



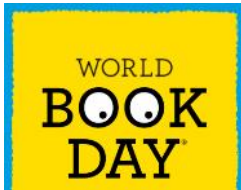
The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



28TH MARCH 2025



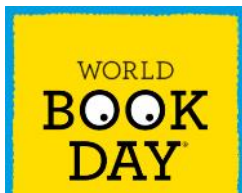
On Thursday, KS2 had a visit from the brilliant author Ben Rowswell. He has written two fantastic books - Cornwall, An Alphabetical Adventure and I Spoke to the Sea. He spoke to us about how he found his inspiration and set us a creative writing activity. The children each found a beautiful place in Cornwall and wrote about it. Ben will be collecting them in and judging them to win a copy of his book!



"It was a real pleasure to visit your school today and to work on some creative writing with the students. All the staff and students were very welcoming and the pupils really got involved - I can't wait to see some of their work!"



Part of the  
Truro and Penwith  
Academy Trust



On Thursday, KS1 also had a visit from the brilliant author Ellie Jackson. She has written a series of books to “teach children about environmental issues in a positive and inspiring way, with happy endings and ideas for the future”.



**SPORTS  
REPORT**



Report by  
Isla:



Our Tywardreath Cornwall County Cross Country finalists! Five strong runners took on the tough race and all made it through to the finish with sheer determination, enthusiasm and a smile on their faces. They pushed through with outstanding force to achieve great finishes.

The year 5 girls went off first and what a race they performed - well done Ellen, Betsy and Georgia. Sonny was up second and even with no fellow boy alongside he ran so well and the girls gave great support - well done Sonny.

Last but not least was Isla's race, who also showed a great performance. The year 5s stayed on to cheer for her which was really appreciated - well done Isla.

All five finalists should be so proud of themselves and showed great sportsmanship ensuring that each team mate was cheered for and supported.

Well done Tywardreath you are superstars!

I have loved my experience being the girls cross country captain and I have loved supporting all the cross country runners through the season, I am so proud of you all. We'd all like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Clarke for the opportunity and all her support!



The parking outside school, particularly during drop off in the mornings is becoming extremely dangerous.

Please **DO NOT** drop your child off opposite the school.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe and being respectful of our local community.



Here is some more information from Mrs Brock, following on from her wonderful demonstration last week.

# COME AND HAVE A BLOW

**TASTER SESSION**  
Come and meet the Band  
Refreshments available

**WHEN**  
Saturday March 29th, 2025  
11am to 2pm

**WHERE**  
The Earl of Chatham, Lostwithiel  
**LESSONS COMMENCING**  
Thursday 24th April 2025  
The Social Club, Fore Street  
Lostwithiel

hello@lostwithieltownband.org

[www.lostwithieltownband.org](http://www.lostwithieltownband.org)

**ALL AGES FROM 7 YEARS AND UPWARDS**

**RAW BEGINNERS**  
FULLY FUNDED PLACES  
VARIETY OF BRASS INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED

**RETURNING PLAYERS**  
Refresher and confidence builder sessions available  
Instruments provided

LOSTWITHIEL TOWN TRAINING BAND IS RECRUITING!

IF YOU ARE A RETURNING PLAYER LOOKING FOR A HOME THEN WHY NOT JOIN US ON MONDAY EVENINGS. LOSTWITHIEL COMMUNITY CENTRE



Thank you so much for your generous donations to Comic Relief.

Total amount raised:

**£814**



Next Tuesday, there is a football and netball match (AWAY—Pondhu)

Football training in school will continue with Coach James for children not playing in the match.





## SUNBEAMS:

Please remember to return forms for next half term as soon as possible.

Thank you.

### Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	68.8%	94.6%
LG2	97.5%	96.0%
Crinnis	99.3%	95.7%
Booley	98.5%	94.3%
Polmear	96.0%	94.6%
Polkerris	97.3%	94.4%
Silvermines	91.9%	92.8%
Gribbin	92.2%	94.0%
Carnjewey	93.1%	96.8%
Duporth	94.3%	95.2%
Menabilly	96.9%	96.2%

### Y6 Camp—

Please complete the 'Pre-Arrival' form as soon as possible using the link on Class Dojo.

Thank you

### Diary

#### April

2nd and 3rd

KS2 Easter Walkthrough  
Experience at St. Andrew's Church

5th Easter Holiday Starts

22nd Return to School

#### May

5th Bank Holiday

12th Y6 SATs Week

16th Y6 Camp final payment due

24th Half Term Holiday Starts

### Dates

#### June

2nd INSET DAY (School Closed)

3rd Return to School

9th-13th Y6 Camp

#### July

24th Summer Holiday Starts

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

Respect



Compassion



Resilience



community



St Austell Library and SALSA invite you to our:

# Family Bingo Night!

**St Austell Library  
Friday 4th April, 18:00**

Six fun games & a flyer for only  
£5 per adult, £2.50 per child!

Tea & coffee provided. Feel free to BYOB & nibbles  
\*\*Raffle on the night with all proceeds to  
St Austell Library Support Association\*\*

\*\*Please book and pay for your tickets in advance\*\*  
Book in person at the Library Help Desk, call 0300 1234 111, or  
email [staustell.library@iscornwall.org.uk](mailto:staustell.library@iscornwall.org.uk). We can take cash or card  
payments at the Help Desk, or card payments over the phone  
[staustelllibrary.org](https://staustelllibrary.org) / [staustell.library](https://staustell.library)

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# CORNWALL'S Largest ever INFLATABLE Theme park

## £7! ALL DAY!

Cash only Free parking



**6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th  
APRIL**

## PAR MARKET

**10am - 5pm**




Funded by  
Department for Education



# Welcome to the Time2Move Holiday Programme - funded by the Department for Education






Open to parents/carers and  
their primary school aged  
children in Cornwall

# Don't forget to sign up to the Mental Health Support Team free Wild Wellbeing sessions being held over the Easter holidays at various locations

To request a place, please complete the  
online form via the link below or use the  
QR code attached

<https://forms.office.com/e/1cVmDjXF5E>




## 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.***