The Tywardreath School Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers

6th November 2026



🎟️ FIREWORKS TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/tywardreath-school-fireworks-display
🗓️ Sat 7th Nov – gates open at 5.30/ Display starts at 7pm
🍔 BBQ, Vegan Chilli & Popcorn
☕ Hot & cold drinks
🎶 DJ on the night
🏊 100% of money raised goes back to the school!
This year we've gone for 100% digital tickets, similar to Justgiving. You can make a donation to the platform to allow Zeffy to keep offering this software free to charities. Please check you have changed to 0% if you don't want to do this! ✔️



Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful break with your families. It has been an exciting first week back, with NumBots and Times Tables Rockstars Launch Days! The children have settled really well and enjoyed the first week of their new topics:

🌍 Year 1 and 2: Where Are We? (with a focus on our local area)
🌍 Year 3 and 4: Cornwall to Northumberland (with a focus on counties and cities of the UK)
🌍 Year 5 and 6: The Amazing Americas

We look forward to seeing you at our Fireworks Display tomorrow and also at our Parent Evenings in a couple of weeks.

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PARENT'S EVENINGS

Parent's Evening slots will be available to book soon using the app Arbor.

If you haven't done so already, please can you download the Arbor app and follow the instructions to login.
As always, please contact the office if you have any questions.

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What a great start to the half term! All the children had a fantastic day taking part in a variety of Maths activities across the school. Thank you so much for all the fantastic efforts with costumes!













ATTENDANCE

	This week	Year to Date
LG	98.06%	98.26%
Crinnis	95%	96%
Booley	96.87%	98.09%
Polmear	95.98%	95.92%
Polkerris	98%	98%
Silvermines	95.63%	95.15%
Gribbin	93.81%	94.91%
Carnjewey	95%	95.98%
Duporth	95.44%	96.13%
Menabilly	96.15%	96.77%



Reminder: Today is the deadline for Christmas Card orders! You can order online using the link on the card. Proceeds will go to the PSA!



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Diary

November:

7th Fireworks
11th Cross Country @ Par Track
18th Parent Consultations
19th Parent Consultations
26th Glitter and Glow Disco
EYFS/KS1 4.15-5 KS2 5.15-6
27th Non-uniform - Rainbow Tombola

Dates

December:

2nd Cross Country @ Par Track
9th Christmas Lunch
10th EYFS Christmas Event (9.30am)
11th Christmas Fayre
16th KS2 Carol Concert - St Andrews Church 10am
KS1 Christmas Sing Along 2.15pm
17th KS2 Carol Concert - St Andrews Church 10am
KS1 Christmas Sing Along 2.15pm
18th Last day of term

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January:

4th INSET Day (school closed for children)

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NHS
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Please join us for our five week

Parent Led CBT Intervention

- Is your child struggling with worries or anxiety? MHST is offering a Parent-Led CBT programme, providing parents and carers with practical strategies to help their child manage anxiety.
- Sessions start on Monday 9 November, and will be each week on 16, 23, 30 Nov, 7 & 14 December please choose a session time (9.30-11.00am or 4pm - 5.30pm) when you sign up. You will be signed up to the same session time each week

Register your interest by completing the link below or scan the QR code:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/A4sus4rfFJ

Family Drop-In Sessions

For Parents and Carers of Neurodivergent Children, with or without a diagnosis

A friendly and welcoming space to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share experiences and ideas
- Access support and information
- Feel empowered and connected

Children are welcome.
No booking required, just drop in.

St. Austell Family Hub, White River Place

Friday 13th November | 9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 27th November | 9.30am – 11.30am



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PSA EVENTS CALENDAR

Fun events ♥ Great community ♥ Supporting our school



Fireworks
Saturday 7th November 2026

Glitter & Glow Disco
Thursday 26th November 2026



Rainbow Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27th November 2026

Christmas Fayre
Friday 11th December 2026



St Piran's Disco
Thursday 25th February 2027

Mother's Day Shop
Friday 5th March 2027

Triathlon
Date to be confirmed

Father's Day Shop
Friday 18th June 2027



Summer Fayre
Friday 2nd July 2027

Summer Disco
Thursday 8th July 2027

♥ Together we make a difference ♥

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Sponsored by:
polymer medics
children's hospice SOUTH WEST
Santas on the Run
eden project
Sunday 6 December
Sign up today chsw.org.uk/santas
Registered Charity No. 1003314

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.

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