



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 20TH MARCH 2026

There was a fantastic mix of entries for the British Science Week competition; so many curious questions and thoughts ranging from axolotls and birds to black holes and exploration of the oceans!

Well done to our winners:

EYFS/KS1: Elsie Teague for her brilliant poster about space

LKS2: Riley Larkin for his fascinating design for a time machine

UKS2: Elliott Deacon for his curious questions and excellent video all about the universe



**Bookings for Parent Consultations will close at 9am on Monday. If you need any support with this, please contact the Office.**

**Thank you.**

**Y6 Camp:**

**Reminder that payment is due in May. Please complete the medical form sent via Dojo.**

**Thank you**

### SUNBEAMS



Booking forms have now been sent home.  
Please return booking forms to school as soon as possible!



Thank you

## Ready for a laugh?!

Here is a selection of School Parliament's favourite jokes in aid of Comic Relief!

The Just Giving page link is below, if you are able to make a donation.

Thank you!

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-tywardreath-school?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-tywardreath-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



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What do you call a unicorn with a cold?  
Achoo-nicorn!

Why was 6 afraid of 7?  
Because 7,8,9!

Why did the cow cross the road?  
Because he was going to the moo-vies!

Why did the egg get thrown out of class?  
Because it kept telling yolks!

Would you like to hear my pizza joke?  
No, it's too cheesy!

What do you call a man with no body and no nose?  
Nobody knows!

Did you hear about the fire in the shoe factory?  
Unfortunately, many soles were lost!

Why did the bean go to the bakery?  
Because he wanted to be a baked bean!

What do you call a dog in the sun at the beach?  
A hot dog!

What did the sea say to the sand?  
Nothing, it just waved.

Knock knock  
Who's there?  
Cows go  
Cows go who?  
Cows go moo, not who!

What's a horse's favourite drink?  
Lemo-neigh-de!



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## Cornish Caretakers: 2nd April

A KS2 Cornish history and heritage show bringing to life some of Cornwall's History, including the National Bird of Cornwall and the Cornish hedgerow! Funny and educational!

Performed by Edward Rowe (aka Kernow King)  
and Emily Harrison.

Funded by our PSA.



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# Diary

## March:

- 25th Parent Consultations
- 26th Parent Consultations
- 31st Y5/6 Parent Drop In (2.20pm)

## April:

- 2nd Cornish Caretaker Event KS2
- 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
- 5th Class and Team photos
- 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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## Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	96.19%	95.68%
LG2	94.76%	95.81%
Crinnis	93.70%	96.18%
Booley	96.40%	96.18%
Polmear	97.33%	94.61%
Polkerris	86.21%	94.20%
Silvermines	93.45%	96.32%
Gribbin	86.43%	93.46%
Carnjewey	92.90%	96.16%
Duporth	93.79%	93.73%
Menabilly	97.24%	96.03%

## Family Worker Drop In Tywardreath Academy

These sessions will be run by Jackie Chillingworth Senior 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 with no appointment necessary  
on:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 14:00-15:30**

If you would like to make an appointment, please speak with  
Reception.

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](mailto:Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: 01872 324929

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Approved Provider 2024

## Time2Move Easter Holiday club

Tue 7th, Wed 8th,  
Tue 14th, Wed 15th Apr  
Book via Playwaze



Easter holiday club, free with free school meal voucher. A day in nature, playing, learning new skills and getting creative. Lot of seasonal crafts and fun.

Hot meal and snacks provided. With fun, experienced and neurodiverse friendly staff.





Next to Justfir,  
Par Moor, PL24 2SQ  
[www.tothewoods.co.uk](http://www.tothewoods.co.uk)



adventure@tothewoods.co.uk  
charlotte.cornish@corn@gmail.com





Tywardreath Pre-School Playgroup

# Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 5th April  
10am - 12 noon  
The New Inn, Tywardreath

**£3 per child**

- Bacon Baps and Refreshments on sale
- Craft Table
- Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos £3 each
- FREE Easter Bonnet Competition
- Tombola
- Raffle

See you there!

Charity No: 1029667







## MHST Wild Wellbeing

MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Wild Wellbeing session in Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.  
Please book EACH child on to a session

**EXTRA SITES!!!** Each session will last approx. 2 hours

**ALERT!**

### Locations and dates:

- 07 April - Golitha Falls
- 07 April - The Gardeners House, Penzance
- 07 April - Lanhydrock House
- 14 & 15 April - Penrose Estate
- 16 April - St Ives Community Orchard
- 16 April - Tehidy Woods

All sessions will begin at 10am. Please wear weather appropriate clothing!

To request a place, complete the online form  
<https://forms.office.com/e/CdbKBnMHOq>



Scan to sign up

Please be aware that spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you cannot attend after being allocated a place, inform us so we can give your spot to someone else.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:  
**Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**

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# 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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

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Free Entry!

St Austell Library Spring

# craft Fayre

& meet our donkey friends!

Sat 28th March, 10am-1pm

Enjoy a spot of seasonal shopping and chat with our local crafty creators

Free entry! All welcome!

St Austell Library, 2 Carlyon Rd

For more information, come to the Help Desk, call 0300 1234 111, or email [staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk](mailto:staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk)

Facebook: [StAustellLibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/StAustellLibrary/)Instagram: [staustell.library](https://www.instagram.com/staustell.library)

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It all starts with... 

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised backpack of goodies** including a bat, ball and t-shirt!

Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)





# Power your play

Calling all **8-11 year-olds!**

Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and **make new friends**

Participants receive a personalised **New Balance** shirt

Download the **Dynamos Cricket App** now

**SIGN UP TODAY**

[dynamoscricet.co.uk](http://dynamoscricet.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.***