



The Tywardreath School Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers

19TH DECEMBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would first like to thank you for all the support and generosity you have shown to our charities this year: Poppy Appeal, Children in Need, St Austell Foodbank and the School Parliament Bake Sale. It is a true reflection of this very special community in which we live, that you are able to think of others and give so generously.

The run-up to Christmas is always a very busy and exciting time, but I remain as proud, as ever, of the children's attitude and behaviour through this period. The Christmas Fayre was a great success and all the children performed brilliantly in their respective Christmas performances—the EYFS Nativity, KS1 Sing and Sign and KS2 Carol Service.

The children have worked and played hard and are now ready for a rest! They deserve to enjoy special times with you and your families this holiday time.

From my staff and I, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year.

We shall look forward to welcoming you all safely back in January 2026.

With kindest wishes,

Mrs McColville and all the staff at Tywardreath





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christmas fayre



Thank you so much for all your support at our Christmas Fayre! It was a fantastic event, with a huge variety of Christmassy things; reindeer food, tombolas, games and raffles to Christmas crafts, decorations, festive treats and homemade jam! Y6 girls showed amazing entrepreneurial skills with handmade jewellery, decorations and raffles. Thank you to our PSA who helped to organise such a festive event!

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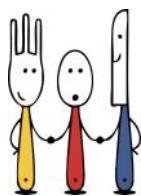
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Please don't forget to order lunches for the New Year.
The deadline for ordering is midnight on Thursday 1st January.

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**Thank you to our wonderful School Parliament for organising
Tywardreath's Got Talent 2025. It was a fantastic showcase of talent
from singing, stand up comedy and jokes to dancing and acro! A
lovely way to end a busy term!**



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Diary

December:

19th Last day of term

2026 January:

5th Children back to school

26th INSET Day

February:

13th Last day of half term

23rd Children back to school

Dates

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 Week

July:

24th Last day of term

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Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	90.0%	94.75%
LG2	98.57%	95.39%
Crinnis	85.56%	96.46%
Booley	96.0%	96.1%
Polmear	92.33%	94.41%
Polkerris	89.31%	94.98%
Silvermines	94.83%	96.35%
Gribbin	94.29%	92.2%
Carnjewey	97.74%	96.28%
Duporth	90.0%	93.35%
Menabilly	94.14%	95.68%

Starting school
September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance
Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101


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FREE Christmas 2023 and New Year 2024
30,000 copies across Cornwall and on-line
Blackbird Pie
Cornwall's what's-on for families

Did you know that parents can access *Blackbird Pie* magazine for free on BorrowBox using their library card?

If the printed copy is lost, crumpled at the bottom of a school bag, or simply never made it home, it's quick and easy to read the magazine on any personal device.

BorrowBox is completely free to use with a Cornwall Libraries membership and offers instant access to *Blackbird Pie* along with a wide range of children's eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines—perfect for days when families need inspiration for things to do.

If parents aren't already members, they can [sign up for FREE online](#) in minutes or pop into any Cornwall Library.

NHS CORNWALL & DEVON School Age Immunisation Service Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- FLU- Reception - Year 11
- MMR - Catch-up
- HPV- Year 8 - Year 11
- Meningitis ACWY- Year 9 - Year 11
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) Year 9 - Year 11

Did you miss us?
We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- Home educated children
- Anxious children
- Children who missed the session at school

Call us on **01872 221105**

HAH! BUMHUG.
The LONELY CLOWN CLUB THEATRE CO. *Presents*
A retelling of A Christmas Carol

Sunday 14th December @16:00 Relaxed performance
The Creation Works, 13a Moorland Rd, Par, Cornwall, PL24 2PA
Book tickets on our website
www.lonelyclownclub.com/shows/hah-bumhug

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.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

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Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust



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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Please join us for our 5 week online **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> or scan the QR code



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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.