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What a week it has been here at Beacon! We began with a rock star day of maths that set the tone for everything that followed. The atmosphere was electric as children threw themselves into relaunching their number facts and times tables with energy and enthusiasm. With air guitars in hand and plenty of confidence, our children loved battling against their friends across the school.

We have also loved welcoming new families through our doors for Reception tours ahead of next academic year.

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Top story this week



Next week we will host a special evening event where families can explore our Reception provision, meet staff, and discover what makes Beacon such a wonderful place to begin a child's learning journey. Please do spread the word, bookings can be made through the school office.

Meanwhile, the corridors have been alive with creativity as each class decorated their doors for our living advent calendar. This new tradition is already sparking excitement. Throughout December, a different classroom door will open each day to reveal a festive surprise for the whole school. Whether it's a performance, a story, or a seasonal treat, it promises to bring daily joy and togetherness to our Beacon community. On Monday we will mark the start of Advent by switching on our Christmas lights, a moment that always brings the whole school together in the most magical way.

Do remember to book your place at our annual Family Craft Workshop. More details will be shared later today, but it is always a highlight of the season: a chance to sit alongside your children, create festive crafts, and make memories that last well beyond December. Our choir has been rehearsing tirelessly, filling the school with harmonies that capture the magic of the season. Their voices will be lifting spirits at upcoming events, and I know they will make us all proud.

Finally, we hope to see many of you tonight at the Bodmin Christmas Lights switchon tonight. Our community choir will be performing, and it promises to be a heartwarming evening of music, lights, and celebration.

The weeks ahead are set to be truly special full of joy, creativity, and Beacon brilliance. Beacon is a place where everyone shines brightly, and we cannot wait to share the festive season with you.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend - Kaye











Key Events for next week—Reception and KS1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Reception	Let's retell our innovated story.	Making clay bears.	Making homes with Jigsaw Jenie.	Composition of number- how can you make 5?	Drop everything and read- bring a book from home.	
Year 1	Beacon light switch on!	New History unit! How has things changed over the years.	PE Day!	New writing unit! Our first non-fiction text!	Drop Everything and Read!	
Year 2	Countdown to Christmas.	PE day.	Making glove puppets in DT.	Funky French Thursday.	Drop everything and read.	















Key Events for next week— KS2 and ARB

,	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	New DT Unit! Shell structures	Non-fiction writing – how to be a pirate!	Parent Reading Workshop	P.E. Don't forget your P.E. kit!	Drop Everything and Read!
Year 4	Day 1 of Beacon Advent Calendar	How will your defeat the monster text end?	Parent Reading Workshop	PE Don't forget your PE Kit!	Drop Everything and Read!
Year 5	Writing a Finding Tale PE What will your character find? Get your dance moves ready!		Get Cracking! Coding in ICT	Funky French and Beacon Visits	Drop Everything and Read! Can you quiz?
Year 6	Day 1 of Beacon Advent Calendar	Writing Start our Tale of Fear	Parent Reading Workshop	Maths Fractions	Drop Everything and Read!
Cosmonauts	PSHE Zones of Regulation	Amazing Art Xmas decorations for St Petroc's church	Sensational Science Fizzing Xmas trees	Cooking Rice krispie xmas puddings	Computing Decorating St Petroc's tree

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'







Nursery

This week we have continued with the story 'The Selfish Crocodile'. We have been developing our language skills in play, exploring the crocodile swamp with the small world animals.

Pre-School

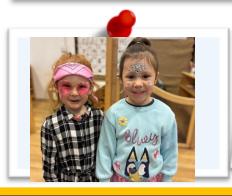
This week in pre-school we have been enjoying the story 'The Gruffalo'. We have been developing our hand-eye coordination through threading to create snakes.





Reception

A very busy week in Reception! We loved dressing up as rockstars on Tuesday to celebrate all things Maths. On Wednesday we learnt all about maps and drew simple maps of our town, Bodmin. On today, we voted for a local charity that we would like to fundraise for this year. In between all our wonderful learning, we have also been learning our songs for our Christmas nativity!





