



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



5TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a huge pleasure to welcome all of your children back to school this week.

Despite the autumnal weather, the children have managed to enjoy outside play and learning and have started to settle into their new classes and routines.

Today you should receive information through Dojo about swimming, P.E times and Class expectations, reminders about healthy snacks and water bottles.

We will also be inviting you all into your child's new class so that you can 'Meet the Teacher' and find out about the exciting learning opportunities your child will be experiencing this term. This is also a great chance for you to ask questions and pass information. Please do come and make the most of this opportunity. We hope that your children are able to rest well over the weekend and be ready for week 2 in school.

Kindest regards,

Mrs McColville



Clubs lists will be sent out next week—please check the newsletter next week for available clubs.



ClassDojo

Thank you for your patience as we have been setting up the new class dojo pages. You should receive an update from your child's class teacher today with class specific information. You will also receive an email with a Class Dojo Agreement, outlining some reminders in how the platform should be used.

Please contact us if you have any questions.



Swimming Lessons will start week beginning

8th September for KS1 and KS2.

EYFS will start week beginning 15th September.

Please remember:

Swimwear (one piece for girls), swimming hat and towel (goggles if needed).

Please pay for your child's swimming lessons using ParentPay.

Only £15 for the Autumn Term. Thank you!

Monday	Little Gerrans, Polmear, Menabilly
Tuesday	Gribbin, Duporth
Wednesday	Carnjewey
Thursday	Booley, Crinnis
Friday	Polkerris, Silvermines



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UNIFORM REMINDER

EYFS to Year 2

- Navy jumper, badge embroidered onto fabric (available from school office only)
- Polo shirt – plain white (EYFS only)
- Plain white shirt short or long sleeved (Year 1 and Year 2)
- Academy tie – (not in EYFS) (available from school office only)
- Black trousers/black skirt or pinafore
- Black sensible shoes (not trainers/sandals/boots)
- Badged book bag (available from school office only)
- Black socks or tights (white may be worn with summer dresses)

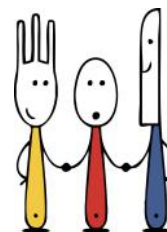


Years 3 to Year 6

- Grey badged jacket with trim (available from school office only)
 - Plain white shirt, short or long sleeved
 - Academy tie (available from school office only)
 - Badged book bag (available school office only)
 - Black skirt (may be worn with leggings if required for religious reasons) or black tailored trousers
 - Black socks or tights (white may be worn with summer dresses)
 - Black sensible shoes (not trainers /sandals/ boots)
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- Light blue/white gingham summer dress to be worn in the summer term
 - Navy v neck cardigan (only to be worn with summer dress)



Y6 parents—please can you check bags for this leaflet! It does seem a little early, however, the deadline for applications is 31st October!



Reminder:

Please make sure you have booked and paid for Sunbeams and lunches using Parent Pay. Lunches need to be ordered by midnight on a Thursday.

Thank you!

Respect



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Y6 Camp:

If you would like your child to attend, please pay the deposit by 12th

September on

ParentPay.

Thank you.

Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	N/A	N/A
LG2	N/A	N/A
Crinnis	99.07%	99.07%
Booley	97.89%	97.89%
Polmear	95.69%	95.69%
Polkerris	98.71%	98.71%
Silvermines	99.01%	99.01%
Gribbin	97.32%	97.32%
Carnjewey	96.37%	96.37%
Duporth	98.69%	98.69%
Menabilly	93.97%	93.97%

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Diary

September:

- 1st INSET Day
- 2nd Children back to school

October:

- 17th Last day of half term

November:

- 3rd Children back to school

December:

- 19th Last day of term

Dates

2026 January:

- 5th Children back to school
- 26th INSET Day

February:

- 13th Last day of half term
- 23rd Children back to school

April:

- 2nd Last day of term
- 20th Children back to school

May:

- 22nd Last day of half term

June:

- 1st Children back to school
- 19th INSET Day
- 22nd Y6 Camp

July:

- 24th Last day of term

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.