



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



9th October 2026



School Parliament Elections have taken place this week! All the staff were so impressed with how brilliantly the children spoke and the fantastic manifestos they have written! Votes are being counted and we will announce the winners next week.



We would love to see you next week at our Parent Drop ins



Monday 12th - Y3 and 4 (2.30pm)

Tuesday 13th - Y5 and 6 (2.30pm)

Wednesday 14th - EYFS (2pm)

Thursday 15th - Y1 and 2 (2.30pm)



 FIREWORKS TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!



Sat 7th Nov - gates open at 5.30/ Display starts at 7pm



BBQ, Vegan Chilli & Popcorn



Hot & cold drinks



DJ on the night



100% of money raised goes back to the school!

This year we've gone for 100% digital tickets, similar to Justgiving. You can make a donation to the platform to allow Zeffy to keep offering this software free to charities. Please check you have changed to 0% if you don't want to do this! ✓

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JAMES KITTOW
BUTCHER & GRAZIER



Year 5 and 6 had a very exciting visit from Mr Kittow this week. He kindly brought in a variety of hearts and lungs for the children to explore as part of their Science topic about the circulatory system. A huge thank you to Mr Kittow for giving up his time to give our children such a wonderful experience!



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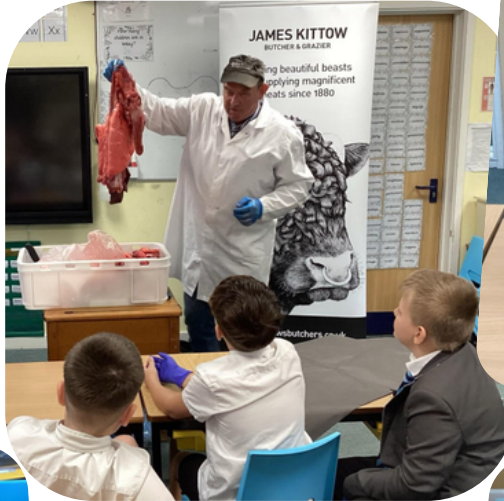
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ATTENDANCE

	This Week	Year To Date
LG	97.70%	98.26%
Crinnis	92%	96%
Booley	97.20%	98.09%
Polmear	95.40%	95.92%
Polkerris	99%	98%
Silvermines	87.10%	95.15%
Gribbin	95.20%	94.91%
Carnjewey	97%	95.98%
Duporth	96.70%	96.13%
Menabilly	93.10%	96.77%

School Photos

School photos (individual and sibling) will be taken next week on Wednesday 14th.



Football

Next week, our football team have a home match so there will be no training.

Letters have been given to those who will be playing.



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Diary

October:

- 12th Y3/4 Parent Drop In
- 13th Y5/6 Parent Drop In
- 14th EYFS Parent Drop In
- 14th School Photos
- 14th Cross Country @ Par Track
- 15th Y1/2 Parent Drop In
- 16th Last day of half term

November:

- 2nd Children back to school
- 7th Fireworks
- 11th Cross Country @ Par Track
- 18th Parent Consultations
- 19th Parent Consultations
- 27th Non-uniform - Rainbow Tombola

Dates

December:

- 2nd Cross Country @ Par Track
- 16th KS2 Carol Concert - St Andrews Church 10am
- KS1 Christmas Sing Along 2.15pm
- 17th KS2 Carol Concert - St Andrews Church 10am
- KS1 Christmas Sing Along 2.15pm
- 18th Last day of term

2027

January:

- 4th INSET Day (school closed for children)

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Fun events ♥ Great community ♥ Supporting our school



Fireworks
Saturday 7th
November 2026



Glitter & Glow Disco
Thursday 26th
November 2026



Rainbow Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27th
November 2026



Christmas Fayre
Friday 11th
December 2026



St Piran's Disco
Thursday 25th
February 2027



Mother's Day Shop
Friday 5th
March 2027



Triathlon
Date to be confirmed



Father's Day Shop
Friday 18th
June 2027



Summer Fayre
Friday 2nd
July 2027



Summer Disco
Thursday 8th
July 2027

♥ Together we make a difference ♥



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BOOKINGS ARE NOW LIVE FOR OUR OCTOBER HALF TERM TIME2MOVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME! PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK ON:
[HTTPS://WWW.ACTIVECORNWALL.ORG/PARENTS-AND-CARERS/](https://www.activecornwall.org/parents-and-carers/)



Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2027 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2027**.

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2027**



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



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Transfer to secondary school

September 2027

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2026**



Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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CORNWALL
Youth Choirs

CORNWALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CCC aims to nurture ensemble singing by exploring vocal techniques, introducing basic part-singing, and building performance confidence within a choir setting. Open to children in **KS2** from across Cornwall.

- Twice monthly session in a carousel of venues in St Austell, Falmouth, Truro, Redruth.
- Performance opportunities and social events throughout the year.

FREE Taster sessions in the first two weeks of each term.

For more information, visit www.cornwallyouthchoirs.co.uk or email admin@cornwallyouthchoirs.co.uk



DROLLYS - STORYTELLING FOR CHILDREN

DROLLYS is a new, free, monthly storytelling event from The Creation Works, for children aged 4 - 11 and their adults.

Each month one of our **fantastic performers** - or Droll Tellers - will **bring to life some well loved children's books** and traditional tales.

Each session will include 2-3 stories and games and/or **arts & crafts activities** to have a go at themed around the story.

The line up includes: Award Winning comic, Radio 4 and CBBC favourite **Joanna Neary**, BBC Eastender's **Ellijah Holloway**, Jam First theatre's **Laurence Pears**, Award winning Cornish Comic **Mimi Attenburrow**, Near Ta's **Daniel Richardson**, Cornish Clown **Kesha Pullum**... and more to be announced.

These sessions will be relaxed and informal. Fun for children and young people and for their adults. **Supporting literacy and oracy**, with funding from Arts Council England, FEAST Cornwall, Fowey Lions Club and Cornwall Council.

SCHEDULE:

Sun Sept 6th	Sun Jan 10th
Sun Oct 4th	Sun Feb 7th
Sat Oct 31st	Sun Mar 7th
Sun Nov 29th	Sat Mar 27th

ALL SESSIONS HAVE THE SAME TIMINGS:

- 10.15 Doors open
- 10.30 Session begins
- 12.00 Session ends
- 12.30 Doors close







FREE/DONATE-WHAT-YOU-LIKE: WWW.THECREATIONWORKS.COM

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.



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