



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 23RD JULY 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Summer Term, I would like to take this opportunity to express a heartfelt thank you to you, our parents and carers for your unwavering support and being such valued partners in your children's journey through school with us. support.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our wonderful PSA, who have worked incredibly hard in organizing a wonderful range of events over the year.

My final thoughts, however, must go to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who have completed their journey with us.

Whilst we have shed some tears today I know they are all ready to jump into the next exciting phase of their education and development. We wish you all the very best!

Wishing you all a restful break and I hope you are all able to enjoy some time with your loved ones over the summer.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs McColville



Green Team have finished off the year harvesting their potatoes!

How will they cook them?!



**WELL DONE YEAR 6! A FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE OF  
"THE PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN!"**

**WE ALL WISH YOU LOTS OF LUCK FOR THE NEXT  
PART OF YOUR JOURNEY IN SECONDARY SCHOOL.**





Community



Curiosity



Ambition



### SWIMMING POOL RUNNING COSTS

£8,000 to support the ongoing  
cost of running the school pool  
and a replacement motor.

### SEND PROVISION

£1,400 towards equipment  
and resources.

### ICT RESOURCES

£2,000 for an interactive  
whiteboard to enhance the  
learning environment.

### TRIPS & ENRICHMENT

£2,000 for Squashbox Theatre  
Sea Show, Spanish lessons,  
Windrush, Dance workshop and  
Taiko performance

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS

£1,000 for each child to have a  
leavers hoodie and to fund end of  
year ice cream treat.

### MISCELLANEOUS

£800 for popcorn machine, hot drink  
urns, new marquee, sports day ice  
poles and pool inflatables.

With your support  
we have been able  
to fund all of  
this in 2024/25

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Resilience



## SCHOOL POOL MERCH

£ 2



FRISBEE

£ 5



DRINKS BOTTLE

£ 3



SWIM BAG

£ 9.50



THE BUNDLE

[TYWARDREATH-PSA.SUMUPSTORE.COM](https://tywardreath-psa.sumupstore.com)

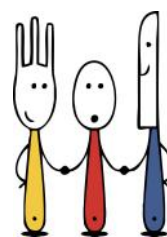


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Truro and Penwith  
Academy Trust



## Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	100%	95.53%
LG2	92.5%	95.99%
Crinnis	91.9%	95.59%
Booley	91.9%	94.35%
Polmear	90.6%	94.57%
Polkerris	93.8%	94.18%
Silvermines	96.8%	92.54%
Gribbin	94%	94.52%
Carnjewey	90%	96.4%
Duporth	97.1%	95.94%
Menabilly	96.6%	96.8%



Reminder for September:  
Please make sure you have  
booked and paid for  
Sunbeams and lunches using  
Parent Pay. Lunches need to  
be ordered by midnight on  
Thursday 28th August.

Thank you!

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## Diary

### September:

- 1st INSET Day
- 2nd Children back to school

### October:

- 17th Last day of half term

### November:

- 3rd Children back to school

### December:

- 19th Last day of term

## Dates

### 2026 January:

- 5th Children back to school
- 26th INSET Day

### February:

- 13th Last day of half term
- 23rd Children back to school

### April:

- 2nd Last day of term
- 20th Children back to school

### May:

- 22nd Last day of half term

### June:

- 1st Children back to school
- 19th INSET Day

### July:

- 24th Last day of term



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Please click here for a list of Free and Under £5 activities to do over the summer holidays:

## [Family Information Service Cornwall](#)



Together for Families

### Together for Families

Warbarth rag Teyluyow



Feedback

Contact Us

### Free & Under £5 Activities in Cornwall

About FIS

Concerned  
about a child

Choose your map area below to find out about fun things to do for free or under £5 across Cornwall.

If you know of any free/under £5 family activities that are do not appear on our site, please let us know by emailing [fis@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:fis@cornwall.gov.uk).

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**SUMMER ACTIVITY DAY**

VANESSA GRANT TRUST

TUESDAY 29TH JULY 10-4 AT

THE CORNWALL HOTEL & SPA

**LASER TAG** **VR**

Arts & crafts

**INFLATABLE FUN**

PLUS LOADS MORE

MORE INFO HERE!

Hosted by The Vanessa Grant Trust in partnership with The Cornwall Hotel & Spa, with all donations supporting education programmes for children in Kenya.

