



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



7TH NOVEMBER 2025

Welcome back!

We hope you had a wonderful half term with your families. The children have settled back into school very quickly and have enjoyed the first week of their new topics:

- Y1 and 2: "Where's Our Kingdom?" with a focus on the geography of the UK
- Y3 and 4: "Where Can We Go?" with a focus on the geography of Europe
- Y5 and 6: "Is There Anybody Out There?" with a focus on Space

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at our Fireworks display and again, next week during our Parent consultations.

Please keep an eye on the diary dates section as we have a very busy and exciting half term ahead!



FIREWORKS TICKETS ON SALE!

We've gone digital - with online tickets. No booking fees!
Join us for our family friendly spectacular Fireworks Display, with
BBQ from Kittows, Popcorn, Drinks and Live DJ!

<https://tywardreath-psa.sumupstore.com/>



Parent Consultations

This year, we are trialling a new system, to help improve efficiency and to provide additional support and assistance to staff. The consultations will take place in the hall. On arrival, please make your way into the hall, where you will find your child's teacher. There will be plenty of seating available. Please remember this is a 10 minute consultation. If you need a longer discussion, we will be happy to arrange a further meeting.

Note: There will be **NO** dance after school next Wednesday.

School Photos

Photograph proofs have now been

sent home!

The order deadline for free delivery back to school is Monday 17th November. Orders placed after the date above will be direct ship only and subject to postage costs



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On Monday 10th November, we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school!



On Friday 14th November, we will be celebrating Children In Need. Children are invited to come in to school in non-uniform. Please send in a donation, if you are able to. Thank you.



On Wednesday 19th November, KS1 (Year 1 and 2) will be having a NumBots Launch Day! We would like to invite children to come to school dressed as a robot (or any other number related idea).

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Non Uniform Day

Donations towards our Festive Tombola



Please come to school in non-uniform (colours optional) on
Friday 28th November

Please bring a donation in the colour of your year group to
add to our rainbow tombola for the Christmas fayre.



EYFS

Y1

Y2

Y3

Y4

Y5

Y6

SUNBEAMS:



Please make cancellations as soon as possible, as
we have a number of children on waiting lists.

If not cancelled in a timely manner, charges
may incur.



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If you haven't done so already, please can you download the Arbor app

and follow the instructions to login.

Initially, you will be able to see your child's attendance and personal details. Please can you check your details and edit if there are any changes.

As always, please contact the office if you have any ques-



Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	97%	95.25%
LG2	98.1%	97.19%
Crinnis	93.3%	97.43%
Booley	97.2%	97.27%
Polmear	97.3%	96.34%
Polkerris	96.6%	96.2%
Silvermines	96.2%	96.37%
Gribbin	93.9%	93.96%
Carnjewey	97.4%	96.65%
Duporth	97.6%	93.81%
Menabilly	99.3%	95.8%

Diary

November:

- 8th Fireworks Display
- 10th Anti-Bullying Day
(wear odd socks)
- 12th KS1—bring in a fruit/vegetable
- 11th-13th Parent Consultations
- 14th Children In Need
(non-uniform with a donation)
- 14th EYFS and Y6 School Nurse
Weights and Measure
- 19th KS1 NumBots Launch Day
- 20th Aspens Open Afternoon 2.45
- 25th EYFS Open Afternoon
(2026 starters)
- 27th Glitter and Glow Disco
EYFS+KS1 4.15-5.00 KS2 5.15-6.00
- 28th Rainbow Non-Uniform Day
Donations for Christmas Tombola

Dates

December:

- 3rd Rock Steady Concert
- 5th Christmas Jumper Day
- 5th KS1 Parent Drop In
- 10th Christmas Lunch
- 11th EYFS Nativity (am)
- 12th Family Worker Drop In
- 12th Christmas Fayre (2pm)
- 15th KS1 Sing and Sign (pm)
- 16th KS1 Sing and Sign (am)
- 17th KS1 Christmas Party
- 17th KS2 Carol Service (pm)
- 18th KS2 Carol Service (pm)
- 19th Last day of term

2026 January:

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

February:

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

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BLOW OFF SOME STEAM IN OUR BRAND NEW GAMES CLUB
WEDNESDAYS
4 - 5.30PM
GOTT HALL, PAR
PL24 2AF

LET LOOSE
GAMES, TUCK SHOP AND CRAFTS
AGES 7 AND UP

@CORNWALLCREATIVEARTS
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DRAMA SCHOOL
SATURDAYS IN PAR - FIRST SESSION FREE!

LITTLE RASCALS
DRAMA AND CREATIVE PLAY
FOR 3 - 6 YR OLDS
10 - 11AM

SHOWSTOPPERS
DRAMA AND STAGECRAFT
FOR 7 - 9 YR OLDS
TAKING STORIES FROM PAGE TO STAGE
11 - 12PM

ACTOMANIA
DRAMA AND STAGECRAFT
FOR AGES 9 AND UP
CREATE ONE OF A KIND ORIGINAL SHOWS
12 - 1.30PM

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Guess who is coming to St Austell?!

Join Michael Morpurgo at White River Cinema on 29th November



staustellfestivalofchildrensliterature.com

BISCOVEY BALLERS
Join in the beautiful game!

Biscovey Ballers aim to develop ball skills and introduce team play for those children starting out in football. These are fantastic football sessions designed to develop young players taking their first steps in the game.

£2.00 per week Ages 4 to 7 BOTH BOYS & GIRLS

10 till 11am Saturday Mornings | At Starrick Moor the home of Biscovey Youth Football Club.

Join our Biscovey Ballers Facebook page for more Information

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.