



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



5TH JUNE 2026



Welcome back to our final half term of the academic year. We hope you had a wonderful break—what glorious sunshine!

We have another busy half term planned with exciting topics, trips, sporting events, residential camps and enrichment activities as well as transition sessions.

Topics for this half term:

Year 1 and 2: My Ocean, Your Ocean, Our Ocean (*A focus on the world's oceans*)

Year 3 and 4: Can we live anywhere? (*A focus on the geography of a region in Greece*)

Year 5 and 6: Who are the Guardians of the Rainforest? (*A focus on features of the rainforest and how and why it needs to be protected*)



Our Summer Fayre takes place on Friday 3rd July from 2pm. We are in need of some help to ensure this event is a success!

If you are able to lend a hand setting up in the afternoon or if you are able to help run a stall, please contact our PSA through their Facebook page or pop into the School Office.

Thank you!



We were very disappointed to have to postpone the triathlon. The field was just too wet and muddy for 300+ runners and cyclists! When we have more predictable weather, we will rearrange a date and let you know. Hopefully, this will be very soon!

Menabilly Class had a brilliant time chatting to author Tom Palmer this week at Par Library. He shared lots of tips and advice for budding writers and shared his writing process and what inspires him. As always, the children's behaviour was exceptional. We were reminded of how easy it is to borrow books and how to use the Borrow Box app to read e-books.



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ONLINE WORKSHOP: Raising Children in a Connected and Digital World

Teams link:

[▶ JOIN NOW](#)

Meeting ID: 310 909 295 039 027
Passcode: MV6Gd7Vu

FREE 45-minute workshop designed for primary parents and carers who want to support their children and young people's relationship with technology.



Thursday 18th June

9:15 - 10:00am

1:45 - 2:30pm

5:45 - 6:30pm



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- ✦ The Modern Digital Playground
- ✦ Navigating Key Online Challenges
- ✦ Practical tools and family strategies
- ✦ Family tech planner and resources



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Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	97.1%	95.81%
LG2	96.21%	96.07%
Crinnis	93.5%	95.96%
Booley	92.8%	96.48%
Polmear	92.3%	94.76%
Polkerris	92.1%	94.66%
Silvermines	96.9%	96.31%
Gribbin	97.1%	93.55%
Carnjewey	96.3%	96.08%
Duporth	88.9%	93.61%
Menabilly	87.9%	96.07%



Polite reminder:

Please can you ensure that packed lunches contain NO nuts.

This does include pesto as most brands are made with pine nuts.

Thank you so much for your support with this.

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Diary

June:

- 8th Y1 Phonics Screening begins
- 10th Y1/2 Trip to Maritime Museum
- 19th INSET Day
- 22nd Y6 Camp Week
- 22nd Y5 Enrichment Week
- 29th Y5/6 Trip to Eden
- 30th Y6 Bikeability
- 30th EYFS Sports Day (9.30am)
- 30th KS1 Sports Day (1.30pm)

Dates

July:

- 2nd Y6 Fowey transition
- 3rd Summer Fayre (pm)
- 7th Y6 Poltair/Penrice transition
- 7th EYFS Sports Day RESERVE
- 8th Y6 Careers Day
- 9th Summer Disco
(EYFS/KS1 4.15-5, KS2 5.15-6 +Y6 only 6-6.30)
- 10th EYFS Graduation
- 15th KS2 Sports Day
(Y3/4 9.30am and Y5/6 1.30pm)
- 16-17th Y4 Camp
- 22nd Y6 Production (1.30pm)
- 23rd Y6 Production (1.30pm)
- 24th Last day of term



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TIPS FOR TICK SAFETY



HOW TO PREVENT



WEAR LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHES



WEAR CLOSED CLOTHES



EXAMINE YOURSELF AFTER SPENDING TIME IN NATURE



AVOID TALL GRASS

CONTACT THE HOSPITAL IF:



HEADACHE



RASH



FEVER



FAILED TO COMPLETELY REMOVE THE TICK

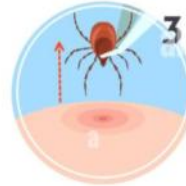
HOW TO REMOVE TICK



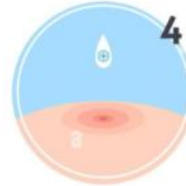
1
DISINFECT THE BITE AREA



2
GRAB TICK CLOSE TO HEAD



3
PULL OUT SLOWLY



4
DISINFECT THE BITE AREA

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ST AUSTELL RFC YOUTH SECTION

STARTING YEAR 7?

COME AND PLAY RUGBY WITH US!

We're looking for new players to join our **UNDER 12s SQUAD** for the 26/27 season.

- ✓ No experience needed – just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved!

PRE-SEASON TRAINING WILL BE STARTING IN AUGUST 2026!



4 WEEK FREE TRIAL
★ NO OBLIGATION ★


MAKE FRIENDS.


BUILD CONFIDENCE.


BE PART OF A TEAM.


HAVE FUN. ACHIEVE MORE.

WHAT TO EXPECT:


FUN, STRUCTURED COACHING


SAFE INTRODUCTION TO CONTACT RUGBY (RFU REGULATION 10)


FRIENDLY, SUPPORTIVE TEAM ENVIRONMENT


MATCHES & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TRAINING:

-  WEDNESDAYS (EVENING)
-  SUNDAYS (MORNING)

MATCHES START LATE SEPTEMBER 2026 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS?
07465 223221

★ COME AND GIVE IT A GO – AND BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT. ★

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.