



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



24TH APRIL 2026

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week and for us to finally enjoy some time on the field at lunchtime!

This half term, our topics have a History focus:

- Year 1 and 2: The Unsinkable Ship? (a study on the history of the Titanic)
- Year 3 and 4: Ancient Greeks
- Year 5 and 6: Stone Age

We are really 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.



Thank you to those who have already completed our annual Parent and Carer Questionnaire. We really do appreciate your feedback and you taking the time to respond.

If you have not, please take a couple of minutes to fill in the form - it will give us a better picture of what we are doing well and what we need to improve as a school.

The questionnaire will close on Monday 27th April. Thank you!

[Tywardreath School - Parent and Carer Questionnaire – Fill in](#)



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

School Parliament	Mrs Squire	Monday Assembly	Parliament members
Colouring and Drawing	Mrs Hazlewood	Monday 12.00-12.25	KS1 and KS2
Swimming	Miss Jones and Mrs Turner	Monday 3.15-4.15	Invite only
Multi-Sports	Mrs Squire	Monday 3.15-4.15	KS2 (20 max)
Numbots/TTRS	Mrs Hannaford	Tuesday 12.00 - 12.25	KS1
Football	Mr Gilbert and Coach James	Tuesday 3.15-4.15	KS2
Netball	Mrs Barnes	Tuesday 3.15-4.15	Year 5/6 (20 max)
Outdoor Club	Mrs Blows	Tuesday 3.15-4.15	Year 1-4 (15 max)
Boys Well-Being	Mrs Musgrave	Wednesday 12.00-12.25	Year 5/6
Girls Well-Being	Miss Banham	Wednesday 12.00-12.25	KS2
Athletics	Mrs Bloxham	Thursday 12.00-12.25	Year 5/6
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	Invite only

## Family Worker Drop In Tywardreath Academy

**These sessions will be run by Jackie Chillingworth Senior Family Worker**

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviors?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

**We are running a drop-in session with no appointment necessary  
on:**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 13:30-15:30**

**If you would like to make an appointment, please speak with  
Reception.**

**Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown  
through to the meeting room.**

**For more information please contact:**

Email: [Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk)

Call: 01872 324929



Together for Families

[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

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# Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	97.62%	95.61%
LG2	98.57%	95.78%
Crinnis	98.85%	96.27%
Booley	97.19%	96.42%
Polmear	96%	94.71%
Polkerris	97.59%	94.5%
Silvermines	96.33%	96.39%
Gribbin	93.21%	93.12%
Carnjewey	96.67%	96.14%
Duporth	92.73%	93.56%
Menabilly	94.83%	95.78%

## Y6 Camp:

Reminder that payment is due in May. Please complete the medical form sent via Dojo or use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/4VvEit3iVF119LQB6>

Thank you!

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## Diary

- Apr**  
 28th Y1 Phonics Screening  
 Workshop for Parents and Carers
- 29th KS1 Wow Day (dress up)
- May:**  
 1st Non-Uniform—donations for rainbow tombola  
 5th Class and Team photos  
 11th Y6 SATs Week  
 20th Y3/4 Swimming Gala  
 20th Y3/4 Parent Drop In (2.30pm)  
 21st Y1/2 Parent Drop In (2.30pm)  
 21st Y5/6 Swimming Gala  
 21st Y5/6 Parent Drop In (2.30pm)  
 22nd Last day of half term
- June:**  
 1st Children back to school  
 2nd Triathlon  
 19th INSET Day  
 22nd Y6 Camp Week  
 22nd Y5 Enrichment Week  
 29th Y6 Bikeability  
 30th EYFS Sports Day

## Dates

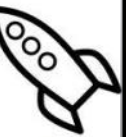
- July:**  
 2nd Y6 Fowey transition  
 3rd Summer Fayre  
 7th Y6 Poltair/Penrice transition  
 7th EYFS Sports Day RESERVE
- 8th Y6 Careers Day  
 9th Summer Disco  
 (EYFS/KS1 4.15-5, KS2 5.15-6 +Y6 only 6-6.30)
- 10th EYFS Graduation  
 14th KS1 Sports Day  
 15th KS2 Sports Day  
 22nd Y6 Production (1.30pm)  
 23rd Y6 Production (1.30pm)  
 24th Last day of term



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# THE INVADER IS COMING!

## TOM PALMER



### REPORT TO YOUR LIBRARY!

# LIBRARY INVASION

## OF CORNWALL LIBRARIES


**30 MINUTE ACTION-PACKED TALK WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR TOM PALMER**

**FREE SIGNED BOOK FOR THE FIRST 5 FAMILIES!**



**IDEAL FOR AGES 7+**

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May | 10am Hayle | 11.30 am Camborne | 1pm Redruth  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May | 10am Bodmin | 11.30am Wadebridge | 2.30 pm Camelford  
Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May | 10.30am St Columb | 11.45am Newquay | 1pm Perranporth | 2.30pm St Agnes  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May | 10am St Ives | 11.30am Penzance | 1pm St Just  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May | 10am Helston | 11.30am Falmouth | 1pm Penryn | 2.30pm Truro  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May | 9am Lostwithiel | 10.15am Fowey | 11.45am St Austell  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June | 11.30am Liskeard | 1pm Saltash | 2.30pm Torpoint  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June | 10am Callington | 11.30am Launceston | 1:30pm Par    Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> June | 1pm Bude

**FREE ENTRY - CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR BOOKING DETAILS**

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**Libraries**

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/library](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/library)  Barrington  Stoke

## 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.***