



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 27TH JUNE 2025

Thank you to the PSA for organising a wonderful dance show for us this week! We watched some talented dancers from The Place Dance School in London perform and all the children have taken part in dance workshops with Erica from the Hall for Cornwall. What a fantastic experience!



Part of the  
Truro and Penwith  
**Academy Trust**



**Thank you so much for all your kind donations to the P&A Rainbow Tombola!**

**Please make sure you have Friday 4th July in your diary for the P&A Summer Bingo.**

**Open at 5:45pm, eyes down 6:30pm**



You should have received a card with a QR code and access code to view and purchase your child's class photo for this year.

The deadline to order is Friday 4th July.

Key Stage 1 are on the hunt for loose parts! We would be very grateful if you have anything at home that we can add to our learning environments. Thank you!



**ITEMS WE COLLECT**

CARDBOARD TUBES, PAPER, AIR VENT DUCTS, BIKE WHEELS, JAM JARS, RIBBON, MATERIAL, RECYCLED PACKAGING. PLASTIC POTS, STICKS, STONES, ACORNS, CONKERS, FEATHERS, SEED PODS, SUNFLOWER HEADS, BOXES, WOOL DRAIN PIPES, GUTTERING, BASKETS, CRATES, WOODEN PLANKS, LAMINATE, LOGS, TREE STUMPS, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, BAUBLES, BUTTONS, PHOTO FRAMES, POOL NOODLES, COSTUME JEWELLERY, PLANT POTS, CURTAIN RINGS  
THE LIST IS LIMITLESS AND ANY THING COULD BE USED AS A LOOSE PART. WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AT HOME, THAT MAY BE USEFUL?

**Respect**



**Compassion**



**Resilience**





## Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	98.1%	95.31%
LG2	97.9%	96.12%
Crinnis	96.7%	95.92%
Booley	88.5%	94.25%
Polmear	91.3%	94.75%
Polkerris	90.8%	94%
Silvermines	87.7%	92.83%
Gribbin	92%	94.38%
Carnjewey	93.1%	96.81%
Duporth	94.8%	95.85%
Menabilly	88.8%	96.78%

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please can you return any football, netball and cross-country kits, including jackets to school as soon as possible.

We currently do not have enough kit for our children to compete in events. We still have lots of kit missing!

Thank you!

Respect



Compassion



Resilience



## Diary

### July

- 2nd Y6 Careers Event
- 3rd Y6 Transition to Fowey
- 4th Reports sent home
- 4th PSA Summer Bingo 5.45pm
- 7th Y6 Transition to Penrice and Poltair
- 7th Taiko Performance at Hall for Cornwall

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

## Dates

### July

- 8th Reports sent home for Y6
- 8th Transition 1
- 10th-11th Y4 Camp
- 10th EYFS Graduation PM
- 16th School Disco
- EYFS/KS1: 4.15-5.00pm
- KS2: 5.15-6.00pm
- Y6: 6.00-6.30pm
- 17th Transition 2
- 21st-22nd Y6 Production 1.30pm
- 23rd Last day of term

Community

Ambition

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

**Summer Reading Challenge**

## Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

### Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- 95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

**Summer Reading Challenge**

Delivered in partnership with libraries

**2025**

## Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**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!

# SilverCloud

Interactive cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) programmes to help support and make you feel better

SilverCloud offers a number of programmes including:

- Supporting an Anxious Child
- Supporting an Anxious Teen
- Supporting a Child with ADHD

For more information and to sign up please use the link below:

<https://cornwallcyp.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>



## 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.*