



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

A **HUGE** thank you for your kind donations to our cake sale and for coming along to buy the cakes!

We have raised an incredible **£250**! Thank you to our wonderful Parliament members and Mrs Squire for organising this event.



### Football:

Y3 and 4 played their first ever game this week. They played incredibly well!

Final score: Gorran 1-Tywardreath 0.

### Y5 and 6

Gorran played well and were resilient. We kept getting free kicks which helped us to score goals. Harry T scored from the half way line! It was a great match.

Final score: Tywardreath 7—Gorran 2

### Netball:

Gorran played brilliantly against us. They had a great, resilient attitude throughout the match. We played brilliantly as a team and Jax won player of the match. By Imí and Lorna



**NO FOOTBALL TRAINING ON  
TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER**

# Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	91.3%	94.54%
LG2	92.0%	95.36%
Crinnis	97.0%	97.56%
Booley	91.6%	96.02%
Polmear	86.3%	95.21%
Polkerris	93.4%	95.65%
Silvermines	96.9%	96.61%
Gribbin	90.4%	93.45%
Carnjewey	92.9%	95.78%
Duporth	93.1%	93.48%
Menabilly	91.7%	95.75%



Please think before you park!

Please park safely and respect our neighbours.

Please DON'T park on yellow lines.

Please DON'T block residents driveways.

Please BE thoughtful.

Thank you

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## Diary

### December:

- 2nd Aspen's Open Afternoon (2.45)
- 3rd Rock Steady Concert
- 5th Christmas Jumper Day
- 5th KS1 Parent Drop In (2.15pm)
- 10th Christmas Lunch
- 11th EYFS Nativity (9.30am)
- 12th Family Worker Drop In
- 12th Christmas Fayre (2pm)
- 15th KS1 Sing and Sign (1.30pm)
- 15th EYFS Christmas Party
- 16th KS1 Sing and Sign (am)
- 17th KS1 Christmas Party
- 17th KS2 Carol Service (1.30pm)  
St. Andrew's Church
- 18th KS2 Carol Service (1.30pm)  
St. Andrew's Church
- 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

- 22nd Y6 Camp

### July:

- 24th Last day of term



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Curiosity  
Ambition

Free Entry!

St Austell Library Christmas

# Craft Fayre

& Meet Sparkles the Unicorn!

## St Austell Library

Sat 29th Nov, 10am-1pm

Local crafters and makers with stalls full of fun, creative and affordable festive gifts! Plus:

- ★ Lucky Dip ★ SALSA Pre-Loved Stall ★
- ★ Photo Arch ★ Refreshments! ★

For more information, come to the Help Desk,  
e: [staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk](mailto:staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk)/t: 0300 1234 111  
FB: [StAustellLibrary](#) IG: [staustell.library](#)

SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
9AM - 5PM

# Santa ON THE Sand

£5 per child

Includes

- Visit Santa's Grotto (In the beach hut)
- Small Gift
- Marshmallow Toasting
- Photo opportunities

Polkerris Beach PL24 2TL

Also Available

Prize Draw  
Christmas Games and Activities  
Food and Drink (Not included in the price)  
[events@polkerrisscouts.org](mailto:events@polkerrisscouts.org)

Scan the QR code below to Book

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All money raised will help support Polkerris Scout Group

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# Santas on the Run

Experience the magic of a festive fun run at the Eden Project on Sunday 7 December

Sign up today [www.chsw.org.uk/santas](http://www.chsw.org.uk/santas)

eden project

Registered Charity No. 1003314

#ReindeerRun

Lifeboats

# REINDEER RUN

EVERY STEP, EVERY DONATION, HELPS US SAVE EVERY ONE WE CAN

Sign up today at [RNLI.org/CornwallReindeerRun](http://RNLI.org/CornwallReindeerRun) or scan the QR code

RNLI CORNWALL REINDEER RUN  
Saturday 13th December 2025  
Par Racetrack PL24 2PB

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# THE FIRST CULTURAL CENSUS OF PAR, ST BLAZEY & TYWARDREATH

With support from a Get Involved Award from the University of Plymouth, The Creation Works / Hwel An Gwrians is undertaking research that will inform how the organisation works in the future.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We'd like to hear what you think about what there is to do, see and take part in, here in the Par Bay Area. We'd like to know what you would like to see happening here in the future.

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code or fill the survey online:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/zdizszSadW>



You can also choose to take part in a case-study interview to help us even further. Simply opt-in to an interview when completing the survey.

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## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Please join us for our 5 week online  
**Parenting Intervention**

- \* Each session will take place online, weekly, beginning **Monday 5 January 2026** (10am or 6pm) with MHST practitioners.
- \* The sessions are designed to give parents and carers a greater insight into their child's needs and how they can support them
- \* Please sign up via the online form here:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/nHpNgKgBhH>  
or scan the QR code



Sign up closes 29/12/2025 at 5pm



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**Parent Led CBT Intervention**

- \* Each session will take place online, weekly, beginning **Monday 5 January 2026** (10am or 6pm) with MHST practitioners.
- \* Parent-led cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) is a brief psychological intervention in which parents and carers are supported in applying CBT principles in their child's day-to-day life.
- \* Please sign up via the online form here:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/qWsPTfwXC3>  
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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.***