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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 1

Year 1 have had another brilliant week! We kicked off the week as a rockstars to celebrate the relaunch of Timestables Rockstars and Numbots. It's was brilliant to see the children's enthusiasm for maths and timetables grow even more. Also, we have been learning all about the Christmas story in RE. We learnt all about the meaning of the gifts the three wise men bought Jesus and what meaningful gifts we would give in the present day to someone who is special to us. Brilliant work everyone!

Year 2

Wow what a busy week it has been! We started the week dressed as rockstars to celebrate the relaunch of TimesTables Rockstars; all children brought home their log ins so they can use the app at home.

We finished our still life drawings unit in art, what budding artists we have in Year 2.

We began learning about the Christmas story in RE and are busy practicing our songs for our Christmas performance.







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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 3

We have had a very fun week of Science learning this week in Year 3, learning all about light and its properties. We did experiments to find out how shadows were formed, how light changes when viewed through different lenses, and have then explored the best material to use to make sunglasses to protect our eyes! The children have been responsible young voters, deciding on their chosen community link to vote for, and have been debating our ideas well. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have been total stars this week, starting the week being 'rock stars!' Constellations and Supernovas battled it out on TTRS, winning points for every correct multiplication answer. The competition was super close; Constellations took the trophy, but Supernovas and Mrs Ellis are keen to battle again to gain victory! Year 4 have also been learning about democracy and the power of debate. They have even taken part in a whole school vote to choose a local charity/ community link that they would like to support throughout the year ahead.









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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 5

This week has been jam packed with learning and exciting things! It was wonderful to see the children dressed up as rock stars on Tuesday and reflect on how much progress they have made on TTRS. Being able to answer multiplication calculations with such speed and accuracy, will continue to serve them well throughout their time in Beacon and beyond! On Friday afternoon, the children voted for which charity they would like to support throughout the year ahead- we can't wait to find out which worthy cause has been chosen! Happy Friday!

Year 6

What a busy time for Year 6! We kicked things off with TimesTables RockStars day on Tuesday where we enjoyed dressing up and celebrating our multiplication skills. Throughout the week we have been learning about Cornwall's incredible impact on the Industrial Revolution in our History lessons. On Friday we each voted for a charity to support in the coming year, with the afternoon culminating in festive fun in our classrooms, crafting decorations and gifts for the school. Well done Year 6 for another super week!







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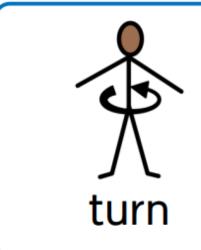


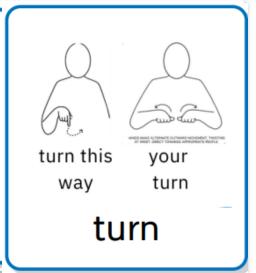




We all enjoyed dressing up as rockstars this week for the TTRS day and have been working hard practising our times tables. We have been finishing off our pirate topic this week by looking at magnetic and non-magnetic pirate treasure, exploring shadows and following pirate directions to find treasure.

Core word of the week













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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?



Being a team player

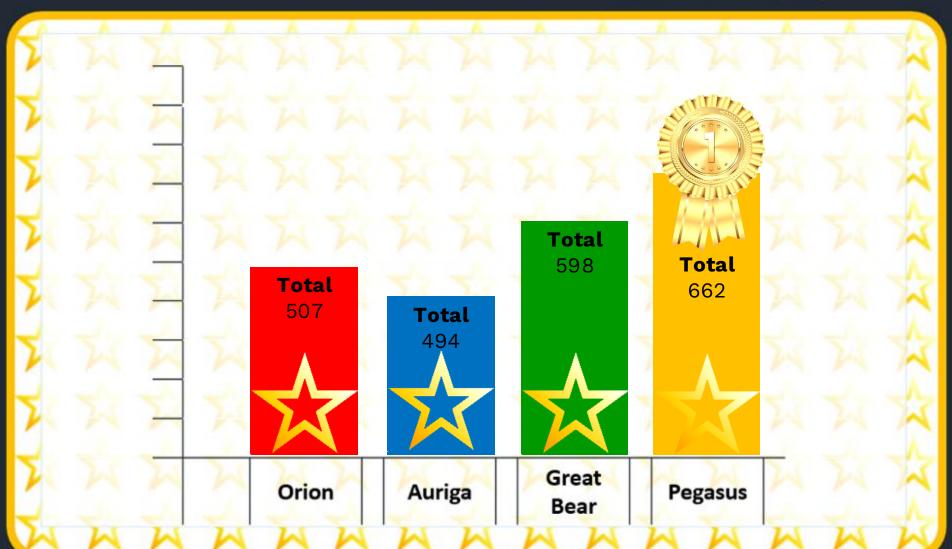
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Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers





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.

