



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 4TH JULY 2025

Year 6 had a fantastic time at their Careers Event this week. It was a day full of aspiration, curiosity and fun! Our visitors commented on the fantastic behaviour, manners and inquisitive nature of the children. Well done everyone!

A huge thank you to the wonderful people who gave up their time to inspire our children: Imerys, James Kittow, Hilary Bunting, Emily from the Village Bakery, Richard Rawlings, Marie-Lousie, St John's Ambulance, St Austell Police and St Austell Fire and Rescue.



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**Year 5 and 6 have been very lucky to be offered a workshop on dinosaurs and fossils. Petra, who is visiting her grandson Isaac G, works at Horsham Museum, delivering educational workshops and offered to share her knowledge and expertise with our children. The children were able to handle fossils, explore where they come from and dig for them! They were also able to hold fossilised dinosaur bones and poo! Thank you so much Petra for such a wonderful opportunity!**



**Respect**



**Compassion**



**Resilience**



**Community**



**Curiosity**



**Ambition**



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**TODAY!!!**  
**PSA Summer Bingo**  
**Open at 5:45pm,**  
**eyes down 6:30pm**



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Thank you to the PSA for funding a fantastic 'Under the Sea' puppet show for EYFS and KS1.

Children in KS1 were also treated to a wonderful puppet making workshop.



**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!



**HARLEQUIN**  
PHOTOGRAPHY

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 today—Friday 4th July.



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## Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	98.1%	95.42%
LG2	97.9%	96.22%
Crinnis	93%	95.83%
Booley	96.5%	94.32%
Polmear	91.3%	94.78%
Polkerris	90.8%	94.06%
Silvermines	87.7%	92.71%
Gribbin	95.7%	94.4%
Carnjewey	93.4%	96.72%
Duporth	95.8%	95.85%
Menabilly	85%	96.73%



### SUNBEAMS:

Please check bookbags for Sunbeams booking forms for September and return to the school office.

Thank you!



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## Diary

### July

- 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

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# Pop Up Holiday Camps through August

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

- Activity Days
- Competitions



SCAN HERE

**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

Contact Michelle Kent: [admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto: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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THE READING AGENCY

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!



THE READING AGENCY


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!

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



# SilverCloud



Cornwall Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

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/>



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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.***