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Dear Families,

There has certainly been a noticeable drop in temperature this week, and what an eventful day yesterday turned out to be! We hope everyone managed to stay safe and enjoy the rare snowy scenes here in Bodmin. Thank you so much for your support and flexibility.

Sadly, we had to postpone our celebration of reading family event. The children have worked so hard and were so excited to share their favourite books and excerpts.

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Top story this week



We have rescheduled this for **Wednesday 3rd December**, so if you won't have to wait long to see our children's enthusiasm for reading Shine Brightly.

Earlier in the week, our year 3,4,5 and 6 children had the pleasure of taking part in the STEM roadshow. The focus was on Artificial Intelligence and how it can be applied across science, technology, and engineering. It certainly opened their eyes to exciting possibilities in the future.

Next week will be the final week of extra-curricular clubs for this term. It has been incredible to see so many children enjoying such a wide variety of activities. We are especially looking forward to seeing some of our talented club members perform at our KS2 Christmas concert.

A quick reminder that Monday is a training day. Then on Tuesday, we'll be celebrating all things times tables with our Rock Star Day. This marks the relaunch of Times Tables Rock Stars. Children are welcome to come dressed as musicians if they wish and we'll have plenty of fun accessories in school to help everyone get into the spirit.

Next Friday evening marks the start of the festive season at Beacon with the Bodmin lights switch-on. We hope you will be able to join us for this special community event. More details will follow next week as we step closer to December, and the festive fun really begins.

Wishing you all a cosy weekend

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Reception	Reception Inset day		Looking at our families with Jigsaw Jenie.	Starting to learn the Christmas story in RE.	Drop everything and read!	
Year 1	Inset day	Dress up as a rockstar!	PE day!	New RE Unit!	Drop everything and read!	
Year 2	Inset day	Dress up as a rockstar!	Independent writing about The Crocodile who didn't like water.	Where will we go on our Beacon visit?	Drop everything and read.	

















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Year 4	Inset day	Dress up as a rockstar!	Science – States of Matter	PE Day – Wear your PE kit!	Drop everything and read!				
Year 5	Inset day	Dress up as a	Continuing our History Unit	Planning our own Finding Tale	Drop everything and read!				
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Year 6	Inset day	Dress up as a rockstar!	Continuing our history unit	Starting a new writing unit!	Drop everything and read!				
Cosmonauts	Inset day	Dress up as a rockstar!	Sensational science	Cooking	Computing				

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'





Nursery

This week in Nursery we have introduced the story 'The Selfish Crocodile'. We have been talking about being kind to others and have been using gross motor skills to paint our own crocodiles.

Pre-School

This week in Pre-school we have enjoyed the story 'The Gruffalo'. We have been developing our motor skills by painting and sticking creating our own Gruffalo with 'Orange eyes, a black tongue and purple prickles all over his back'.



Reception

In Reception this week we have all been SUPER mathematicians. We have been exploring one more and one less using one of our favourite stories and rhyme 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and '5 Currant Buns'. The children have been using 5 frames to represent different numbers within 5.





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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning all about pictograms in computing. We learnt what a pictogram is and what they are used for. We then collected data on how we travel to school to create our very own pictogram. We had great fun exploring this new topic and can't wait to see what else we create next time in computing.

Year 2

As artists, Year 2 have learnt how to draw a still life drawing using different techniques. We have learnt how to use stippling, cross-hatching and shading to add depth to our pictures. We have looked at different artists still life pictures and paintings to decide how we would like to draw a still life picture.







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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 3

Year 3 have been learning all about Sanatana Dharma in their R.E. learning this week. We've learned about why visiting the River Ganges is important and have explored various rituals that are performed there. We found out that it is one of the most polluted rivers in the world, so we spent some time creating conservation posters to raise awareness. We've had a productive week writing our suspenseful stories about Pirate Pete, the children have written wonderful detailed tales and explored how to build suspense.

