



The Tywardreath School

# Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



22ND MAY 2026



## Triathlon



Our annual triathlon takes place on Friday 5th June!  
Please remember to fill in sponsorship forms or bring in a donation of £2.

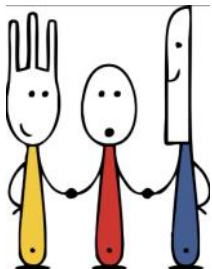
There is also a just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tywtri26>

Children will need:

- a named bike or scooter
- a named helmet ( children cannot ride or scoot without one)
  - KS2 children will need their swimming kits
    - water bottle
    - sun hat and sun cream
- sports clothing to be worn to school for the day.

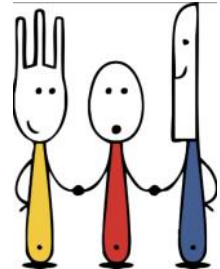
Thank you in advance for your support with this event!



**Please order school lunches for after half-term by midnight on Thursday 28th May**

**The menu is now live on ParentPay.**

**Thank you!**



## Parent Drop Ins

What a wonderful end to the half term, welcoming so many of you in for our Parent Drop Ins.

Y1 and 2 had a Booknic and shared some of the beautiful felt bunting they have made this half term.



# Parent Drop Ins

Y3 and 4 made replicas of the Parthenon to celebrate the end of their topic on Ancient Greece.



Community



Curiosity



Ambition

Respect



Compassion



Resilience



## Parent Drop Ins

Y5 and 6 tried 'flint knapping' to create some Stone Age tools to finish their topic on the Stone Age.



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## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AGED 8-17 WHO IS STRUGGLING WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH?

Anxiety, depression, self-harm and other mental health struggles are on the rise in children, particularly following the Covid-19 Pandemic. **As parents, we can be left feeling overwhelmed and helpless, not knowing where to turn for help.**

### THIS GROUP AIMS TO SUPPORT YOU TO:

- Meet other parents who understand your situation for mutual support.
- Learn strategies to help you support your child, with no judgement!
- Help you to prioritise your own well-being as a parent.

**WHEN?** Find out more at our **Information Session** for parents at 1pm on Tues 2nd or 7pm on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.

**WHERE?** We're holding it on Zoom and you'll get the link when you register for our Information Session below.

To attend register at [www.calendly.com/ymhf/information-session-zoom](http://www.calendly.com/ymhf/information-session-zoom)

**For more information contact:**  
Joel Sutton (YMHF) on 0300 302 0285  
or email [joel@youthmentalhealthfoundation.org](mailto:joel@youthmentalhealthfoundation.org)

## Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	95.76%	95.76%
LG2	94.71%	96.06%
Crinnis	96.92%	96.15%
Booley	96%	96.61%
Polmear	92.67%	94.84%
Polkerris	92.28%	94.75%
Silvermines	91.38%	96.29%
Gribbin	93.57%	93.43%
Carnjewey	93%	96.07%
Duporth	91.43%	93.77%
Menabilly	97.5%	96.34%

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## Diary

### June:

- 1st Children back to school
- 1st Y4 Multiplication Check begins
- 5th Triathlon
- 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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# SPRING ACTIVITY DAY



**VANESSA GRANT TRUST**



**LASER TAG**



**Go ACTIVE**



**ART & CRAFTS**



**ZORBING**

**TUESDAY 26th MAY**  
**10am - 4pm**

**THE CORNWALL**  
HOTEL & SPA


SCAN ME



Hosted by the Vanessa Grant in Partnership with the Cornwall Hotel & Spa with all donations supporting education programmes for children in Kenya.

## THE INVADER IS COMING

# TOM PALMER



## REPORT TO YOUR LIBRARY!

# LIBRARY INVASION

### OF CORNWALL LIBRARIES


**30 MINUTE ACTION-PACKED TALK WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR TOM PALMER**

FREE SIGNED BOOK FOR THE FIRST 5 FAMILIES!

IDEAL FOR AGES 7+

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May   10am Hayle   11.30 am Camborne   1pm Redruth
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> May   10am Bodmin   11.30am Wadebridge   2.30 pm Camelford
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> May   10.30am St Columb   11.45am Newquay   1pm Perranporth   2.30pm St Agnes
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> May   10am St Ives   11.30am Penzance   1pm St Just
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May   10am Helston   11.30am Falmouth   1pm Penryn   2.30pm Truro
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May   9am Lostwithiel   10.15am Fowey   11.45am St Austell
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June   11.30am Liskeard   1pm Saltash   2.30pm Torpoint
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June   10am Callington   11.30am Launceston   1:30pm Par
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> June   1pm Bude

FREE ENTRY - CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR BOOKING DETAILS



**Libraries**

www.cornwall.gov.uk/library




## MHST

### Wild Wellbeing



MHST, in collaboration with the National Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session** in Cornwall during May half term.

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  
Each session will last approx. 2 hours

#### Locations and dates

27 May 2026 - Tehidy Woods

28 May 2026 - Lanhydrock in collaboration with the National Trust

All sessions will begin at 10am. Please wear weather appropriate clothing!



Scan to sign up

Please be aware that spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you cannot attend after being allocated a place, inform us so we can give your spot to someone else.

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.***