th Last day of term



Summer Reading Challenge

## Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

### Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at  
[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)  
 to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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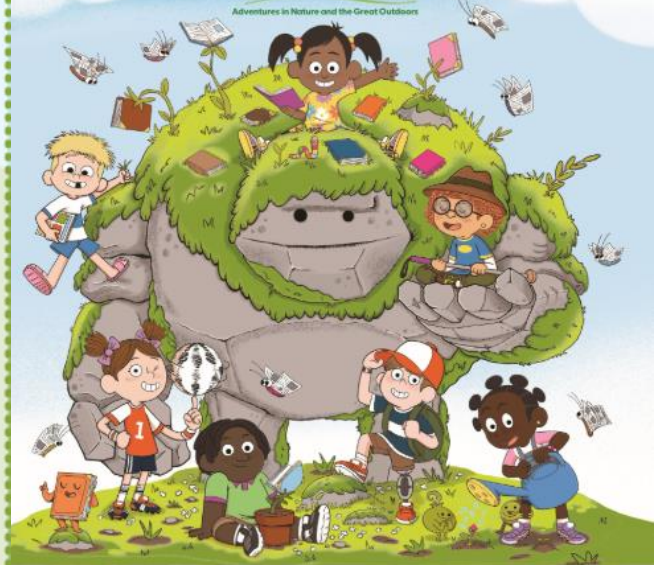
Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

2025

## Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**Runs Sat 5th July - Sat 13th Sept**  
**FREE to join at St Austell Library!**

Read six books to collect stickers, prizes AND a medal and certificate when you complete the challenge!

Supported by the Arts Council England  
 Read more at [www.artscouncil.org.uk](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

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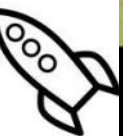
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Community



Curiosity



Ambition



## Pop Up Holiday Camps through August

**Softball Cricket**  
For children aged 8-13 years old

- Activity Days
- Competitions



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**8 days of softball activity - £20 per child. 10am to 3pm**

Weds 6th Aug - Truro CC  
 Thurs 7th Aug - Callington CC  
 Mon 11th Aug - Mt Hawke CC  
 Weds 13th Aug - St Austell CC  
 Mon 18th Aug - Grampound Rd CC  
 Weds 20th Aug - Helston CC  
 Weds 27th Aug - Bude CC  
 Thurs 28th Aug - St Stephen CC

**4 Tuesdays of U11 softball competition (Includes U13 Girls). Teams of six £30. 10am to 3pm**

Tues 5th Aug - Redruth CC  
 Tues 12th Aug - Werrington CC  
 Tue 19th Aug - Wadebridge CC  
 Tues 26th Aug - Penzance CC

Contact Michelle Kent: [admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk)  
[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](https://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)



## SUMMER FAMILY CYCLING FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 14th AUGUST

1000 TO 1400

AT PAR TRACK PL24 2PB

ON THE DAY

LEARN TO RIDE WITH ONE OF OUR INSTRUCTORS

FUN PERSONAL BEST COMPETITIONS

VISIT OUR MECHANICS FOR A FREE BIKE CHECK

LEARN NEW CYCLING SKILLS

TRY OUT OUR ADAPTIVE BIKES



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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.***