



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Reminder: PSA AGM

Monday 29th September at 7pm



If you have any cause and effect toys (buttons, music, sounds or pop up features) that are no longer used, we would love to give them a new home and a second chance of being loved! Thank you!



This week, we have been visited by The Elders of Par. They met with a group of children to discuss the project Coastal Community Matters, which will be featured on the Time & Tide Bell website. Children listened to stories from the Elders about their experiences growing up and how the unique coastal area has adapted to change over their lifetime. They were shown original photos from 1930s of Par Beach, showing the unique sand dunes and how over time they have changed and evolved. The Elders discussed the bio-diversity of Par and how unique and wonderful the wildlife, dunes and how important the beach is to the community.



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**We hope you love your child's Christmas Card design that was sent home this week! Purchasing from the range of cards, gift labels, mugs etc, will raise money for our school.**

**Thank you!**



## Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	91.2%	91.25%
LG2	93.5%	97.79%
Crinnis	98.1%	98.34%
Booley	96.4%	97.35%
Polmear	95.4%	95.16%
Polkerris	97.6%	96.55%
Silvermines	91.4%	96.73%
Gribbin	92.5%	95.86%
Carnjewey	95.2%	96.77%
Duporth	92.3%	93.78%
Menabilly	96.9%	95.10%

**Respect**



**Compassion**



**Resilience**



## Diary

### September:

29th PSA AGM 7pm

### October:

2nd Y6 Poltair Open Evening

9th Y6 Fowey Open Day and Eve

10th Family Worker Drop In

14th Flu Nasal Vaccinations

16th School Photos

17th School Photo Mop Up

17th Last day of half term

### November:

3rd Children back to school

8th Fireworks Display

### December:

12th Family Worker Drop In

19th Last day of term

## Dates

### 2026 January:

5th Children back to school

26th INSET Day

### February:

13th Last day of half term

23rd Children back to school

### April:

2nd Last day of term

20th Children back to school

### May:

22nd Last day of half term

### June:

1st Children back to school

19th INSET Day

22nd Y6 Camp

### July:

24th Last day of term



# HARVEST APPEAL



## HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

### DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



### DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



### SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

TINNED CUSTARD  
LONG LIFE FRUITJUICE  
BISCUITS  
TINNED RICE PUDDING  
JAM  
COFFEE  
POT NOODLES  
TINNED FRUIT  
TINNED VEGETABLES  
TINNED MEAT

*Don't forget -  
You can help transform  
more lives with a financial  
donation too.*



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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.***