

Top story this week



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope everyone managed to have a wonderful break, the nights are drawing in and there is certainly a chill in the air as we count down to the 5th November. Our busy start to the term concluded with our traditional Beacon Bonfire celebration today. Despite the weather, we wrapped up warm and our children enjoyed singing and sharing rhymes around the bonfire whilst enjoying their hot chocolate. Each year group worked together to make a Guy, learn the rhyme and hear the story behind this British tradition while having lots of fun with our friends! Huge thanks to Mr Herman for organising, and for keeping the bonfire burning throughout the showers.

Looking forward to next week, we will be celebrating parliament week in school, part of this will involve our children holding their own ballots and debates. We will also continue to welcome in a host of visitors to our school to enhance our children's curriculum further.

Thank you for your wonderful suggestions for our Community Week, which is taking place the week after next. Each year group are currently planning their community projects with a variety of organisations in our local areas. The children and team at Beacon can't wait to give more back to impact positively on our community.

Ahead of Remembrance Day, our Year 5 children will be visiting classes with poppies. If you would like to make a donation, please send your child into school with their pennies next week. As this term continues it will get busier and busier so, please keep your eyes peeled for the key dates on the newsletter.

Finally, thank you for your support on Thursday with the extreme weather, it is very much appreciated.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, let's hope the weather improves and I hope that you manage to see some fireworks.

Kaye



Key Events for next week– KS1 and Shine

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	A very exciting visit beginning with P...	Another exciting visit, this time starting with F...	Making shape pictures in Maths.	Outdoor learning.	Who is the best storyteller?
Year 1	What's the same and what's different about humans? Let's measure and compare in Science.	Time to write your own dialogue stories!	Let's dance in PE!	Let's learn more about pictograms!	Drop everything and read!
Year 2	Completing our RE learning about the Christian Christmas story.	Planning our own exciting tales of fear.	Computing wizardry! Creating digital artwork!	Gymnastics fun!	Drop everything and read!
Shine	Continue to build our pirate ship.	Shine shopping trip	Cooking time!	Outdoor learning	Rock steady!

Key Events for next week– KS2 and ARB

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	PE fun!	Continue to learn our suspense story	Plan our own suspenseful stories!	Kahoot Quizzes	Drop everything and read
Year 4	Storytelling and story mapping 'Bolster the Giant'	Gymnastics in PE	Geography	Times table fun	Drop everything and read
Year 5	Into Space with Science!	Maths Challenge!	Gruesome Grammar	PE	Drop everything and read
Year 6	Swimming!	Swimming!	Swimming!	Swimming!	Drop Everything and Read
Cosmonauts	Amazing Art Y6 swimming	Sensational Science Y6 swimming	PSHE Y6 Swimming	Cooking Y6 Swimming	Computing

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'



Nursery

It has been a busy week in Nursery. We started the week learning about pumpkins and all helped to scoop out the seeds which we are going to plant. We introduced our new story 'Room on the Broom'. We enjoyed making our own potions by pouring, scooping and mixing to create our own truly magnificent broom.

Reception

What a fantastic week in Reception. We have had our disco to celebrate earning all our class tokens, we had the best time! On Wednesday we went on a bear hunt and on the field hiding in the trees, we found a bear. Luckily, it was a friendly bear. We are now very excited to learn our new Talk for Writing story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.



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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'

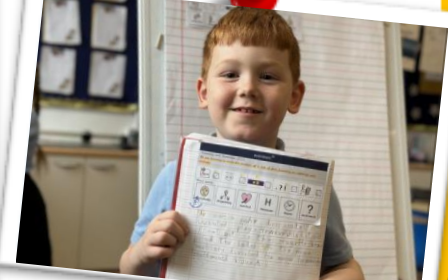


Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning about animals, including humans. We have been sorting and classifying animals in lots of fun and exciting ways, including looking at real fish under magnifying glasses! We ended the week focusing on humans and looking at their five senses. We tasted different types of food, smelt a variety of smells and used our other senses too. Super scientists Year 1, well done!

Year 2

This week we are immensely proud of the effort everyone has made while writing their innovated versions of The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water. Every single member of Year 2 has shown progress with their handwriting and spelling and have had fantastic ideas on how to adapt the story to make it their own unique and interesting tale of fear. Well done Year 2 on a fantastic start to this half term!



