

Top story this week



Thank you so much for joining us today for our Harvest celebrations. Our performance to parents was a joy to behold. It was so lovely to welcome so many of you, but even better to see our children performing on the stage, smiling, and singing their hearts out. We have been overwhelmed by your generous donations. Thank you, our local foodbank were extremely grateful for your kindness.

If you haven't had chance to visit our new website and see our school film, please click on the link below. We feel it really reflects our school ethos; we hope that you do too.

<https://www.beacon.kernowlearning.co.uk/>

It's that time of year when families of Nursery children will be thinking about applying for their child's Reception place for the next academic year. We pride ourselves at Beacon in doing everything possible to make every one of our children's primary school journey the very best it can be. Please spread the word in the community that we are holding a number of open afternoons and tours next term during the application period so that families and children can really get a feel of all that Beacon has to offer. Please encourage your friend and families to contact the main school office to book a place on one of our tours and open afternoons.

As part of our Ignite Wonder curriculum the children of Beacon will be contributing back into our community as part of our upcoming Community week. Please let us know if you know of any community projects or any local charities and businesses that would be interested with working with our school.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break. Monday is a Kernow Learning training day and we can't wait to see our children back in school on **Tuesday 31st October**.

As always, thank you for your kindness and support this half term.

Kaye



Key Events for next week– KS1 and Shine

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Inset Day	Halloween disco for our class reward!	We're going on a bear hunt.. Are we going to catch a big one?	Jigsaw time- celebrating what we are good at.	Sharing books from home.
Year 1	Inset Day	Who will visit our classroom this week?	PE... get ready to dance!	What makes each animal special? Let's explore!	Drop everything and read and this week's book recommendation.
Year 2	Inset Day	Start writing our story with your own character.	Computing wizardry!	Getting active with our new PE unit.	Drop everything and read and this week's book recommendation.
Shine	Inset Day	Shine shopping trip	Cooking a piartes lunch!	Outdoor learning- bug hotels	Rock steady!

Key Events for next week– KS2 and ARB

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	INSET day	Maths Hot Task for number and place value	Start learning our new T4W text all about pirates	PE	Drop everything and read
Year 4	INSET day	PE!	Science fun!	Starting our Geography unit	Drop everything and read
Year 5	INSET day	T4W Hook!	Gruesome Grammar	Maths Challenge	Drop everything and read
Year 6	INSET day	Swimming!	Swimming!	Swimming!	Drop everything and read
Cosmonauts	INSET day	Halloween activities Y6 Swimming	Halloween activities Y6 Swimming	Halloween activities Y6 Swimming	Computing

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'



Nursery

We have been busy this week building big houses for the old lady in our A Squash and a Squeeze Story. It had to be big enough for her pig, hen, goat and even a cow. We needed to make sure that we were building safely and that the house would not fall down. We have also been busy learning the sounds m and a this week. We hope you all have a fantastic half term and can't wait to hear all your exciting news when we get back to Nursery.

Reception

This week in Reception we have been busy learning all about Harvest. During outdoor learning, we made our very own scarecrow called Daisy. We also loved singing 'Big Red Combine Harvester' at our Harvest celebrations.

What a fantastic first half term Reception have had at Beacon. We are so proud of them all. We hope you all have a lovely half term.



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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'

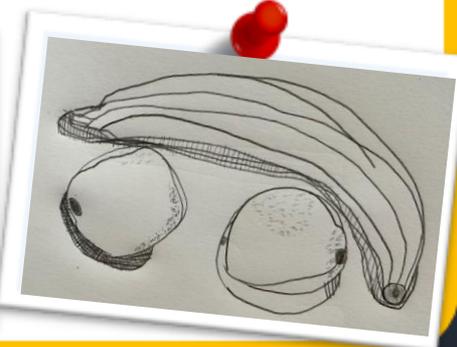


Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy learning all about Autumn and preparing for our Harvest celebrations. We have been out exploring, to see what signs of Autumn are about, we have looked at the weather and measured the temperature and we have thought about ways in which this season can affect us and the animals around us. We have learnt so much and had lots of fun too!

