

## Top story this week



As we approached the half term break, we were delighted with our children and the progress they had made at the halfway point in the academic year and how brightly they continued to shine. It was great to see so many of you at our parent and teacher meetings. I hope that you enjoyed having the opportunity to talk through the progress your child had made so far, this academic year, discussing their targets for the remainder of the year and looking through their books. I know that our teachers loved having the opportunity to share your children's successes.

Our World of Work week was a tremendous success. Our children had the opportunity to learn firsthand about the wide variety of jobs and careers that are available for them to aspire to in the future.

Thank you so much to all the amazing visitors and parents we welcomed into our school to talk about their interesting jobs and careers. It was a wonderful week topped off with all our children and adults coming to school dressed in the outfit they would wear for their future career. Huge thanks to you for supporting this and Mrs Alway and the team for making the week so brilliant.

Our reception children had an incredible end to the term. In preparation for their new English text our children had the opportunity to join in with monstrous fun watching the magical stage performance of the Gruffalo at the Hall for Cornwall. Both the children and adults had the time of their lives.

It was fantastic to welcome our children back to school this Tuesday after the half-term break. The sun has been shining, the nights are getting lighter, and it is starting to feel like spring is finally on its way. Across the school our children have been getting immersed in their new Talk for Writing texts with a number of exciting experiences and visitors coming to school.

Looking to next week there are even more exciting things to look forward to. The whole school will be joining in the celebrations for St Piran's day. Then on Friday we celebrate the love of reading and books for World Book Day. This year we have decided to link our love of our Cornish heritage with our love of reading by celebrating traditional Cornish tales and storytelling. The whole school will take part in the magic of storytelling, while igniting our children's imagination and learning more about Cornish traditions, tales and songs.

Other events we have to look forward to this term include our year 5 Manchester adventure, our Ignite Wonder Carnival week and the return of the Royal Beacon Show!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, let's hope that this weather continues.

Kaye

## ★ Key Events for week after half term – Reception and KS1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	One more and one less in Maths using Nursery rhymes.	Starting to learn our new story.	St Piran's Day celebrations.	Funky French Thursday!	Drop everything & read.
Year 1	Trip to Bodmin Jail	Exciting writing	St Piran's Day.	Beacon Visits.	Drop everything and read.
Year 2	Notes and coins in maths	P.E.	St Piran's Day	Trip to Lanhydrock	Drop everything and read.

## Key Events for week after half term – KS2 and ARB

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	Innovation Writing – King Arthur	Maths Fun! - Compare and order unit fractions	Science – Plants!	Funky French Thursday and Beacon Visit!	Drop Everything and Read
Year 4	Fantastic Fractions in Maths	PE – Dancing	New Text in Reading	Funky French Thursdays and Beacon Visit	Drop Everything and Read
Year 5	Math – Fraction Fun	Art <b>*Final Manchester Parents Meeting*</b>	Writing – Independent application	PE – Hockey (Trainers)	World Book Day dress up
Year 6	Writing our Explanation Texts – Linked to The Blitz	Exploring Decimals in Maths	PE - Yoga	Funky French Thursdays	Drop Everything and Read
Cosmonauts	PSHE Healthy foods	Sensational Science Magic swimming fish	Cooking Pasties for St Piran's Day	Amazing Art Superhero capes	Computing

## EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'



### Nursery

This week we have enjoyed our new story 'Owl Babies'. We have been learning about where owls live and how they make their homes.

We have created owls by cutting and sticking using different shapes. We have also been talking about emotions and how the owl babies felt. We have been creating emotion faces using natural objects.

### Reception

This week we have been very busy getting back to all our learning. We have been writing our own recounts of our trip to the Hall for Cornwall and making our own Gruffalo's using playdough.

In Science, we read the 'Gruffalo's Child' and explored how to make shadows inside and outside. We had lots of fun doing this, so we have our fingers crossed for more sunny days!



