



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



14TH NOVEMBER 2025



Across the school this week, the children have taken part in discussions and reflected upon the importance of Remembrance Day. We have been very impressed by the level of respect shown, particularly during our Remembrance Assembly. Thank you for your kind donations to the Poppy Appeal. Here is some of the lovely work produced by the children:



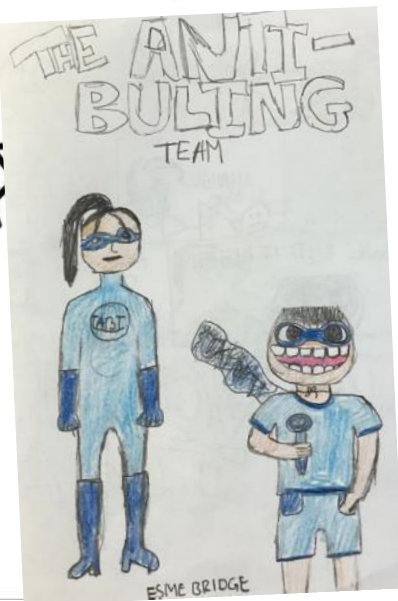
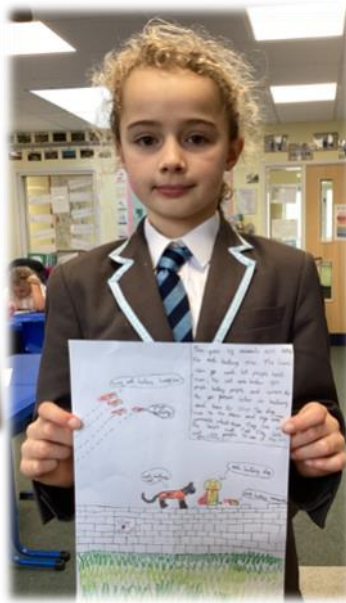
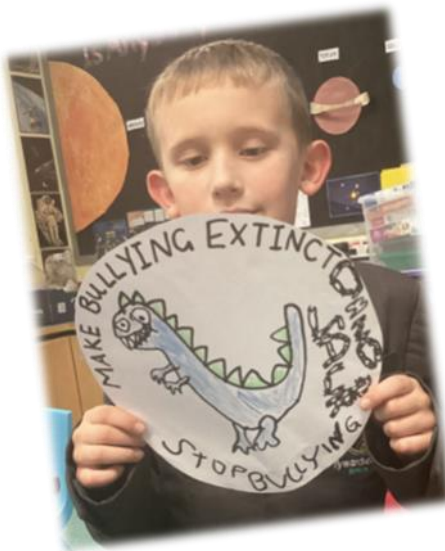
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As part of Anti-Bullying Week, children have talked about what they can do to stop bullying. Here are some of the children's ideas:



- Be an UPSTANDER—tell an adult and be a friend to the person bullied
- Say nice things—no reaction stops the bully repeating their behaviour
- Be an anti-bullying superhero



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Lifeboats

Today, we had a visit from the RNLI to discuss water safety and how to stay safe around the coast. The children learnt all about what the RNLI do and all the fundraising that happens to keep such an important charity doing the incredible work that they do. Joni was chosen to try on some of the uniform and equipment used. She said: "it felt quite overwhelming as there was so much stuff to wear and carry. It was fun!"



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#ReindeerRun



REINDEER RUN



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





RNLI CORNWALL REINDEER RUN
Saturday 13th December 2025
Par Racetrack PL24 2PB
Sign up today at
RNLI.org/CornwallReindeerRun
or scan the QR code



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Thank you for your kind donations to the Children In Need appeal!

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School Photos

Reminder: The order deadline for free delivery back to school is Monday 17th November. Orders placed after the date above will be direct ship only and subject to postage costs.



Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our Fireworks event! A big thank you to our wonderful PSA and volunteers who helped to make this event happen!



