



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



1ST MAY 2026

NON-UNIFORM DAY!

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

What a colourful day it has been! Thank you for your kind donations to the PSA Rainbow Tombola. Please make sure the date is in your diary— Friday 3rd July!



Part of the
Truro and Penwith
Academy Trust



**As the weather is getting warmer,
please ensure your child has a
water bottle in school.**

Thank you



POLITE REMINDER:

Dogs are not permitted
on school premises.

Thank you

Respect



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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:

Wednesday 20th May 13:30-15:30

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

Call: 01872 324929



Together for Families

www.cornwall.gov.uk



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Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	95.19%	95.59%
LG2	99.04%	95.9%
Crinnis	93.08%	96.15%
Booley	98.00%	96.48%
Polmear	96%	94.71%
Polkerris	94.67%	94.55%
Silvermines	96.67%	96.52%
Gribbin	96.43%	93.24%
Carnjewey	98.33%	96.22%
Duporth	97.93%	93.72%
Menabilly	96.07%	96.12%

Y6 Camp:
Reminder that payment is due in May by 15th May.
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Diary

May:

- 5th Class and Team photos
- 11th Y6 SATs Week
- 20th Y3/4 Swimming Gala
- 20th Y3/4 Parent Drop In (2.30pm)
- 21st Y1/2 Parent Drop In (2.30pm)
- 21st Y5/6 Swimming Gala
- 21st Y5/6 Parent Drop In (2.30pm)
- 22nd Last day of half term

June:

- 1st Children back to school
- 1st Y4 Multiplication Check begins
- 5th Triathlon
- 8th Y1 Phonics Screening begins
- 19th INSET Day
- 22nd Y6 Camp Week
- 22nd Y5 Enrichment Week
- 29th Y5/6 Trip to Eden
- 30th Y6 Bikeability
- 30th EYFS Sports Day (9.30am)
- 30th KS1 Sports Day (1.30pm)

Dates

July:

- 2nd Y6 Fowey transition
- 3rd Summer Fayre (pm)
- 7th Y6 Poltair/Penrice transition
- 7th EYFS Sports Day RESERVE
- 8th Y6 Careers Day
- 9th Summer Disco
(EYFS/KS1 4.15-5, KS2 5.15-6 +Y6 only 6-6.30)
- 10th EYFS Graduation
- 15th KS2 Sports Day
(Y3/4 am and Y5/6 1.30pm)
- 22nd Y6 Production (1.30pm)
- 23rd Y6 Production (1.30pm)
- 24th Last day of term



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THE INVADER IS COMING!

TOM PALMER



REPORT TO YOUR LIBRARY!

LIBRARY INVASION

OF CORNWALL LIBRARIES


30 MINUTE ACTION-PACKED TALK WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR TOM PALMER

FREE SIGNED BOOK FOR THE FIRST 5 FAMILIES!


IDEAL FOR AGES 7+

Sat 23rd May | 10am Hayle | 11.30 am Camborne | 1pm Redruth
Tues 26th May | 10am Bodmin | 11.30am Wadebridge | 2.30 pm Camelford
Weds 27th May | 10.30am St Columb | 11.45am Newquay | 1pm Perranporth | 2.30pm St Agnes
Thurs 28th May | 10am St Ives | 11.30am Penzance | 1pm St Just
Fri 29th May | 10am Helston | 11.30am Falmouth | 1pm Penryn | 2.30pm Truro
Sat 30th May | 9am Lostwithiel | 10.15am Fowey | 11.45am St Austell
Mon 1st June | 11.30am Liskeard | 1pm Saltash | 2.30pm Torpoint
Tues 2nd June | 10am Callington | 11.30am Launceston | 1:30pm Par Weds 3rd June | 1pm Bude

FREE ENTRY - CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR BOOKING DETAILS

 **CORNWALL COUNCIL**
one and all - cornwall

Libraries

www.cornwall.gov.uk/library  **Barrington & Stoke**

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.