



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

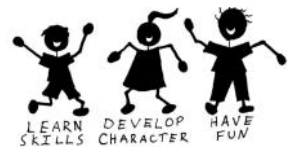
for pupils, staff, parents and carers



13TH JUNE 2025

It's been a very busy week in Year 5 and 6!

Year 5 have had a wonderful Enrichment Week, with visitors from BugsLife, Cornwall Marine Academy, St. John's Ambulance, as well as a visit to Fowey River Academy. They've even squeezed in learning some Spanish with BilinguaSing! They have learnt lots of new skills and shown brilliant team work and perseverance trying out new things. Well done Year 5!



Year 6 have had a jam-packed camp week at Porthpean, including high ropes, climbing, caving, laser tag, silent disco, axe throwing and a magical day on the water trying out kayaking, giant SUP, slip and slide on a SUP topped off

with the company of two beautiful seals following them around the coastline! The children have shown the most incredible resilience and determination to try all the activities and the care and support they have shown each other through the week has been commendable. Well done Year 6!



Next week we have all of our Sports Days! Fingers crossed for some lovey weather!

Tuesday 17th June at 10am - KS1

Tuesday 17th June 1.30pm - EYFS

Thursday 19th June 9.30am - KS2

You are welcome to bring your own blanket/camping chair if you would like to.

Please make sure children have their PE kit with correct colour t-shirt and a water bottle.

Please could you apply sun cream before school if necessary.

We look forward to seeing you all next week!

Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	97.6%	95.28%
LG2	95.6%	95.98%
Crinnis	99.5%	95.75%
Booley	96.6%	94.57%
Polmear	97.6%	94.8%
Polkerris	96.2%	94.25%
Silvermines	91.7%	93.08%
Gribbin	91.7%	94.62%
Carnjewey	98.7%	96.83%
Duporth	96.4%	95.82%
Menabilly	94.9%	96.97%



Swimming Reminder

Please can you check your child's swimming lessons have been paid for using ParentPay.
Thank you!



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Diary

June

- 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

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

Dates

July

- 2nd Y6 Careers Event
- 3rd Y6 Transition to Fowey
- 4th Reports sent home
- 4th PSA Summer Bingo 5.45pm
- 7th Y6 Transition to Penrice and Poltair
- 7th Taiko Performance at Hall for Cornwall
- 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

Family Worker Drop In

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These sessions will be run by Ruby Waterfield Restormel Early Help Team Family Worker

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviors?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running a drop-in session on:
Friday 27th June 2025, 13:30-15:00.

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 324929



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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.