Year 4

We have had a very busy week in Year 4! It began with a fantastic and inspiring AI workshop, where we even got to meet Lexi the robot dog—Josh in Supernovas even made the AI dog clap! In geography, we explored migration and learned all about why people move to different countries. We've also been full of excitement about times tables, practising our 8s ready for the TTRS competition on Tuesday next week. And of course, Thursday's unexpected SNOW DAY added even more excitement to an already action-packed week!









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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 5

What another busy but very fun week! On Tuesday, the classrooms were a wash of bright and bold colours; it was an absolute joy to welcome the children into school wearing their brand-new PE kit, they looked incredibly smart and full of pride! In other news, both Comets and Meteors have worked incredibly hard preparing for the KS2 Reading Workshop. Their dedication to learning their lines has been remarkable. A huge well done!





Year 6

Despite the snow disruption, Year 6 have had a brilliant week!

The children have been writing their independent discussion texts this week and have been working incredibly hard. They have been including brilliant formal vocabulary and should be very proud of their efforts so far. We will be continuing these next week.

We also had an amazing science workshop about AI which was mind blowing!





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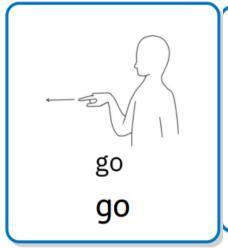


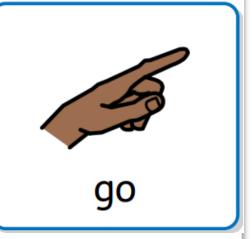




This week we have started to innovate our own stories based on 'The Night Pirates', we made our plans and have begun to create our sentences. We also experimented making our own compasses and creating pirates out of handprints. During 'bucket time' activities we have been finding buried treasure in coloured sand.

Core word of the week













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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?



Fantastic writer

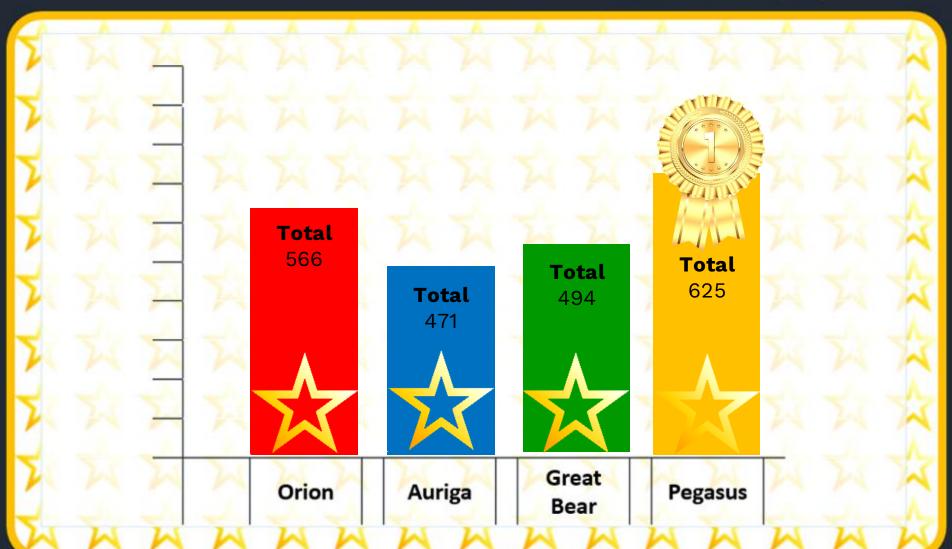
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Penalty Notices

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

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/families www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall









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 24th November	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 25th November	 Last Week for Clubs Celebrating all things times table
Wednesday 26th November	Maths Number Workshop Supporting Your Children as Mathematicians POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR
Friday 28th November	Bodmin Lights up parade 6pm
Monday 1 st December	Beacon Advent Calendar – Day 1
Wednesday 3 rd December	KS2 Reading Workshop (reschedule 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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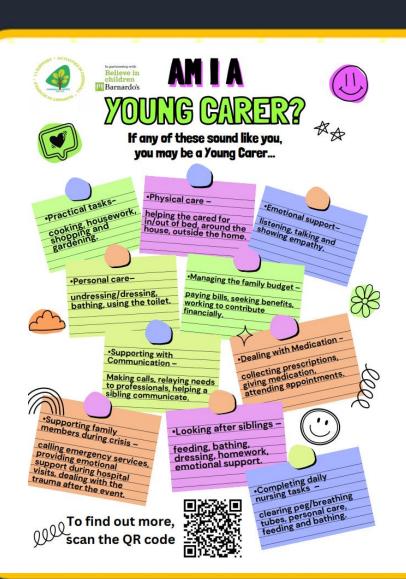
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_	Monday 15 th December	Preschool and Reception Christmas Performance - 2pm
2	Tuesday 16 th December	 Preschool and Reception Christmas Performance – 9:30am Y1 and 2 Christmas Performance – 2pm KS2 Christmas Concert @ St Petroc's Church – 5pm
7	Wednesday 17 th December	ARB, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am
5	Thursday 18 th December	 Christmas Visitors Whole School Jumper Day and Class Parties
2		#Christmas JumperDay
	Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Holidays
1	Monday 5 th January 2026	Children Return to 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.



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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.

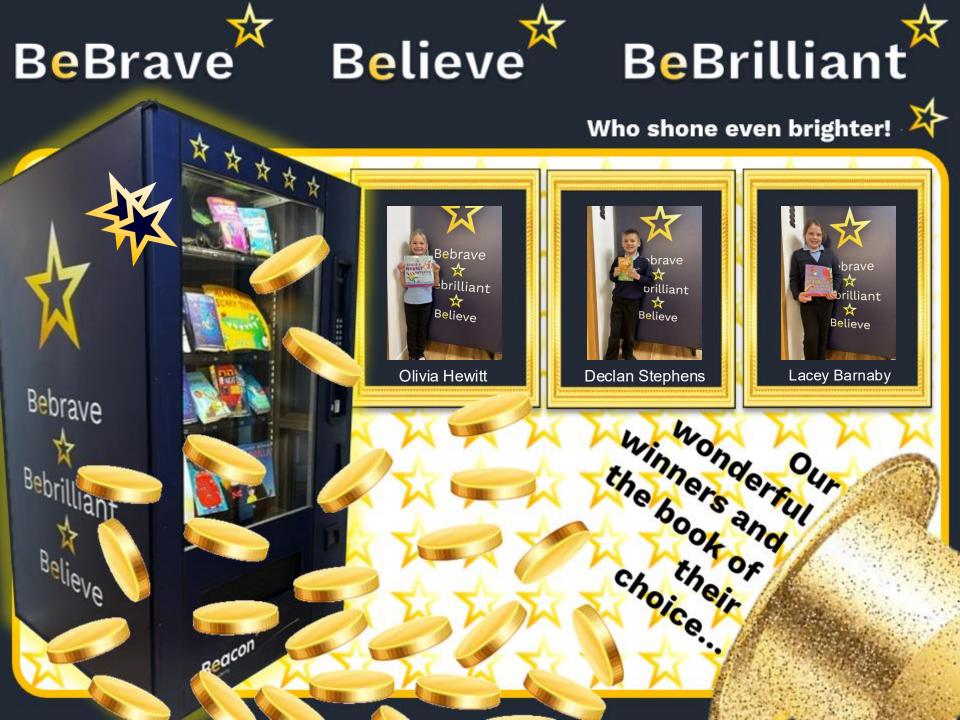
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This week's golden hoody winners





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Primrose *Constellations*



Wilfred *Supernovas*



Constellations





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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.







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TEXT 07312 263 423

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ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

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ChatHealth Young People 11-19



TEXT 07312 263 096



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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

Monday 24th November

	Friday			
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inset Pay school closed to pupils	Chicken Pie with herbed potato's, Carrots and peas Vegetable pie (v) Lemon sponge Allergens: 2,4,7	Roast beef with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Vegetable roast (v) Apple crumble and custard Allergens: 2,4,7,	Sticky BBQ sauce with chicken, steamed Rice and stir fry vegetables Sticky BBQ sauce with Quorn (v) Meringues with fruit Allergens: 2,4,7,12,13	Pork sausage with Chips and peas Veggle sausage (v) Various puddings Attergens: 2,5,7



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