



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



10TH OCTOBER 2025

**We're using the
Arbor Parent App!**



You will have received an email this week about an exciting change to the way that we communicate with you. It will be a much more efficient way for us to communicate with you.

Further information on how to register will be sent on Monday.

Please keep an eye out and register your child when prompted. In the meantime, you can download the app here:



You can also find some more information here:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Getting-started-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>

We are really looking forward to getting started with using the Arbor app!

Please contact the office if you have any questions.



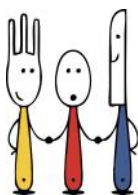
FIREWORKS TICKETS ON SALE!

We've gone digital - with online tickets. No booking fees!
Join us for our family friendly spectacular Fireworks Display, with
BBQ from Kittows, Popcorn, Drinks and Live DJ!

<https://tywardreath-psa.sumupstore.com/>



Please return allergy/dietary requirements forms as soon as possible so that we are able to cater for your child's needs!



Reminder:



Please make sure you have booked and paid for Sunbeams and lunches using Parent Pay. Lunches need to be ordered by Thursday for the following week.

Thank you!

After half term, if your child does not have a packed lunch or an order on ParentPay, the option available will be the Pasta Twirler meal (hot pasta topped with homemade tomato sauce and cheese)



School Photo Reminder:

**Wednesday 16th and
Thursday 17th October**



Our netball team, Y5/6 football team and cross country team will all be taking part in their first fixtures of the season next week!

Netball/Football: Away at Pondhu

Cross Country: Par Track

Respect



Compassion



Resilience



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A big thank you to Rich from the Stay Safe Initiative, who has talked to our children today with a focus on Anti-Bullying.

Our Y1 and 2 children were taught the message that bullying is when children are unkind several times on purpose. They said some mean things to paper 'Bob' and thought about the impact unkind words and actions can have on others. The children then discussed who we can turn to when we are feeling worried about things.

Our KS2 children were taught about how to identify the difference between occasional unkindness or mistakes which we all make, and the repeated events that occur with bullying. The acronym STOP was used (several times on purpose). Rich taught the children the golden rule and explained the importance of speaking up - being an upstander not a bystander and using our voice if we were unhappy about something to deal with it in a positive way.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR PARLIAMENT CANDIDATES! WE WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH ALL THE CHILDREN'S IDEAS AND THE CONFIDENCE WITH WHICH THEY SPOKE IN FRONT OF THE REST OF THE SCHOOL! EVERYBODY HAS HAD A CHANCE TO VOTE IN OUR ELECTION, USING OUR POLLING STATION.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK!



Year 6 had a fantastic day at Fowey River Academy this week. They took part in Art, Drama, PE and Science activities. It was a fabulous day. The children's behaviour was exceptional and was commented on by lots of members of staff and other schools.



Community



Curiosity



Ambition

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HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK
WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

TINNED CUSTARD
LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
BISCUITS
TINNED RICE PUDDING
JAM
COFFEE
POT NOODLES
TINNED FRUIT
TINNED VEGETABLES
TINNED MEAT

Don't forget...
You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.



staustell.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 112886

Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	94.2%	94.29%
LG2	93.8%	97.42%
Crinnis	99.3%	98.6%
Booley	97.2%	97.36%
Polmear	98%	96.52%
Polkerris	96.6%	96.67%
Silvermines	92.1%	96.31%
Gribbin	89.6%	93.6%
Carnjewey	94.2%	96.22%
Duporth	93.3%	94%
Menabilly	93.4%	95.01%

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Diary

October:

- 14th Flu Nasal Vaccinations
- 16th School Photos
- 17th School Photo Mop Up
- 17th Last day of half term

November:

- 3rd Children back to school
- 3rd KS1 Numbots Launch Day
- 8th Fireworks Display
- 11th-13th Parent Consultations
- 20th Aspens Open Afternoon 2.45
- 25th EYFS Open Afternoon (2026 starters)
- 27th Glitter and Glow Disco EYFS+KS1 4.15-5.00 KS2 5.15-6.00
- 28th Rainbow Non-Uniform Day Donations for Christmas Tombola

Dates

December:

- 3rd Rock Steady Concert
- 5th Christmas Jumper Day
- 10th Christmas Lunch
- 11th EYFS Nativity (am)
- 12th Family Worker Drop In
- 12th Christmas Fayre (2pm)
- 15th KS1 Sing and Sign (pm)
- 16th KS1 Sing and Sign (am)
- 17th KS2 Carol Service (pm)
- 18th KS2 Carol Service (pm)
- 19th Last day of term

2026 January:

- 5th Children back to school
- 26th INSET Day
- February:**
- 13th Last day of half term



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The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Halloween Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book EACH child on to a session

Sessions available at:

- Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October
- Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October
- Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October
- Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October

*Free parking at all sites

Activities will last approx. 2 hours
Please feel free to drop in from 10am, activities end at 1pm

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)



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.