



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



27TH FEBRUARY 2026

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. We're hopeful for some drier weather as we move through the Spring Term!

This half term, our topics have a Geography focus. The children will be learning about:

- ◆ Y1 and 2: A Land Down Under!
(a focus on physical and human features of Australia)
- ◆ Y3 and 4: How Mighty are Mountains?
(a focus on features of mountains and their formation and the water cycle)
- ◆ Y5 and 6: Who Lives in Rio?
(a focus on physical and human features of Brazil)

This term, we look forward to welcoming you into school to share your children's learning. Please check the diary dates as we have Parent Consultations as well as World Book Day, St. Piran's Day, a disco and Mother's Day Shop coming up!



Next Tuesday (3rd March), there is a football and netball match, **HOME** to Mevagissey.

Football training for those children not in the team will continue as normal with Coach James.



As part of the Year of Reading, this week, each class has been visited by a different teacher who has read them a story!





The cross country series came to an exciting end on Wednesday when 26 of our Year 5 and 6 runners competed in the final of the five races. Our runners took on the challenge with the same grit and enthusiasm that they have displayed in each race. Cross country is a tough old sport and I'm always very proud of all our runners. They've been lovely company on race days and during training sessions. Thanks to the supporters who turn up in all weathers to cheer us on. Finally a MASSIVE thank you to the parents, grandparents and staff members who have given up their time to walk us down. We couldn't go without you so we hope you know that it's greatly appreciated.

Mrs Clarke



A huge thank you to Mrs Clarke for her dedication and commitment to ensuring our children have this brilliant opportunity.



Individual Top 15 positions

Harry H 1st
Jordan H 4th



Year 6 girls: 1st
Year 5 girls: 2nd
Year 6 boys: 3rd
Year 5 boys: 5th

Ellen S 2nd
Betsy B 4th
Georgia M 5th
Olivia H 6th
Maisie R 14th
Joni V 15th

Teddy L 7th

Olivia K 3rd
Tegan B 8th
Hallie J 9th
Elowen S 10th



Community



Curiosity



Ambition

Respect



Compassion



Resilience





Our half term big dig was a success! Our garden area was in need of complete renovation! We would like to thank all those parents, children and community members that volunteered to help us restore it. What an amazing job! It is now a fantastic area for all the children to use. Watch this space for planting news!



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Diary

March:

- 2nd Y3/4 Parent Drop In (2pm)
- 3rd Football/Netball Match
(home vs Mevagissey)
- 5th World Book Day
- 5th St Piran's Disco
KS1 4.15-5.00
KS2 5.15-6.00
- 9th British Science Week
- 10th Football/Netball Match
(away vs Lostwithiel)
- 13th Mothers Day Shop
- 25th Parent Consultations
- 26th Parent Consultations
- 31st Y5/6 Parent Drop In (2.20pm)

Dates

April:

- 2nd Y1/2 Parent Drop In (2.30pm)
- 2nd Last day of term
- 20th Children back to school

May:

- 1st Non-Uniform—donations
for rainbow tombola
- 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	94.3%	95.6%
LG2	98.1%	95.9%
Crinnis	98.9%	96.29%
Booley	97.6%	96.14%
Polmear	99.3%	94.68%
Polkerris	92.4%	94.56%
Silvermines	94.8%	96.48%
Gribbin	95.7%	94.13%
Carnjewey	98.4%	95.78%
Duporth	90%	93.82%
Menabilly	95.2%	95.7%

Y6 Camp:
Reminder that payment
is due in May.

Thank you

Upcoming Events!



5TH MARCH
 £2 PER CHILD

EYFS & KS 1 : 4.15PM - 5.00PM
KS 2 : 5.15PM - 6.00PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL



**World Book Day
 (Thursday 5th March)**

Our schools theme is based on vocabulary. Children can come to school dressed as an adjective (a describing word).

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

A CHANCE TO BUY A GIFT FOR YOUR SOMEONE SPECIAL AT HOME

Friday 13th March

**FROM MUGS TO KEYRINGS
 THERES SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.**

STARTING FROM £2 UP TO £5 PER ITEM.
 PLEASE SEND CASH, IN A NAMED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD.

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

Friday 13th March

CERAMIC MUGS	-----	£4
TRAVEL MUGS	-----	£4
BUILD A FLOWER KIT	-----	£4
WATER BOTTLES	-----	£3
NOTE BOOKS	-----	£3
BRACELETS	-----	£3
MINI PLUSH / BEARS	-----	£3
POCKET MIRRORS	-----	£3
CANDLES	-----	£3
STATIONERY ORGANISER	-----	£2
SOCKS	-----	£2
MAGNETS	-----	£2
KEYRINGS	-----	£2

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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.