



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



2ND MAY 2025

Welcome to the Summer Term!

We are looking forward to a busy term, full of exciting events. Please take a look at the Diary Dates section below and keep an eye on Class Dojo for updates.



This half term, KS1 will be learning about history in our local area, Y3/4 will be learning about the Industrial Revolution and Y5/6 will be exploring crime and punishment through the ages.



Children only need to sign up for after school clubs. Slips are available from the office.

Art	Miss Banham	Monday 12.00-12.25	KS1 and 2
School Parliament	Miss Jones	Monday 12.00-12.20	Parliament members
Chill Out	Mrs Hazlewood	Monday 12.00-12.25	KS2
Swimming	Mrs Turner and Miss Jones	Monday 3.15-4.15	Year 5/6 Invite only
Dance	Studio4dance	Monday 3.15-4.15	KS1 and 2 (20 max)
Yoga	Mrs Squire	Tuesday 12.00 - 12.25	KS2
Football	Mr Gilbert and Coach James	Tuesday 3.15-4.15	KS 2
Netball	Mrs Barnes	Tuesday 3.15-4.15	Year 5/6 (20 max)
Outdoor Club	Mrs Blows	Tuesday 3.15-4.15	KS1 (12 max)
Cross Country	Mrs Clarke	Wednesday 12.00-12.25	KS2
Athletics	Mrs Bloxham	Thursday 12.00-12.25	KS2
Baard Games	Mrs Hannaford	Thursday 12.00-12.25	KS1 and 2
Taiko	Mrs McCormick and Mrs Staff	Thursday 3.15-4.15	Invite only
Singing	Mrs Lang	Friday 12.00-12.25	KS1 and 2
Green Team	Mrs McColville	Friday lunch	Invitation only

UNIFORM REMINDER

EYFS to Year 2

- Navy jumper, badge embroidered onto fabric (available from school office only)
- Polo shirt – plain white (EYFS only)
- Plain white shirt short or long sleeved (Year 1 and Year 2)
- Academy tie – (not in EYFS) (available from school office only)
- Black trousers/black skirt or pinafore
- Black sensible shoes (not trainers/sandals/boots)
- Badged book bag (available from school office only)
- Black socks or tights (white may be worn with summer dresses)



Years 3 to Year 6

- Grey badged jacket with trim (available from school office only)
- Plain white shirt, short or long sleeved
- Academy tie (available from school office only)
- Badged book bag (available school office only)
- Black skirt (may be worn with leggings if required for religious reasons) or black tailored trousers
- Black socks or tights (white may be worn with summer dresses)
- Black sensible shoes (not trainers /sandals/ boots)
- Light blue/white gingham summer dress to be worn in the summer term
- Navy v neck cardigan (only to be worn with summer dress)



Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	95.24%	95.50%
LG2	94.38%	95.9%
Crinnis	97.22%	95.5%
Booley	92.31%	94.4%
Polmear	93.33%	94.5%
Polkerris	89.42%	93.9%
Silvermines	96.37%	93.3%
Gribbin	98.33%	94.3%
Camjewey	97.41%	96.7%
Duporth	97.18%	95.8%
Menabilly	94.53%	96.9%

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

Diary

May

- 5th Bank Holiday
- 12th Y6 SATs Week
- 16th **Y6 Camp final payment due**
- 22nd Whole School Triathlon
- 24th Half Term Holiday Starts

June

- 2nd INSET DAY (School Closed)
- 3rd Return to School
- 4th Class Photos
- 9th-13th Y6 Camp
- Y5 Enrichment Week
- 12th Y3/4 Swim Gala

Dates

June

- 17th KS1 Sports Day AM
- EYFS Sports Day PM
- 19th KS2 Sports Day AM
- 24th KS1/EYFS Sports Day reserve
- 25th KS2 Sports Day reserve
- 26th Y5/6 Swim Gala

July

- 2nd Y6 Careers Event
- 3rd Y6 Transition to Fowey
- 4th Reports sent home
- 8th Reports sent home for Y6
- 8th Transition 1
- 10th-11th Y4 Camp
- 16th EYFS Graduation PM
- 17th Transition 2
- 21st-22nd Y6 Production 1.30pm
- 23rd Last day of term

Please note INSET DAY
24th November 2025
has been changed to
26th January 2026.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
7TH MAY
2025
4PM – 4.45PM**

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers
Please join us for a 5 session online workshop for
Behaviour as Communication
- Parent support

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/BVHDPYUCQA)
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/BVHDPYUCQA](https://forms.office.com/e/BVHDPYUCQA)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us for a 5 session online workshop where we will teach you **practical strategies to support your child with their anxiety and worries**

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/OqRnKmCw1i)
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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.