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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'

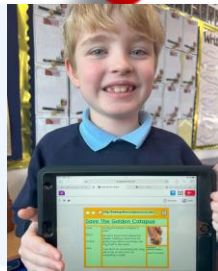
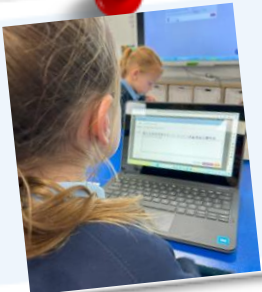


Year 3

The children have all been computer wizards this week and have explored how to stay safe online. We have been looking in to spoof websites and at the rating on games. The children will be able to tell you all about how to stay safe which is incredibly important. We have also begun learning our new text a journey tale focusing on suspense. We have also started our new unit in Maths learning about addition and subtraction.

Year 4

This week in PE, the children started to explore partner balances in gymnastics. They considered the different rules of safety and started to learn about the muscles that they were stretching during the warmup. Then, they combined different balances with transitions to create a short movement sequence. We all thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Beacon bonfire this morning too!



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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



Year 5

What an exciting week! On Tuesday, we took our learning onto the playground and enjoyed a session of 'pok-a-tok,' a ball game played by the ancient Maya, which features in our new Talk for Writing unit. Although exhausting, it was good fun and a great way to start the new half-term! On Thursday, Plymouth Argyle led our PE lesson and encouraged us to solve problems, work as a team and develop new skills.

Well done Year 5, it is great to have you back!

Year 6

Year 6 have blown us away with their swimming this week! Everyone has shown such amazing confidence and enthusiasm for their swimming lessons, making fantastic progress across all groups. Each day the children gain more confidence and new skills in the water and will continue to do so next week.

We also enjoyed a hot chocolate and cookie around the bonfire this afternoon while reciting rhymes about Guy Fawkes.



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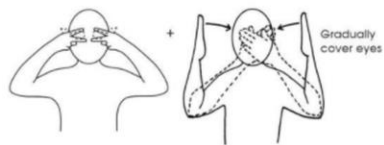


Cosmonauts and Shine 'Highlight of the Week'



ARB

We have had a spooktacular week this week completing lots of Halloween craft and science activities. We then finished off the week enjoying our Beacon bonfire with biscuits and hot chocolate.



Halloween

Shine

Shine enjoyed starting our new Talk for Writing text 'Pirate Pete and the Tentacles From Below'. We have begun to build our own pirate ship for the classroom ready to start exploring the oceans around the world in the afternoons. We also had a great time on Friday creating our own Guy and throwing him on the fire and learning about why we celebrate bonfire night.




















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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?

