



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



23RD MAY 2025

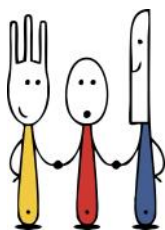


Triathlon

What a beautiful day for our triathlon!
The children had so much fun raising funds for our school pool, swimming, running and biking/scooting!
Thank you so much for all the sponsorship money so far. Total amount raised will be shared after half term!



Part of the
Truro and Penwith
Academy Trust



Reminder for next half term:

Please make sure you have booked and paid for Sunbeams and lunches using Parent Pay. Thank you!



The NHS Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our: Year 6 Transition Workshop

This is an hour long online session aimed at parents and carers. The session covers how to help and support young people with the transition to secondary school.
*Please note this group is open to parents/carers of children in Year 6 only

Upcoming Sessions:

- Tuesday 20 May at 11am or 1:30pm
- Monday 2 June at 10:00am
- Thursday 12 June at 1:30pm

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/qEEGC8PpTd>

Sign up will close 1 week before the workshop date

Attendance

| | This Week | Year to Date |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| LG1 | 98.1% | 95.21% |
| LG2 | 97.0% | 95.99% |
| Crinnis | 95.2% | 95.65% |
| Booley | 95.4% | 94.51% |
| Polmear | 94.2% | 94.72% |
| Polkerris | 93.8% | 94.20% |
| Silvermines | 95.2% | 93.24% |
| Gribbin | 96.7% | 94.7% |
| Carnjewey | 96.9% | 96.78% |
| Duport | 95.5% | 95.81% |
| Menabilly | 96.6% | 97.03% |

Diary

May

24th Half Term Holiday Starts

June

2nd INSET DAY (School Closed)

3rd Return to School

4th Class Photos

9th-13th Y6 Camp

Y5 Enrichment Week

12th Y3/4 Swim Gala

17th KS1 Sports Day AM

EYFS Sports Day PM

19th KS2 Sports Day AM

24th KS1/EYFS Sports Day reserve

25th KS2 Sports Day reserve

26th Y5/6 Swim Gala

Dates

July

2nd Y6 Careers Event

3rd Y6 Transition to Fowey

4th Reports sent home

8th Reports sent home for Y6

8th Transition 1

10th-11th Y4 Camp

10th EYFS Graduation PM

17th Transition 2

21st-22nd Y6 Production 1.30pm

23rd Last day of term

Please note INSET DAY
24th November 2025
has been changed to
26th January 2026.

Respect



Compassion



Resilience



Community
Curiosity
Ambition

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE OPENING
PAR-TEEE
OF THE CREATION WORKS

FREE FESTIVAL

THE 24TH OF MAY

12PM - 4PM

AT PAR TRACK



Funded by UK Government
THE CLARE MILNE TRUST
CORNWALL COUNCIL
COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
FOYLE FOUNDATION
GOOD GROWTH
CORNWALL PARTNERSHIP
NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Cornwall Wildlife Trust
NHS Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...
Wild Wellbeing

During the May half term MHST, in collaboration with Cornwall Wildlife Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Wild Wellbeing** session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book **EACH** child on to a session

Morning and afternoon sessions available:
Tuesday 27 May
at
Widemouth Bay, Bude

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/fkYATgbV5p>



Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST


Parents and Carers
Please join us for a 5 session online workshop for
Behaviour as Communication
- Parent support

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.


This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/BVHDPYUCQA)
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/BVHDPYUCQA](https://forms.office.com/e/BVHDPYUCQA)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us for a 5 session online workshop where we will teach you **practical strategies to support your child with their anxiety and worries**

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Resilience



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.