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## KS1 'Highlight of the Week'



### Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about relationships in PSHE lessons this week. We have talked about our families, what makes them different and what makes them similar. We discussed our friends and what features make us good friends, such as being kind caring and making each other laugh.

### Year 2

What a brilliantly busy week we have been having in Year 2 this week! In Maths we have been further exploring money, counting in pounds and pence. We've also launched our new Talk for Writing text "The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark" with a lovely hook about owls and their nests. In PSHE, our focus has been on relationships, in which the children have been exploring who is in their circle of trust, and positive characteristics to look for in others. Lots of fun to be had in Year 2 this week!



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## Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



### Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant and busy start to the term. We kicked off the week with our relationship assembly which links to our PSHE topic we have been learning about this term. We have learnt about different relationships we have in our lives and introduced new relationships we were unaware we might have. We looked at being global citizens and our roles and responsibilities we have in our country and the ones of others. Also, to finish the week we played a game of netball using all the skills we learnt in our PE lessons last term. We have learnt lots of new things and we can't wait to see what the children will achieve next week!



### Year 4

Year 4 have had another brilliant week together and it has been fantastic to hear about all their adventures over half-term.

This week, children have planned and written their own discussion texts linked to the value of homework – be sure to ask them of their own opinions. They have also explored how arguments can be built in reading and coped fantastically well with the final parts of their maths unit linked to multiplication.

Highlights this week however come from our PSHE lessons, where children have shown a great maturity in discussing how relationships can be difficult to maintain.



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## Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



### Year 5

What a lovely first week we have had back. The sun has made an appearance and so has some wonderful behaviour and learning. We have started our new unit in TfW, looking at a defeating the monster tale, with action. We have also done PSHE this week, exploring different relationships, for example with screen time and social media. We have had amazing discussions around how to stay safe when building relationships and meeting new people. We reminded ourselves why it is important and how to be safe online.

We officially have 10 days until we go to Manchester – we cannot wait for the fun and laughter.  
Have a safe and fun weekend.

### Year 6

We are now officially halfway through Year 6's last year at Beacon. This week, children have amazed with their knowledge of how people stayed safe during The Blitz, they have shown a great understanding of decimals and place value in maths, in reading, they have shown amazing progress in their recent SATs assessments and showed great determination in our slightly soggy PE lesson on Wednesday.

Next week, children are all excited to write their own information leaflet linked to WWII and The Blitz.

Have a lovely restful weekend.

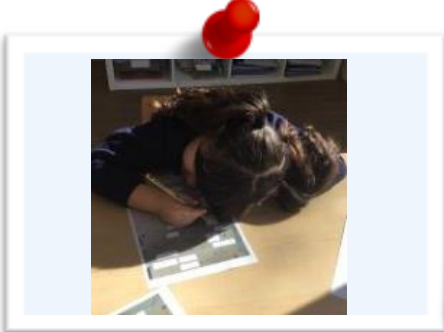
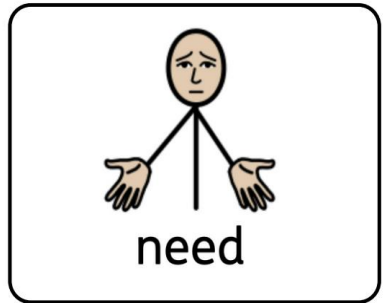




### Cosmonauts

What a great start to the new term, it has been lovely to see all children back and wanting to get straight back into their learning. We have been innovating our 'Superworm' story ready to write our own innovated versions next week. Everyone has been trying really hard in their phonics work this week and been practising reading and writing the letter sounds. We have also investigated wiggly worms in science and watched these expand in water. The sunny weather has meant we have been able to spent lots of time outdoors.

### Core word of the week























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## Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?

