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Well, that's a wrap! What a term it has been, topped off with a wonderful week jam packed with incredible performances, special visitors, a spectacular Christmas lunch and more joy than ever.

Huge congratulations to every single one of our children who sang, danced and acted their hearts out this week. We could not have been prouder, each and everyone of them was a credit to themselves, our staff and of course to you. As I said at each performance, thank you for your support, not only these last few weeks, but all term, it really is appreciated by us all.

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Top story this week



This Thursday our children have been treated to some very special visitors and more festive enjoyment. So much fun was had by everyone.... including the adults. A big thank you Mrs Blight and her very special helpers for arranging for Santa and his elves to join us this year. Our brilliant PTA for providing every child in our school with a special gift and of course Mrs Julian and her team for making Christmas dinner such a treat.

I know you will join me in saying a special thank you to the team at Beacon who give above and beyond to ensure your children the very best primary journey. Today we shared our special gift to our children in our final assembly of the term. They loved watching the Beacon teamwho were certainly not taking themselves too seriously. There were many laughs during the filming with a few special guests making an appearance. Very special thank you to Mr Rowe for writing, producing and directing our Christmas panto (with very little sleep last night). We hope that it will make you chuckle too.

Beacon Academy Staff Panto December 2024

Finally, wishing you a wonderful Christmas from everyone at Beacon and we are look forward to seeing everyone Shine Brightly in 2025.











Key Events for next week—Reception and KS1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Hook for new T4W text.	Starting our new learning with Jigsaw Jenie.	Subitising 0-5.	Drawing story maps.	Drop everything and read.
Year 1	DT Pop up mechanisms	Addition and Subtraction in maths	PE Day – Dance.	Funky French Thursday	Drop everything and read.
Year 2	New Maths Unit: Properties of Shape	New writing Unit: Supertato!	Geography: Visiting Cornwall	Funky French	Drop everything and read!

















Key Events for next week— KS2 and ARB

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•	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Year 3	Talk for Writing - The Iron Giant- King Arthur	RE- Christianity - Easter	Maths Fun! Fractions	Funky French	Drop Everything and Read	
Year 4	Talk for Writing – The Great Kapok Tree	PE	Geography – Tropical Rainforests	Funky French Thursday		
Year 5	TfW: Multiplication and Warning Tail Division		Computing: Online Safety	PE	Drop Everything and Read	
Year 6	Talk for Writing – War Horse	Finding Equivalent Fractions	PE	Funky French Thursday	Drop Everything and Read	
Cosmonauts	PSHE	Amazing Art	Sensational Science	Outdoor learning	Cooking	

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'





Nursery

Ho,ho,ho! Merry Christmas. Nursery and Pre-school have been extremely busy this week getting into the festive vibe, making lovely gifts for our loved ones and ending the week with a festive bang! Father Christmas made an appearance with his reindeer and we even got to have a snowball fight in a giant snow globe!



Reception

What a fabulous festive week in Reception. We performed our nativity to our families at the start of the week, we were all amazing! We have then enjoyed lots of wonderful Christmas activities in our classrooms. We finished the week with a visit from Father Christmas himself and a huge snow globe! Merry Christmas to all of our families and we will see you in the New Year.





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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about the Christian Christmas story this week in our RE lessons. We went on a trip to St Petroc's Church to see the tree festival and listen to Reverend Elaine tell us the Christmas story with their nativity scene. We also had a visit from Father Christmas and got to have an adventure in a snow globe.

Year 2

We've had an incredibly fun and festive week in Year 2! We've had a surprise visit from Father Christmas, and enjoyed playing in the snow globe which was great fun! We have still been working hard, finishing our fab Maths, and have capped off our writing unit with our non-fiction reports about animals. What a busy, action filled week we have had!









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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 3

What a brilliant final week of autumn term for Year 3! We have had a busy week completing our independent writing, learning to play the glockenspiel in our music lessons, making Christmas cards, class treats, class parties, carol concert, a special visit from Santa, snow globe run, Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and lots of other Christmas crafts. All the adults in Year 3 couldn't be prouder of what every Year 3 child has achieved this term! We can't wait to see what the rest of the academic year brings! We hope everyone has a fabulous Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Year 4

What a fantastic final week to the autumn term we have had in Year 4! This week, children have amazed when writing a diary entry in our reading lessons; in writing they have written their own biography text and produced some fantastic final pieces; they have amazed with their understanding of the Christmas Story in RE; this all alongside performances at St. Petroc's Church, Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day.

Have a fantastic Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.







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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 5

Year 5 have had a very merry and bright week. Christmas is in full swing. We started the week with our Christmas Concert – what an incredible performance. We have done Christmas quizzes, crafts, singing, and even had a visit from Santa and his incredible snow globe.

To top the week off we had our whole school Christmas dinner in our festive jumpers.

WOW, what an amazing end to the autumn term. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. See you next year for the start of spring term.