**PENRICE ACADEMY**

Pride  
Respect  
Success

**OPEN EVENING**

- SAVE THE DATE -  
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

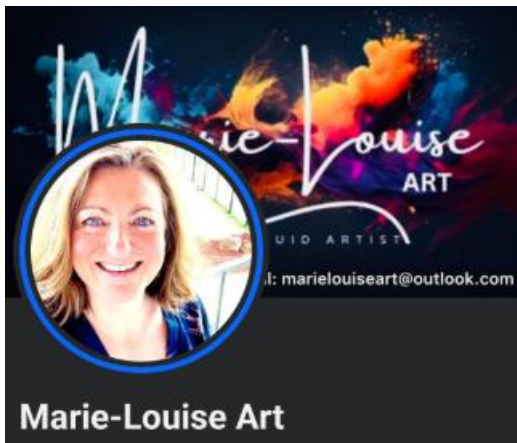
"Pupils excel at Penrice Academy."  
Ofsted 2025

Ofsted  
Outstanding  
Provider

NATIONAL WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING GOLD AWARD 2023

Cornwall Education Learning Trust



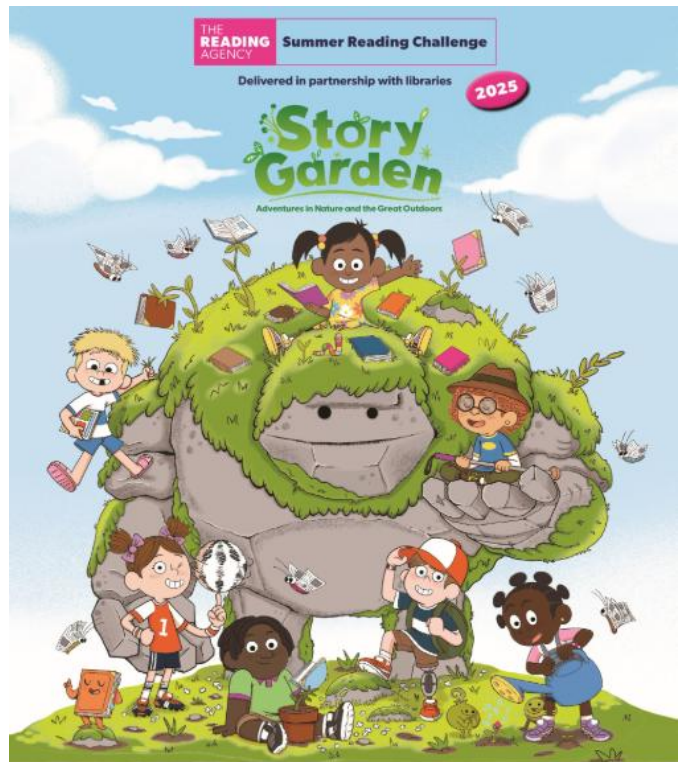


Marie-Louise Art

Marie-Louise, who visited us for our Y6 Careers Day, has a workshop with spaces available in August.

**“Paint Your Palette: A Bespoke Colour and Acrylic Pouring Workshop for Beginner”**

Please message her through her Facebook page for more details.



**Runs Sat 5th July - Sat 13th Sept**  
**FREE to join at St Austell Library!**  
 Read six books to collect stickers, prizes AND a medal and certificate when you complete the challenge!

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**Pop Up Holiday Camps through August**

**Softball Cricket**  
For children aged 8-13 years old

- Activity Days
- Competitions

**8 days of softball activity - £20 per child. 10am to 3pm**

Weds 6th Aug - Truro CC  
 Thurs 7th Aug - Callington CC  
 Mon 11th Aug - Mt Hawke CC  
 Weds 13th Aug - St Austell CC  
 Mon 18th Aug - Grampound Rd CC  
 Weds 20th Aug - Helston CC  
 Weds 27th Aug - Bude CC  
 Thurs 28th Aug - St Stephen CC

**4 Tuesdays of U11 softball competition (Includes U13 Girls). Teams of six £30. 10am to 3pm**

Tues 5th Aug - Redruth CC  
 Tues 12th Aug - Werrington CC  
 Tue 19th Aug - Wadebridge CC  
 Tues 26th Aug - Penzance CC

SCAN HERE

**Contact Michelle Kent: admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk**  
[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)

**SUMMER FAMILY CYCLING FESTIVAL**

**THURSDAY 14th AUGUST**

**1000 TO 1400**

**AT PAR TRACK PL24 2PB**

**ON THE DAY**

- LEARN TO RIDE WITH ONE OF OUR INSTRUCTORS
- FUN PERSONAL BEST COMPETITIONS
- VISIT OUR MECHANICS FOR A FREE BIKE CHECK
- LEARN NEW CYCLING SKILLS
- TRY OUT OUR ADAPTIVE BIKES

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Active Travel England

## 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.***