### Super thinker

<b>Space Voyagers (YR)</b>		Freddy Steed	<b>Pioneers (Y3)</b>		Ellen Lutey- Forshaw
<b>Space Travellers (YR)</b>		Harvey Bashford	<b>Discoverers (Y3)</b>		Jaden Dyer
<b>Space Adventurers (Y1)</b>		Seren Pope	<b>Supernovas (Y4)</b>		Lowenna Burnett
<b>Space Explorers (Y1)</b>		Teddie Carter	<b>Constellations (Y4)</b>		Keeley Moya
<b>Spaceships (Y2)</b>		George Taylor	<b>Comets (Y5)</b>		Sienna Hope House
<b>Rockets (Y2)</b>		Rowan Burnett	<b>Meteors (Y5)</b>		Ross Parker
<b>Cosmonauts (ARB)</b>		Victor Wychowaniec	<b>Aviators (Y6)</b>		Jason Lin
<b>Shine</b>			<b>Astronomers (Y6)</b>		Lincoln Byrant
			<b>Astronauts (Y6)</b>		Benji Knight

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk)

t: 0300 1234 100



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## Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers



 [www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies)

## 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](mailto:educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk)

## This week's golden hoody winners



## Dates for the diary!

Tuesday 4th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y5 final family meeting for Manchester residential</li></ul>
Wednesday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St Piran's Day</li></ul>
Friday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Book Day</li></ul>
Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manchester residential</li></ul>
Friday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comic Relief</li></ul>
Monday 24th – Friday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last week for clubs</li></ul>
Wednesday 2nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Royal Beacon Show</li></ul>
Monday 7th – Monday 21st April	Easter Holidays

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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### 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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**WORLD  
BOOK DAY**  
**FRIDAY 7TH MARCH**

DRESS-UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE  
BOOK CHARACTER OR IN THE  
CORNISH COLOURS: BLACK, WHITE  
& GOLD.

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**IMPORTANT**

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



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## Young Carers



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# AM I A

# YOUNG CARER?

If any of these sound like you,  
you may be a Young Carer...



- Practical tasks -**  
cooking, housework,  
shopping and  
gardening.
- Physical care -**  
helping the cared for  
in/out of bed, around the  
house, outside the home.
- Emotional support -**  
listening, talking and  
showing empathy.
- Personal care -**  
undressing/dressing,  
bathing, using the toilet.
- Managing the family budget -**  
paying bills, seeking benefits,  
working to contribute  
financially.
- Supporting with  
Communication -**  
Making calls, relaying needs  
to professionals, helping a  
sibling communicate.
- Dealing with Medication -**  
collecting prescriptions,  
giving medication,  
attending appointments.
- Supporting family  
members during crisis -**  
calling emergency services,  
providing emotional  
support during hospital  
visits, dealing with the  
trauma after the event.
- Looking after siblings -**  
feeding, bathing,  
dressing, homework,  
emotional support.
- Completing daily  
nursing tasks -**  
clearing peg/breathing  
tubes, personal care,  
feeding and bathing.

To find out more,  
scan the QR code



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](mailto: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.



## Supporting Parents And Children Emotionally



SPACE is a free programme for any Kernow Learning parent or carer who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

**FREE!**

- ★ Gain an understanding of the impact of life experiences on yourself as a parent & on your children.
- ★ Help to manage your child's behaviour and develop strategies for building resilience in yourself & your children.
- ★ Take away strategies to implement at home and use in everyday life
- ★ Focusing on building the wellbeing of your whole family

Our 5 week programme is available on the following dates, online or at locations across Cornwall.