Amazing achievements in Reading

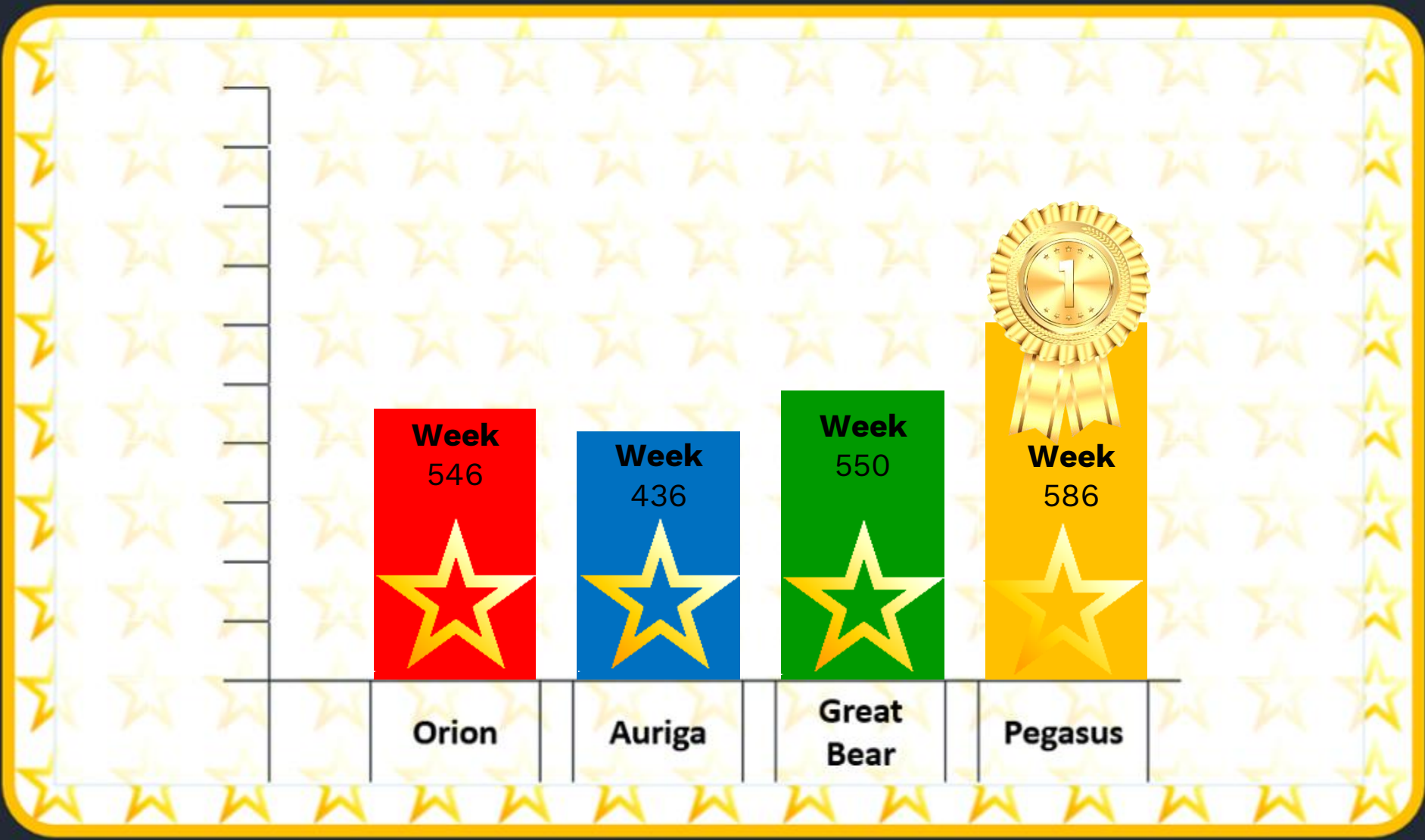
Space Voyagers (YR)		Reuben Crowle	Pioneers (Y3)		Stella Lino
Space Travellers (YR)		Seren Pope	Discoverers (Y3)		Isaac Slade
Space Adventurers (Y1)		Freddie Truran	Supernovas (Y4)		Ross Parker and Waseem Shehab
Space Explorers (Y1)		Lacey Hostettler	Constellations (Y4)		Alice Cummings
Spaceships (Y2)		Kasper Fowler	Comets (Y5)		Sofia Waldron
Rockets (Y2)		Chayse Bowers	Meteors (Y5)		Ashkii Lomax
Cosmonauts (ARB)		Leo Couch	Aviators (Y6)		Tamara Felix
Shine		Summer Coslett	Astronomers (Y6)		Charlie Dodson
			Astronauts (Y6)		PJ Owen

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House Points! 