TYWARDREATH SCHOOL PSA BRINGS YOU

GLITTER+GLOW DISCO

Thursday 27 November

£2 ENTRY INCLUDES SNACK & DRINK

4.15-5.00 = EYFS & KS1
5.15-6.00 = KS2



Non Uniform Day

Donations towards our Festive Tombola



Please come to school in non-uniform (colours optional) on **Friday 28th November**

Please bring a donation in the colour of your year group to add to our rainbow tombola for the Christmas fayre.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6



If you haven't done so already, please can you download the Arbor app

and follow the instructions to login.

Initially, you will be able to see your child's attendance and personal details. Please can you check your details and edit if there are any changes.

As always, please contact the office if you have any ques-



Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	91.3%	94.7%
LG2	89.5%	96.2%
Crinnis	98.9%	97.6%
Booley	96.0%	97.1%
Polmear	95.3%	96.3%
Polkerris	97.2%	96.3%
Silvermines	97.6%	96.5%
Gribbin	92.9%	93.8%
Carnjewey	93.9%	96.3%
Duporth	90.0%	93.3%
Menabilly	97.9%	96.0%

Diary

November:

- 17th School Photo Order Deadline
- 19th KS1 NumBots Launch Day
- 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
- 5th KS1 Parent Drop In
- 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 KS1 Christmas Party
- 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
- 23rd Children back to school

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BLOW OFF SOME STEAM IN OUR BRAND NEW GAMES CLUB
WEDNESDAYS
 4 - 5.30PM
 GOTT HALL, PAR PL24 2AF

LET LOOSE
 GAMES, TUCK SHOP AND CRAFTS
 AGES 7 AND UP

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DRAMA SCHOOL
 SATURDAYS IN PAR - FIRST SESSION FREE!

LITTLE RASCALS
 DRAMA AND CREATIVE PLAY
 FOR 3 - 6 YR OLDS
 10 - 11AM

SHOWSTOPPERS
 DRAMA AND STAGECRAFT
 FOR 7 - 9 YR OLDS
 TAKING STORIES FROM PAGE TO STAGE
 11 - 12PM

ACTOMANIA
 DRAMA AND STAGECRAFT
 FOR AGES 9 AND UP
 CREATE ONE OF A KIND ORIGINAL SHOWS
 12 - 1.30 PM

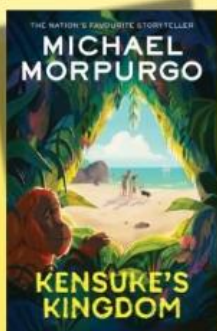
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Guess who is coming to St Austell?!

Join Michael Morpurgo at White River Cinema on 29th November



staustellfestivalofchildrensliterature.com

BISCOVEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB
BISCOVEY BALLERS
 Join in the beautiful game!

Biscovey Ballers aim to develop ball skills and introduce team play for those children starting out in football. These are fantastic football sessions designed to develop young players taking their first steps in the game.

£2.00 per week **Ages 4 to 7** BOTH BOYS & GIRLS

10 till 11am Saturday Mornings | **At Starrick Moor the home of Biscovey Youth Football Club.**

Join our Biscovey Ballers Facebook page for more Information

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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/t: 0300 1234 111
FB: StAustellLibrary IG: staustell.library



SATURDAY 6TH 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

Scan the QR code below to Book



Supported by



All money raised will help support Polkerris Scout Group



PAR TRACK'S INDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join us for our first ever indoor Christmas Market! Where you'll find handmade crafts, Tombola, A sweet stall, coffee and cake and much more from Santa himself!

RAISING MONEY FOR THE MERLIN CENTRE

NOVEMBER 21ST 2025
2:00PM - 5:00PM

Stall holders set up from 1:00PM
Par Track Cafe, PL24 2PB



Sponsored by: **polymer** medics

children's hospice SOUTH WEST

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

eden project

Registered Charity No. 1003314

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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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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.