**Trenance Academy, Newquay**

Session Dates: 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec, 11th Dec.  
Session Times: 1.15pm- 3.15pm

**St Francis C of E Academy, Falmouth**

Session Dates: 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 9th Dec, 16th Dec  
Session Times: 1.00pm- 3.00pm

**King Charles C of E Primary School, Falmouth**

Session Dates: 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 9th Dec.  
Session Times: 3.30pm- 5.30pm

**Foxhole Learning Academy, St Austell \*\*ONLINE COURSE DAY TIME\*\***

Sessions Dates: 7th Jan, 14th Jan, 21st Jan, 28th Jan, 4th Feb  
Session Times: 10am-11am

**Foxhole Learning Academy, St Austell \*\*ONLINE COURSE EVENING\*\***

Session Dates: 27th Feb, 6th Mar, 13th Mar, 20th Mar, 27th Mar  
Session Times: 7pm- 8pm

**Sky Primary, St Austell \*\*ONLINE COURSE DAY TIME\*\***

Session Dates: 16th June, 23rd June, 30th June, 7th July, 14th July.  
Session Times: 1pm-3pm

 **Book here**

Scan the QR to book your place



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## Couch to 5K



- 🍏 Free weekly running sessions for beginners
- 🍏 Learn to run for 30 minutes in 12 weeks through NHS designed programme starting with an easy walk-and-talk session
- 🍏 Get outside, get active and meet new people



**Tuesdays**  
1pm - 2pm

Meeting at the **Scarletts Well car park**

Booking is **essential**. Call or go to our website to book.

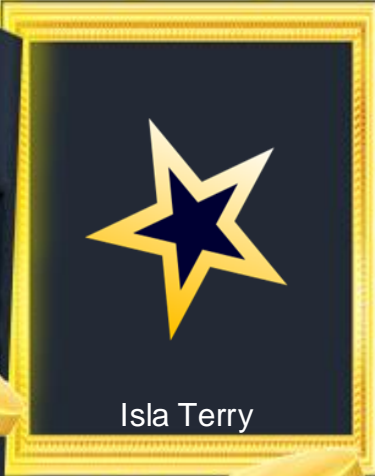


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Who shone even brighter! 



Isla Terry



Emmi Hewitt



Jasmine M-Goodman



Our wonderful winners and their choice of the book of their choice...



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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.





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Macaroni cheese (V) Carrots and peas Tomato and Basil Pasta(v)</p> <p>Fruity yoghurt dessert</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Sausage roll with herbed potatoes and broccoli/peas Vegetarian sausage roll (v)</p> <p>Blueberry Muffin</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Roast turkey with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf (v)</p> <p>Crumble and custard</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Sweet and sour chicken, rice with green beans/carrots Sweet and sour veg (v)</p> <p>Toffee yoghurt</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7,14, </p>	<p>Sausage, Chips and sweetcorn Vegetable Fingers (v)</p> <p>Various puddings</p> <p>Allergens: 2,7, </p>
<p>Chicken in cheese sauce pasta bake peas carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v)</p> <p>Fruity yoghurt desserts</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Chicken Curry with Rice, broccoli, peas and naan bread Vegetable Curry (v)</p> <p>Iced bun</p> <p>Allergens: 2,3,4,5,7, </p>	<p>Roast Beef with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf(v)</p> <p>Banana and custard</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Margarita Pizza with Wedges, green beans and sweetcorn Vegan Margarita Pizza (V)</p> <p>Lemon sponge</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Fishfingers, Chips and peas Vegetable Sausage (v)</p> <p>Various puddings</p> <p>Allergens: 2,5,7, </p>
<p>Tuna in a tomato herb pasta bake peas/carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v)</p> <p>Fruity yoghurt dessert</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,5,7, </p>	<p>Cottage pie with carrots and sweetcorn Vegetable cottage pie (V)</p> <p>Chocolate Muffin</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Roast chicken with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf (v)</p> <p>Fruit salad with custard</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Meatballs in a tomato sauce steamed rice and green beans garlic bread Veggie balls (v)</p> <p>Chocolate chip cookie</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7,13, </p>	<p>Chicken Dippers, Chips and peas Veggie Chicken (v)</p> <p>Various puddings</p> <p>Allergens: 2,7, </p>