Year 2

Wow! What an awesome Harvest Festival celebration. We are so proud of everyone's performance. This week, we have enjoyed being artists and learning about shading to show light and dark in still life drawings. Everyone made superb progress and created some wonderful drawings with a variety of shading techniques. Well done on a fantastic first half term in Year 2, we hope you all have lots of fun and relaxation during the half term break!



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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have had music visitors in to help us continue our learning about the glockenspiel. We have had our final session with Ryan from Plymouth Argyle Football, and we played matches, the children all showed their competitive sides and played amazingly. We are so proud of all the children for their wonderful singing and reading in today's Harvest celebration. We hope you all have a restful and lovely half term break.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been learning all about 'Living Things and Their Habitats' in their Science lessons. They have revisited prior learning about the seven living processes, used laptops to research a range of animals and their habitats on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website. They then began grouping animals using venn diagrams, carroll diagrams and branching databases. We are very proud of their wonderful Harvest performance today and hope you all have a lovely half term.



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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



Year 5

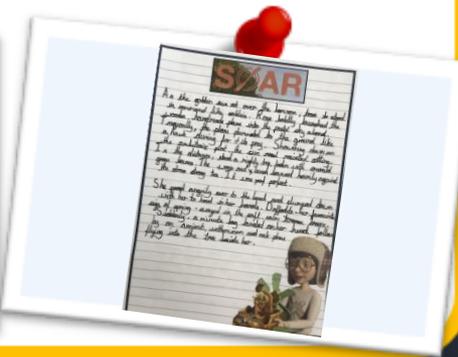
On Monday afternoon, Meteors and Comets had the privilege of being the first year group to lead an assembly this term. Unsurprisingly, they did an incredible job and made us all extremely proud. They continue to rise to every occasion and excel in all aspects of school life!

We hope you have a lovely half-term and enjoy a well-deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 31st October .

Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant last week of the term! They have been working so hard on their independent writing and created some fantastic descriptive writing.

The children have been enjoying their reading, making the most of Drop Everything and Read and getting stuck into some exciting books. The Harvest Festival was amazing today, well done Year 6, you did us proud! Have a brilliant half term.

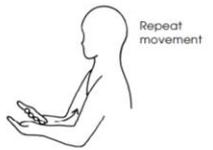


Cosmonauts and Shine 'Highlight of the Week'

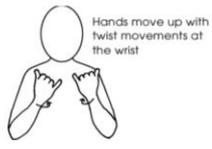


ARB

Harvest



Celebrate



We have been enjoying joining in with Harvest activities this week. Our favourite activity was mixing, kneading, baking and eating our own bread. We hope everyone has a lovely half term.

Shine

This week Shine have been shopping at Asda and we really enjoyed our first time out in the minibus! We used our magic wands to create some magical potions that fizzed, popped and crackled. We used our shopping ingredients to make shortbread biscuits which we decorated to look like mummies and ghosts. Have a lovely half term everyone! :)



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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?



Fantastic learner this half term

Space Voyagers (YR)		Willow Hodge	Pioneers (Y3)		All of Pioneers
Space Travellers (YR)		George Bastable	Discoverers (Y3)		Riley Moya
Space Adventurers (Y1)		Layla-Mai Lander	Supernovas (Y4)		Platon Kovadlo
Space Explorers (Y1)		Ashton Cann-Fox	Constellations (Y4)		Perrie Duncan
Spaceships (Y2)		Arlo Learoyd	Comets (Y5)		Mathew Pember
Rockets (Y2)		Dylan Miles	Meteors (Y5)		Seweryn Budnik
Cosmonauts (ARB)		All of Cosmonauts	Aviators (Y6)		Chloe-Jo Rowe
Shine		All of Shine	Astronomers (Y6)		The whole of Astronomers!
			Astronauts (Y6)		The whole of Astronauts!

