



## OCTOBER 2024



### Image Consent

**We are still awaiting the return of a large number of Image consent forms. It is essential these are returned on the 5th November.**

**(A blank form is available on this weeks newsletter email)**

### Diary Dates

#### October

26th Half Term Holiday Starts

#### November

4th INSET DAY (School Closed)

9th Firework night

19th EYFS Parent Consultations 3-6pm

20th EYFS to Y6 Parent Consultations 3-6pm

21st Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations 3-6pm

22nd Non Uniform Day (Bottle for the Christmas tombola)

29th Christmas Fayre

#### December

5th Reindeer Roundup Cornwall Hospice Care

11th Christmas Lunch (Change of Date)

18th KS2 Carol Concert—St Andrews Church 1:30pm

19th KS2 Carol Concert—St Andrews Church 1:30pm

21st Christmas Holiday Starts

#### January

6th INSET DAY (School Closed)

7th Return to School

#### February

15th Half Term Holiday Starts

24th Return to School

#### April

5th Easter Holiday Starts

22nd Return to School

#### May

5th Bank Holiday

24th Half Term Holiday Starts

#### June

2nd INSET DAY (School Closed)

3rd Return to School

#### July

24th Summer Holiday Starts

### Reminder

**Y6 CAMP final payments due 16th May.**

Autumn Term Swimming Payments are now overdue payment via Parentpay.



### Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	87.02%	99.05%
LG2	97%	95%
Crinnis	81.54%	95.07%
Booley	87.31%	94.4%
Polmear	86.55%	90.67%
Polkerris	95.19%	92.59%
Silvermines	90.33%	96%
Gribbin	92%	94.14%
Carnjewey	98.62%	96.21%
Duporth	96.77%	98.06%
Menabilly	90.63%	95.31%

### Swimming Pool

Swimming pool payments are now due please

**Summer Term  
Cost : £10 per  
Child a fantastic  
cost of only  
£1.36 a lesson.**

Currently only 71% of payments have been received.

Payments should be made via parentpay. Please contact the office if you do not have an account.



# Family Worker Drop In

## Tywardreath School

These sessions will be run by Ruby Waterfield Restormel Early Help Team 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 on:  
Friday 13th December 2024, 13:30-15:00.

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



Together for Families

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2024**

# Transfer to secondary school

## September 2025

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



**Information and guidance**

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)



Please support our school. Asda are donating money to schools all you need to do is download the Asda Rewards App, nominate Tywardreath school and swipe your rewards card each time you shop.

# INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.

With Parentkind

**HERE'S HOW:**

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school.
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

Swimming Pool payments are now overdue if you have not paid the £10 for your child please can you make payment via parentpay ASAP. Thank you

## Applying for a secondary school place for September 2025

### Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: [statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk)

### 1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport) for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

### 2 Submit your application by 31 October 2024

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

### 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 3 March 2025. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

## 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 by the first 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 £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 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.*