



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



## 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school for the start of a new academic year. The first few days have been filled with smiles, excitement and a real sense of enthusiasm as pupils have settled quickly into their new classes and routines.



I have been extremely proud of how well our children have returned to school. They have demonstrated positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and a willingness to embrace new opportunities and challenges. It has been lovely to see friendships being renewed and new connections being formed across the school.

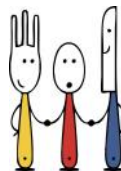
We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences. I am confident that, if these first few days are anything to go by, it is going to be a fantastic year for everyone.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs McColville



Clubs lists will be sent out next week—please check the newsletter next week for available clubs.



Reminder:

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

Thank you



**Swimming Lessons will start week beginning 8th September for KS1 and KS2.  
EYFS will start week beginning 21st September.**

Please remember:

Swimwear (one piece for girls), swimming hat and towel (goggles if needed).

**Please pay for your child's swimming lessons using ParentPay.  
Thank you!**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | Little Gerrans, Crinnis, Polmear |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Duport                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Booley                           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Carnjewey, Menabilly             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Polkerris, Silvermines, Gribbin  |



# UNIFORM REMINDER

## EYFS to Year 2

- Navy jumper, badge embroidered onto fabric (available from school office only)
- Polo shirt – plain white (EYFS only)
- Plain white shirt short or long sleeved (Year 1 and Year 2)
- Academy tie – (not in EYFS) (available from school office only)
- Black trousers/black skirt or pinafore
- Black sensible shoes (not trainers/sandals/boots)
- Badged book bag (available from school office only)
- Black socks or tights (white may be worn with summer dresses)



## Years 3 to Year 6

- Grey badged jacket with trim (available from school office only)
- Plain white shirt, short or long sleeved
- Academy tie (available from school office only)
- Badged book bag (available school office only)
- Black skirt (may be worn with leggings if required for religious reasons) or black tailored trousers
- Black socks or tights (white may be worn with summer dresses)
- Black sensible shoes (not trainers /sandals/ boots)



- Light blue/white gingham summer dress to be worn in the summer term
- Navy v neck cardigan (only to be worn with summer dress)

## PE (Year 1-6)

PE lessons will start next week. On your child's PE day, they may come into school wearing their PE kit.

- School PE colour t-shirt
- Black shorts/leggings/joggers
- School jumper (if no school jumper, a plain black/navy jumper—not a hoody—can be worn)
- Black plimsolls or trainers



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| <b>Monday</b>    | Silvermines, Polkerris   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Carnjewey, Gribbin       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Menabilly, Duporth       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Crinnis, Booley, Polmear |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Little Gerrans           |

Thank you

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## Y6 Camp:

If you would like your child to attend, please don't forget the non-refundable deposit is due by 25th September on ParentPay.

Thank you.

## Attendance

|             | This Week | Year to Date |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| LG1         |           |              |
| LG2         |           |              |
| Crinnis     | 98%       | 98%          |
| Booley      | 99.43%    | 99.43%       |
| Polmear     | 96.55%    | 96.55%       |
| Polkerris   | 100%      | 100%         |
| Silvermines | 86.9%     | 86.9%        |
| Gribbin     | 96.91%    | 96.91%       |
| Carnjewey   | 97%       | 97.02%       |
| Duporth     | 96.1%     | 96.11%       |
| Menabilly   | 97.4%     | 97.44%       |

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## Diary

### September:

- 15th Y3/4 Wow Day
- 16th Y5/6 Wow Day
- 28th PSA AGM@7pm

### October:

- 6th Harvest Assembly—Foodbank
- 12th Y3/4 Parent Drop In
- 13th Y5/6 Parent Drop In
- 15th Y1/2 Parent Drop In
- 16th Last day of half term

## Dates

### November:

- 2nd Children back to school
- 7th Fireworks
- 18th Parent Consultations
- 19th Parent Consultations

### December:

- 18th Last day of term

### 2027

### January

- 4th INSET Day (school closed for children)

## 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.***