



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



17TH OCTOBER 2025

Polite Reminder



Please can we kindly ask that **no nut products** are brought **into school**, whether in packed lunches or as treats. We understand that this may require some changes to your usual routines, and we truly appreciate your support. This is not just a dietary preference, but a critical health and safety matter.

Thank you for your support.



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 questions.



Thank you so much for your contributions to our collection for St Austell Food Bank.

Revd Shona came in to deliver a lovely Harvest Assembly, where we talked about 'imperfect' fruit and veg still tasting delicious regardless of what it looks like. She also brought a "practice loaf" made by Emily, from the Village Bakery, made for the National Harvest Festival at Westminster Abbey!





TYWARDREATH SCHOOL FIREWORKS DISPLAY



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/>



SUNBEAMS:

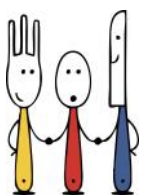


Please make cancellations as soon as possible, as
we have a number of children on waiting lists.



If not cancelled in a timely manner, charges
may incur.

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



Reminder:

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)



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SCHOOL PARLIAMENT



THE VOTES HAVE BEEN COUNTED!

OUR NEW PARLIAMENT MEMBERS:

MATILDA, LORNA, AILISH, LERRYIN, WILLOW,
GEORGE, ELLIOTT, HARVEY, ELLIS AND

THE CHILDREN ARE VERY EXCITED TO START
THEIR NEW ROLE AND HAVE WASTED NO TIME
IN DISCUSSING THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE!

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SPORTS REPORT



Cross Country

A record number of Year 5 and 6 athletes headed for the first x country race of the season at Par Track. I was very proud of all the children who ran and supported each other with resilience and enthusiasm. Between the 32 children they must have run over 50 miles!

Top ten finishes from Ellen (2) Betsy (6) Harry (8) Jordan (10) Teddy (6). Lots of personal bests and some very promising debut performances. I think lots of the children exceeded their own expectations today and many crossed the finish line with huge smiles on their faces!

Thank you to Mrs Barnes and the parents who walked down with us and to all the family and friends who popped to the track to cheer us on.

Mrs Clarke



Football Y5/6

It was a great first match against Pondhu. We won 6-1. We kept possession and kept together as a team. There was good sportsmanship from both sides.

By Harry H and Olivia H



Netball

On Tuesday, we played against Pondhu. We won 12-4. It was a great experience and we had lots of fun! Pondhu were very supportive and they made sure to say well done to use. We all shook hands. Pondhu had great resilience and kept playing well, even though they fell behind. Well done to everyone and well done to Pondhu. Thank you for a great match.



Give Kids A Smile!

Has your child been unable to access dental care? We are offering a chance for a free dental appointment to help your child achieve a healthy and bright smile! Please call the practice below and quote Give Kids A Smile.

Contact this practice

Contact name

Carriageworks Dental

Practice location/address

Brunel Quays, Lostwithiel, PL22 0EN

Phone number

01208 873290

Email

GKAS@carriageworksdental.co.uk

Event date

Saturday 1st November 2025



HEALTHY TEETH TIPS?
SCAN QR CODE HERE



Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	98.3%	94.96%
LG2	95.5%	97.04%
Crinnis	94.8%	98.04%
Booley	96.8%	97.28%
Polmear	95.3%	96.34%
Polkerris	93.1%	96.15%
Silvermines	96.9%	96.04%
Gribbin	96.1%	93.96%
Carnjewey	98.4%	96.54%
Duporth	89.0%	93.25%
Menabilly	96.9%	95.28%

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Diary

November:

- 3rd Children back to school
- 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.