<u>Year 6</u>

Year 6 have had a great time for their final week in the autumn term: they have performed fabulously at St. Petroc's Church on Tuesday evening; they have met Father Christmas on Thursday and had great fun in a giant snow globe; had a great Christmas party today and saw Beacon's Christmas video to all children; all alongside Maths, Reading and Grammar lessons.

We all hope that everyone has a lovely Christmas break – get some well-deserved rest, relax and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.











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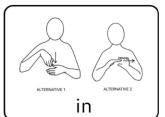


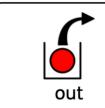


It has been very Christmassy in the ARB this week. We have enjoyed making cards and presents for the special people in our lives. Our favourite part of the week was our Christmas dinner followed by seeing Santa and playing in a giant snow globe. We have been extremely proud of all our children this term and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Core word of the week

















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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?



Outstanding contribution to Beacon this term

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2	Space Voyagers (YR)		Fletcher Angel	Pioneers (Y3)		Finnlay Sowden	3
Z	Space Travellers (YR)		Una Laugharne	Discoverers (Y3)		Ellie Ne <mark>lson</mark>	3
Z	Space Adventurers (Y1)	X	Archie Howard	Supernovas (Y4)		Archie Blacklaw	3
Z	Space Explorers (Y1)	B	Theo Hamley	Constellations (Y4)	4	Kiera Patockova- Robins	3
2	Spaceships (Y2)	9	Sophie Wooley	Comets (Y5)	5	Joshua Cook	3
2	Rockets (Y2)	0	Hunter Trivett	Meteors (Y5)		Oscar Fowler	3
2	Cosmonauts (ARB)	NA CERT	All of Cosmonauts	Aviators (Y6)		Emily Rundle	{
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This week's golden hoody winners





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Lyla-Pioneers



Charlie-Pioneers



Finnlay-Pioneers



Archer-Pioneers





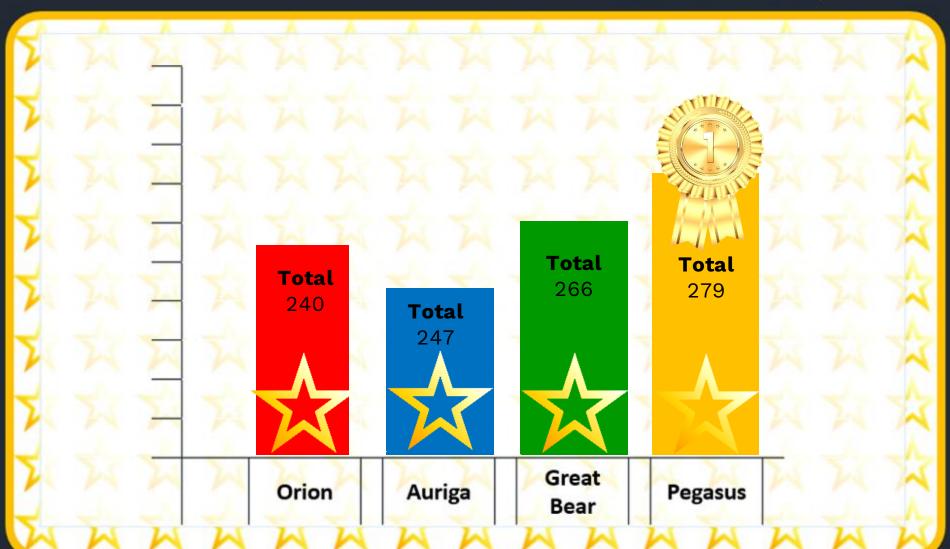


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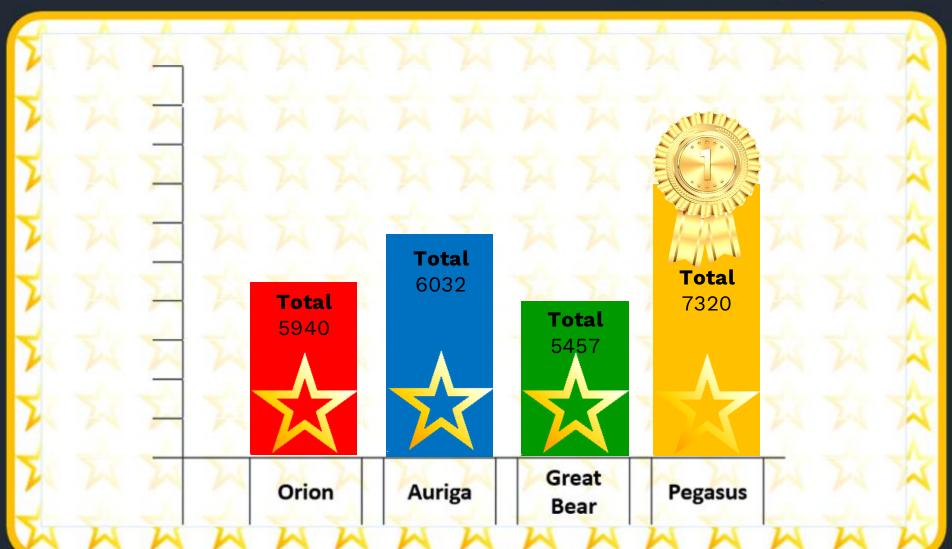


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Attendance Information



How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 324201.