**ALLERGENS**

1 = CELERY, 2 = CEREAL CONTAINING GLUTEN, 3 = CRUSTACEANS, 4 = EGGS, 5 = FISH, 6 = LUPIN SEEDS AND FLOUR  
7 = DAIRY, 8 = MOLLUSCS, 9 = MUSTARD, 10 = NUTS, 11 = PEANUTS, 12 = SESAME SEEDS, 13 = SOYA, 14 = SULPHUR DIOXIDE

January 2025							February 2025							March 2025							April 2025						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Jacket potatoes with various fillings, salad bar, fruit and yoghurt available every day



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## School Menus

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SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Tuna in a tomato herb pasta bake peas/carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v) Fruity yoghurt dessert Allergens: 2,4,5,7,</p>  	<p>Cottage pie with carrots and sweetcorn Vegetable cottage pie (V) Chocolate Muffin Allergens: 2,4,7,</p>  	<p>Roast chicken with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf (v) Fruit salad with custard Allergens: 2,4,7,</p>  	<p>Meatballs in a tomato sauce steamed rice and green beans garlic bread Veggie balls (v) Chocolate chip cookie Allergens: 2,4,7,13</p>  	<p>Chicken Dippers, Chips and peas Veggie Chicken (v) Various puddings Allergens: 2,7</p>  

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.



## School Terms and Holidays 2024/25

Beacon Academy

September 2024				October 2024				November 2024									
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thu	5	12	19	26		Thu	3	10	17	24	31	Thu	7	14	21	28	
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	3	10	17	24		

December 2024				January 2025				February 2025									
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
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Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23		

March 2025				April 2025				May 2025									
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tue	4	11	18	25		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	6	13	20	27	
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Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	4	11	18	25		

June 2025				July 2025				August 2025									
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27	
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Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Day

Term dates summary:

- Autumn Term 1: 3rd September - 25th October 2024
- Autumn Term 2: 4th November - 20th December 2024
- Spring Term 1: 6th January - 14th February 2025
- Spring Term 2: 24th February - 4th April 2025
- Summer Term 1: 22nd April - 23rd May 2025
- Summer Term 2: 2nd June - 23rd July 2025

TOTAL: 195

Bank and Public Holidays 2024/25

Christmas Day	25th December 2024	Easter Monday	21st April 2025
Boxing Day	26th December 2024	May Bank Holiday	5th May 2025
New Years Day	1st January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025

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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to themselves and teammates within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable franchises and comic book titles. Each skin set includes a \$10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These pass don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a sense of missing out.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're certainly unlikely to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of those people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.



ESRB advice nobody under the age of 13 should play

#### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and it can be a bit tricky and the Punisher, who use more realistic firearms, show the game's nature as a shooter. This may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing three weapons at each other.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, originating from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

#### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable faces and abilities like Spider-Man and Iron Man. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Halo, the Goddard of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



#### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the hype is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a chat playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to complete online.

#### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings, if you've confirmed purchases and charges. However, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.

#### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.

#### Meet Our Expert

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## School Terms and Holidays 2025/26

Beacon Academy

September 2025		October 2025		November 2025	
Mon	1	Mon	6	Mon	3
Tue	2	Tue	7	Tue	4
Wed	3	Wed	1	Wed	5
Thu	4	Thu	2	Thu	6
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Mon	22	Mon	26	Mon	30
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**Key:**

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**Term dates summary:**

**Autumn Term (74 days)**  
2nd September 2025 - 19th December 2025 (Half term: 27th-31st October 2025)

**Spring Term (59 days)**  
5th January 2026 - 2nd April 2026 (Half term: 16th - 20th February 2026)

**Summer Term (62 days)**  
20th April 2026 - 22nd July 2026 (Half term: 25th-29th May 2026)

**Bank and Public Holidays 2025/26**

Christmas Day	25th December 2025	Easter Monday	6th April 2026
Boxing Day	26th December 2025	May Bank Holiday	4th May 2025
New Years Day	1st January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25th May 2026
Good Friday	3rd April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31st August 2026

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