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House Points! 



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Attendance weekly winners



Well done to
Explorers



Pioneers
98.4%

Explorers
98.9%

Space Voyagers/
Discoverers 97.6%

2

1

3

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
 - Go on family visits and days out
 - Go on holiday
 - Go shopping
 - Attend routine appointments.
- Holidays will not be authorised.



Taking a holiday during term time seriously affects your attendance and in turn your attainment. Booking holidays during term time may result in a fixed penalty notice.

As always, if you have any questions or if you need some support with your child's attendance, please contact our Attendance Officer Helen Sowden

Direct Number: 01208 72773

Mobile Number: 07545431566

hsowden@kernowlearning.co.uk

Extra notifications



IMPORTANT

Polite reminder – There are no staff on duty in the mornings until 8:30am. Children arriving before that time are very welcome to attend our free Breakfast Club but should not be on the grounds otherwise for their own safety.

Dates for the diary!

Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 31 st October – Thursday 9 th November	Year 6 Swimming lessons
Friday 3 rd November	Beacon Bonfire Celebrations
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th November	Ignite Wonder Community week
Tuesday 14 th November	Reception and Nursery Open <u>Afternoons</u>
Tuesday 14 th November	Choir Fest at Truro Cathedral
Wednesday 15 th November	Flu Immunisations for Rec – Y6
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 3 and 4 Parents Meeting. Supporting your children with their Timetables
Friday 24 th November	Children to make Christmas tree decorations at home
Monday 27 th November	Last week for clubs
Friday 1 st December	Beacon Christmas tree light switch on

Dates for the diary!

Tuesday 5 th December	St Petroc's Bodmin Schools' Concert 6pm
Monday 11 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 9.30am
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception Open Afternoon
Tuesday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert (Details to be confirmed)
Wednesday 13 th December	Parent & Child Christmas Craft Workshop
Thursday 14 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 2pm
Friday 15 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 9.30am
Monday 18 th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term

Extra notifications 



BEACON Breakfast Club



Open from 8:00 – 8:30 daily
(Booking required)

Our free breakfast club operates during term time and is available to all pupils. Starting at 8:00 AM until the start of school we offer the children a selection of healthy breakfast options such as toast, cereals, fruit, water, and milk. The children will then have the opportunity to enjoy reading games puzzles and other to activities.

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FREE for all children 

Beacon
Shine brightly 



Extra notifications



Thank you to all our parents who have completed the medical needs form we sent out recently asking to update school on medical needs. If you have yet to complete, can we ask you to do so as soon as possible via the link below even if your child does not have any medical needs. There is the option of clicking no.

[Medical Needs Form](#)



Extra notifications 

School Menus

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SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 30th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>Beef Bolognese with vegetables and Garlic bread Vegetarian lasagne (v)</p>  <p>Fruit Muffin</p>	<p>Roast of the Day, Seasonal Vegetables and Crispy Roast Potatoes with Gravy Vegetable Roast (v)</p>  <p>Vanilla Cake</p>	<p>Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice, Broccoli, and Peas Naan Bread Vegetable Curry (v)</p>  <p>Banana and custard</p>	<p>Fishfingers Chips and Peas Vegetable Fingers (v)</p>  <p>Various puddings</p>

Please ensure you are pre booking your dinners via the MyEd/PlusPay app. 

