



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



3RD OCTOBER 2025



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/>



REMINDER:

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine, please complete the online form by midday on Friday 10th October

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School code: EE141616



SUNBEAMS:

Please check bookbags for
Sunbeams booking forms for
September and return to the
school office.

Thank you!



PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS
FOR EXCITING NEWS ABOUT THE
FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL MEALS
AND NEW MENUS FOR AFTER
HALF TERM.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Tywardreath School Open Afternoon

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? Come and explore our EYFS classrooms and meet our EYFS teachers.

Tuesday 25th November

Tywardreath School

3.30pm- 4.30pm



Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	95.6%	92.34%
LG2	100%	98.37%
Crinnis	98.9%	98.46%
Booley	97.2%	97.32%
Polmear	100%	96.2%
Polkerris	97.2%	96.7%
Silvermines	99%	97.2%
Gribbin	88.9%	94.42%
Carnjewey	96.1%	96.64%
Duporth	94.7%	93.96%
Menabilly	96.2%	95.33%

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Compassion



Resilience



Diary

October:

- 9th Y6 Fowey Open Day and Eve
- 9th Stay Safe Workshops
- 10th Family Worker Drop In
- 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
- 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



Cornwall
Wildlife Trust



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

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)

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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.