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, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk
01872 324298

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

Cornwall Council, County Hall Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

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







Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers





www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies

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Attendance Information



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 10 school sessions/5 days or more within any rolling 10 school week* period during term time, without authorisation from the school. This can include unauthorised absence for a holiday.
- Unauthorised absence of 10 or more sessions/5 days within any rolling 10 school week* period where a parent fails to provide an explanation for the absence, or where an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise the absence.
- Unauthorised lateness of 10 school sessions within any rolling 10 school week* period, whereby a child arrives at school after the registers have closed.

NB a penalty notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons where there are 10 sessions/5 school days or more of unauthorised absence within any rolling 10 school week period. The unauthorised absence can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

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.
- * a school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

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?

As of the 19th of August 2024, a penalty notice is £80 if paid within 21 days. If the fine is not paid in 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-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 three-year rolling period, Cornwall Council will need to consider other enforcement optional options available. This could include prosecution under section 444(1) or section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996. If found guilty a parent would receive a criminal record and substantial fine.

Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £320 if paid within 21 days or £640 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days (or for a second offence).

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 324298, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

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deadline for applications is 15 January

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SAFEGUARDING







Together for Families

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2025 for your child by the deadline of 15 January 2025.







Please note: you will need to apply even if

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions









Special Educational Needs

for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk



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

look at the admission arrangements on our website

consider naming your nearest or designated

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

Submit your application by 15 January 2025

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

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 2025. 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.

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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

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.



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







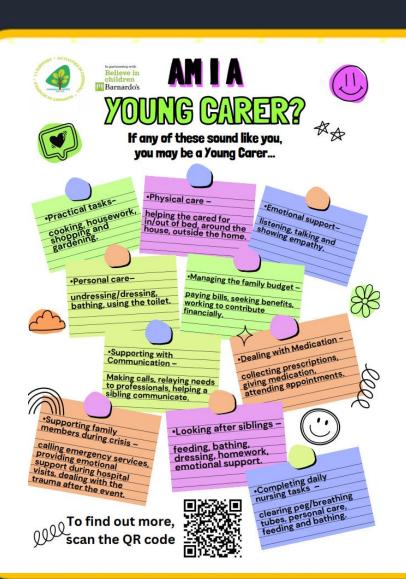
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Young Carers





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.





ChatHealth Parent Line 0-5

TEXT 07312 263 423

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ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

TEXT 07312 263 499

ChatHealth Young People 11-19



TEXT 07312 263 096



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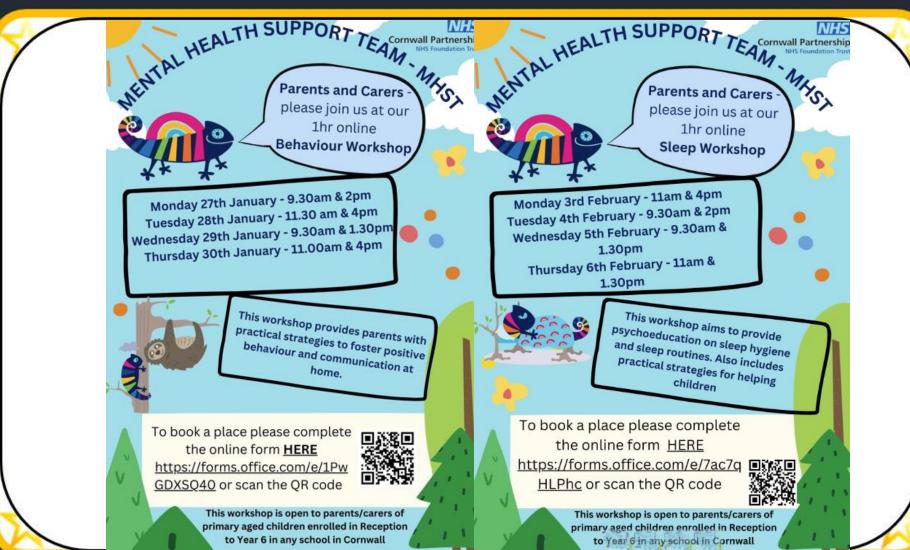














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Nursery



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.











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SCHOOL MENU - WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 6th January

Monday of Sanday Thursday Friday						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Margarita Pizza with Wedges, green	Fishfingers, Chips and peas		
Chicken in cheese sauce pasta bake peas carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v) Fruity yoghurt desserts Allergens: 2,4,7,	Chicken Curry with Rice, broccoli, peas and naan bread Vegetable Curry (v) Iced bun Allergens: 2,3,4,5,7,	Roast Beef with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf(v) Banana and custard Allergens: 2,4,7,	beans and sweetcorn Vegan Margarita Pizza (V)	Vegetable Sausage (v) Various puddings Allergens: 2,5,7,		

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





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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.