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese Carrots and Peas with Homemade Bread  Fruity Yoghurt Dessert	Homemade Chicken Pie with creamy mash potato and Fresh vegetables Vegetable Pie (v)  Peach crumble with custard	Roast of the Day, Seasonal Vegetables and Crispy Potatoes with Gravy Vegetable Roast (v) Chocolate Sponge 	Sweet and sour chicken with steamed Rice and mixed veg with garlic bread Vegetable sweet and sour(v) Frozen yoghurt 	Breaded Fish and Chips with Sweetcorn Vegetable Fingers (v)  Various Puddings
Chicken/broccoli bake Peas or carrots Homemade bread Tomato and Basil Bake(v)CC Cheesy Pasta Bake  Fruity Yoghurt Dessert	Beef Bolognese with vegetables and Garlic bread Vegetarian lasagne(v)  Fruit Muffin	Roast of the Day, Seasonal Vegetables and Crispy Roast Potatoes with Gravy Vegetable Roast (v)  Vanilla Cake	Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice, Broccoli, and Peas Naan Bread Vegetable Curry (v) Banana and custard	Fishfingers Chips and Peas Vegetable Fingers (v)  Various puddings
Tuna/sweetcorn pasta bake peas or carrots Homemade bread Tomato and Basil Pasta(v)  Fruity Yoghurt Dessert	Pork sausage with mash or boiled potatoes with mixed Veg Veggie Sausage (V)  Apple crumble and custard	Roast of the Day, Crispy Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables with Gravy Vegetable Roast (v)  Chocolate chip cookie	Meatballs with a tomato sauce steamed rice and mixed vegetables Homemade bread Veggie balls (v)  Iced Finger	Sausage and Chips with sweetcorn Vegetable Fingers (v)  Various puddings

**JACKET POTATOES WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS AND SALAD BAR AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
 WATER, FRUIT, AND YOGHURTS ALSO AVAILABLE EVERY DAY.**

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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RAFFLE

TOMBOLA

REFRESHMENTS

Autism Friendly Events

Presents

When?

Saturday 9th December 2023

Sessions

11am-12pm

12.30pm-1.30pm

3.30pm-4.30pm

And

Sunday 10th December 2023

Sessions

10am-11am

11.30am-12.30am

2.30pm-3.30pm

Where?

Lanivet Parish Community Centre.

PL30 5HG

Tickets-

£8 per child. (parent\carers free)

Included in this price-

You get to see Santa , receive a gift,
unlimited crafts and a sensory area
with dark den.

TO BOOK TICKETS PLEASE FIND US ON
FACEBOOK OR EMAIL

infoautismfriendlyevents@gmail.com

ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES.

Tickets are non-refundable

Each session is an hour long, to reduce stress, your child becoming overwhelmed and numbers per session are kept as low as possible.





Beacon ACE Academy School Terms and Holidays 2023/24



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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Autumn Term 1: 4th September - 20th October 2023
 Autumn Term 2: 30th October - 19th December 2023
 Spring Term 1: 4th January 2024 - 9th February 2024
 Spring Term 2: 19th February 2024 - 28th March 2024
 Summer Term 1: 15th April 2024 - 24th May 2024
 Summer Term 2: 3rd June 2024 - 24th July 2024

TOTAL: 195

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day	25th December 2023	Easter Monday	1st April 2024
Boxing Day	26th December 2023	May Bank Holiday	6th May 2024
New Years Day	1st January 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2024
Good Friday	29th March 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2024



Together  for Families

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**

Starting school September 2024

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a reception class place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2024

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2024.** **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.



Together  for Families

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2023**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2024

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a secondary school place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

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ARGYLE
COMMUNITY
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OCTOBER HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

BOOK
NOW!

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON OCTOBER 2023 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

MONDAY 23RD

St Joseph School, Launceston (Multi Skills)
Lanivet Community Hub (Football Roadshow)

TUESDAY 24TH

Dobwalls Football Club (Football Roadshow)
St Teath Football Club (Football Roadshow)

WEDNESDAY 25TH

Holsworthy Youth FC (Football Roadshow)

THURSDAY 26TH

Saltmill 3G, Saltash (Football Roadshow)
Bude Football Club (Football Roadshow)