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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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e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk t: 0300 1234 100



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Important Safety Reminder for Families 🔀







We kindly ask that you do not park on the yellow school lines or at the top of the school drive near the school office during drop-off or collection times.







Parking in these areas seriously compromises visibility for children and other pedestrians crossing the road and puts their safety at risk.

Please help us keep all our children safe by parking responsibly and following school guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.







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Dates for the diary!

Monday 1 st December	Beacon Advent Calendar – Day 1				
Wednesday 3 rd December	KS2 Reading Workshop (rescheduled due to school closure)				
Thursday 4 th December	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop – Y6				
Friday 5 th December	 Beacon Christmas Countdown Assembly Decoration winners of competition to be announced 				
Monday 8 th December	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop – Y6				
Tuesday 9 th December	St Petroc's Bodmin Schools Concert – 6pm				
Thursday 11 th December	 Nursery Christmas Performance – am Family Worker Drop Ins 				



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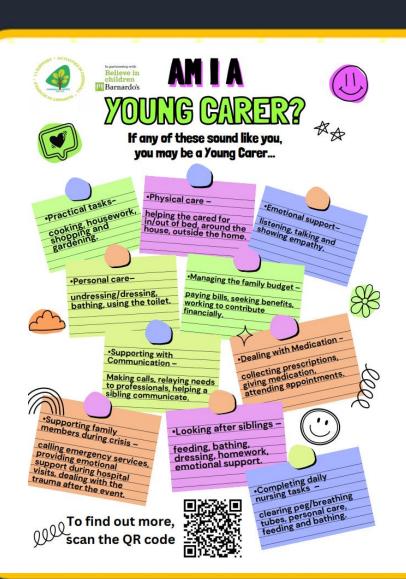
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	Monday 15 th December	Preschool and Reception Christmas Performance - 2pm				
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Young Carers





If you believe that your child is a young carer then please speak to our admin team and they will advise you as to how we can help you in school.

Or you can contact Cornwall Young Carers directly on their freephone number 01736 756655, or by emailing kernowyoungcarers@barnardos.org.uk.

Cornwall Young Carers complete great work with the young carers in our county by aiming to support them to self-manage caring responsibilities, providing information, advice and guidance over the phone and working with schools.

They also provide direct 1-1 work with Young Carers and Young Adult Carers as well as offering activities on a regular basis and during the school holidays.



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Extra notifications







Open from 8:00 – 8:30 daily

(Booking required)

Our free breakfast club operates during term time and is available

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, 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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End of day pickups

We all experience problems from time to time collecting at the end of school day, the long queue, stuck in a traffic jam etc, so if you find the playground empty when collecting your child at the end of the day, please collect them from wraparound - situated in Spaceship class via the Y2 playground.



IMPORTANT

Please can we remind all parents do not park, during drop off and collection, on the yellow Zigzags outside the school. This is for the safety of your children. Please help us keep our children safe.



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 REQUEST

Can we please ask parents when collecting children from school that you do not park in the bays above the bungalows. We had one resident today that could not park her car near her bungalow and due to being disabled this caused problems for her. Thank you for being respectful to our neighbours.



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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.



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Nursery



Can we please remind all our Nursery families to be ready at our entrance for your child's start time. When staff have to come out and let people in, it leaves the Nursery understaffed.

Thank you for your understanding.

Start times are 8.30am or 9.00am and 12pm for afternoon sessions.







ChatHealth Parent Line 0-5

TEXT 07312 263 423

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ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

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ChatHealth Young People 11-19



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IMPORTANT



For safeguarding purposes children should not be wearing smart watches in school.















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SCHOOL MENU - WEEK COMMENCING

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