FRIDAY 27TH

St Joseph School, Launceston (Football Roadshow)
St Joseph School, Launceston 9:00 am - 12:00pm (Mini Pilgrims)
Polperro Football Club (Football Roadshow)



DISABILITY ROADSHOWS

WEDNESDAY 25TH

Launceston College 4-8 year olds, 9:00 am - 11:30pm
Launceston College 8+ years, 12:00pm - 2:30pm



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Book now 01752 522202
www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses.htm

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk



'Have a Go Days'

A FREE and friendly activity for children with additional needs or disability and their siblings or friends, aged 6-17

Bodmin Leisure Centre
Lostwithiel Road,
Bodmin, PL31 1DE

Wednesday 27 October
10am-12pm

Cornwall College,
Trevenson Road, Pool, TR15
3RD (Astro)

Wednesday 27 October 2-4pm
or
Friday 29 October 2-4pm



Booking is essential. For more information and to book contact Katie on 01736 751924 or email katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk. Find us on Facebook by searching "Have a Go Days Cornwall".



Attendance Information



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Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services
for parents and carers



www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies

What is a Penalty Notice?

A Penalty Notice is a fine that can be issued under section 444A and section 444B of the Education Act 1996. The fine is issued per parent, per child for:

- Leave of absence of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period) during term time, without authorisation from the school, for a holiday for example
- Unauthorised absence of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period) of absence from school, either when a parent fails to provide an explanation, or an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise
- Unauthorised lateness of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period), resulting from arrival at school after the register has closed

NB A Penalty Notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons, where the unauthorised absence from school results in 12 sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 session period)

Or, when:

- A pupil is observed in a public place during school hours, in the first five school days of a period of exclusion from school, without reasonable justification

Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

Parents and carers of a child can be issued with a Penalty Notice. The definition of a 'parent' as set out in section 576 of the Education Act 1996: By virtue of this section 'parent' includes: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person who lives with and looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

How much is a Penalty Notice fine?

A Penalty Notice carries a fine of £60.00 if paid within 21 days of issue, doubling to £120.00 if paid after 21 but within 28 days.

Attendance Information

Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, for example, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £240.00 if paid within 21 days and £480.00 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

No. Penalty Notices must be paid in full, within the designated dates. However, if a parent has more than one child and is therefore issued with more than one fine, they can pay the fines separately if they wish.

Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

It is a Headteacher's decision whether or not to authorise an absence and, if their decision is not to authorise, they have the right to request a Penalty Notice in line with their attendance policy process. Cornwall Council's role is to check that the evidence submitted is compliant with Cornwall Council's Code of Conduct for Education Related Penalty Notices and, if so, to issue as appropriate.

Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on **01872 323400**, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty Notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 323400. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. If the 21st/28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

If a Penalty Notice is not paid within the 28 days of issue (as per the dates listed on the Penalty Notice), Cornwall Council will progress the matter to the Magistrates' Court, for the offence of failing to ensure regular attendance, NOT for failure to pay the fine.

If found guilty:

- under section 444(1), it can result in the parent being fined up to £1000
- under section 444(1A), it can result in the parent being fined up to £2,500 and/or receiving a custodial sentence of up to 3 months

Cornwall Council may also apply for costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Contact us

Education Welfare Service

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

01872 323 400

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If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

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Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk

t: 0300 1234 100

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Extra notifications

RECEPTION CLASSES

Can we please remind all our Reception parents that the children need to bring in named, wellies each week.

We try to spend as much time outside as possible and with the weather as it has been wellies are essential.



IMPORTANT

Please can we remind you all that children are not allowed to ride their bike or scooter on school grounds during drop off or collection times.



A Polite Request.

If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please call the main office before **2:30pm** to ensure the message is passed on.



IMPORTANT

We continue to be so proud of how well our children are responding to their learning and the progress they are making. In order to do this, it is so important that our children come to school with a positive attitude to learning in the correct school uniform and on time. Please talk to our team if we can help you with any aspect of this.