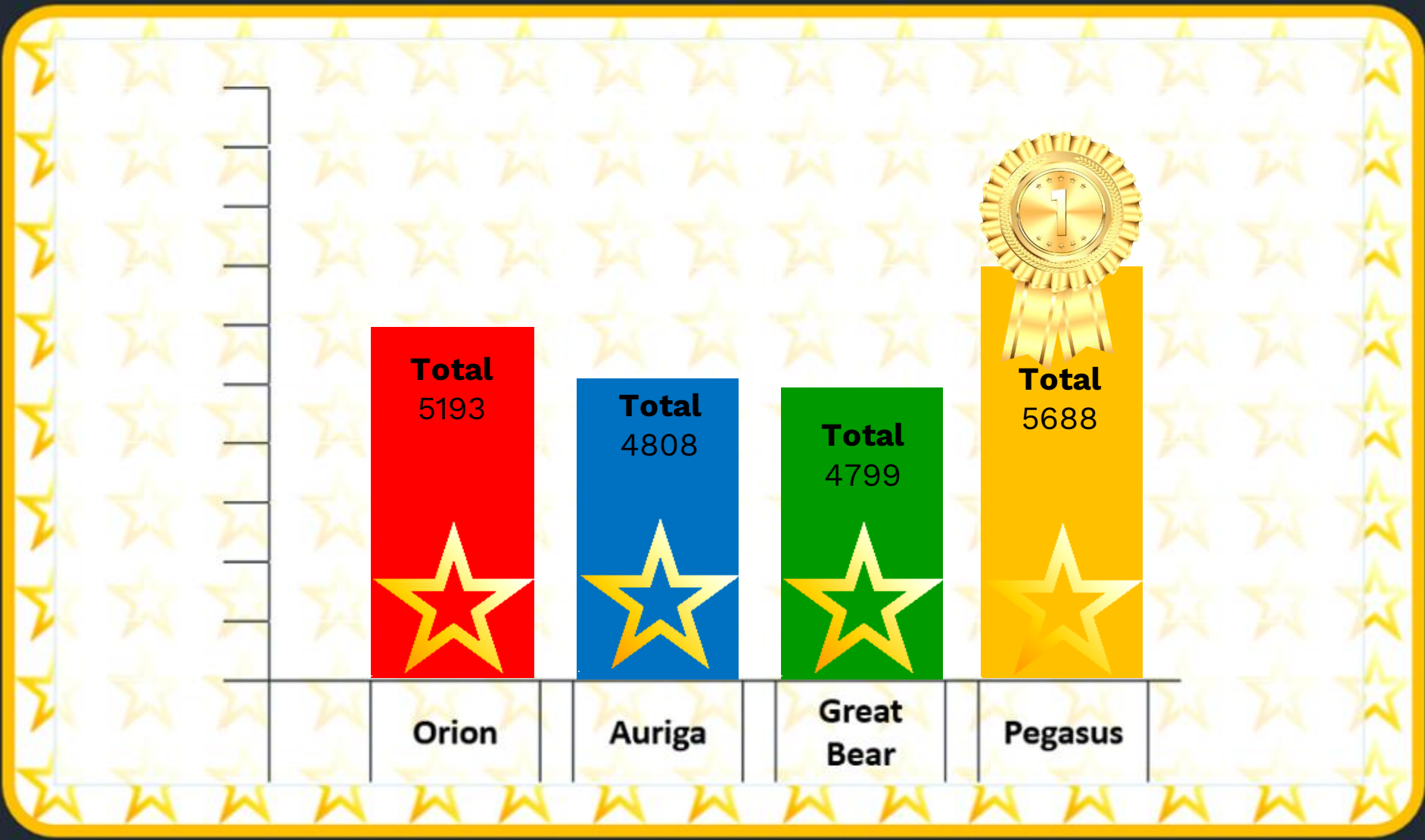


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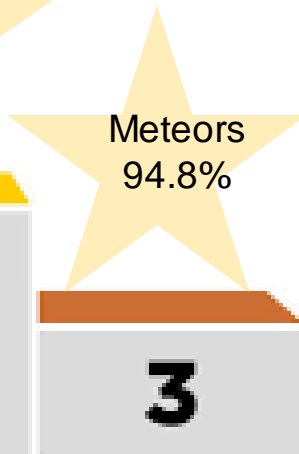
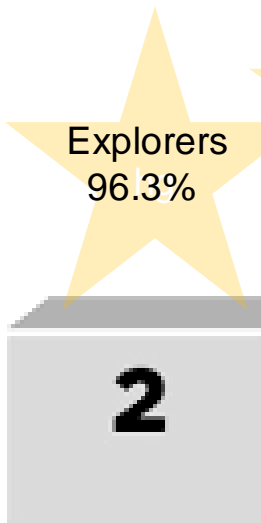
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Attendance weekly winners



Well done to
Travellers



ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

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

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

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

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



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

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

Direct Number: 01208 72773

Mobile Number: 07545431566

hshowden@kernowlearning.co.uk

Extra notifications 



IMPORTANT

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

Dates for the diary!

Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th November	Ignite Wonder Community week
Tuesday 14 th November	Reception and Nursery Open <u>Afternoons</u>
Tuesday 14 th November	Choir Fest at Truro Cathedral
Wednesday 15 th November	Flu Immunisations for Rec – Y6
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 3 and 4 Parents Meeting. Supporting your children with their Timetables
Friday 24 th November	Children to make Christmas tree decorations at home
Monday 27 th November	Last week for clubs
Tuesday 28 th November	Parent Workshop – Maths Reception and Y1 parents
Friday 1 st December	Beacon Christmas tree light switch on

Dates for the diary!

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

Extra notifications 



BEACON Breakfast Club



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

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

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School Menus



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SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 6th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tuna/sweetcorn pasta bake peas or carrots Homemade bread Tomato and Basil Pasta (v) Fruity Yoghurt Dessert	Pork sausage with mash or boiled potatoes with mixed Veg Veggie Sausage (v) Apple crumble and custard	Roast of the Day, Crispy Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables with Gravy Vegetable Roast (v) Chocolate chip cookie	Meatballs with a tomato sauce steamed rice and mixed vegetables Homemade bread Veggie balls (v) Iced Finger	Sausage and Chips with sweetcorn Vegetable Fingers (v) Various puddings



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





MONDAY

Macaroni Cheese
Carrots and Peas with
Homemade Bread



Fruity Yoghurt Dessert

Chicken/broccoli bake
Peas or carrots
Homemade bread
Tomato and Basil Bake(v)CC
Cheesy Pasta Bake



Fruity Yoghurt Dessert

Tuna/sweetcorn pasta bake peas or
carrots
Homemade bread
Tomato and Basil Pasta(v)



Fruity Yoghurt Dessert

TUESDAY

Homemade Chicken Pie with creamy
mash potato and Fresh vegetables
Vegetable Pie (v)



Peach crumble with custard

Beef Bolognese with vegetables and
Garlic bread
Vegetarian lasagne(v)



Fruit Muffin

Pork sausage with mash or boiled
potatoes with mixed Veg
Veggie Sausage (V)



Apple crumble and custard

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day, Seasonal Vegetables
and Crispy Potatoes with Gravy
Vegetable Roast (v)

Chocolate Sponge



Roast of the Day, Seasonal Vegetables
and Crispy Roast Potatoes with Gravy
Vegetable Roast (v)



Vanilla Cake

Roast of the Day, Crispy Potatoes and
Seasonal Vegetables with Gravy
Vegetable Roast (v)



Chocolate chip cookie

THURSDAY

Sweet and sour chicken with steamed
Rice and mixed veg with garlic bread
Vegetable sweet and sour(v)

Frozen yoghurt



Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice,
Broccoli, and Peas
Naan Bread
Vegetable Curry (v)



Banana and custard

Meatballs with a tomato sauce
steamed rice and mixed vegetables
Homemade bread
Veggie balls (v)



Iced Finger

FRIDAY

Breaded Fish and Chips with
Sweetcorn
Vegetable Fingers (v)



Various Puddings

Fishfingers Chips and Peas
Vegetable Fingers (v)



Various puddings

Sausage and Chips with sweetcorn
Vegetable Fingers (v)



Various puddings

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

September 2023

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October 2023

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November 2023

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December 2023

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RAFFLE

TOMBOLA

REFRESHMENTS

Autism Friendly Events

Presents

When?

Saturday 9th December 2023

Sessions

11am-12pm

12.30pm-1.30pm

3.30pm-4.30pm

And

Sunday 10th December 2023

Sessions

10am-11am

11.30am-12.30am

2.30pm-3.30pm

Where?

Lanivet Parish Community Centre.

PL30 5HG

Tickets-

£8 per child. (parent\carers free)

Included in this price-

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

TO BOOK TICKETS PLEASE FIND US ON
FACEBOOK OR EMAIL

infoautismfriendlyevents@gmail.com

ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES.

Tickets are non-refundable

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





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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about X

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all of which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING
X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only the latter restriction will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some educators, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote alcohol and drugs.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 13+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. It's a new 'For You' page that steers content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES
X offers a premium membership with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made available to those who join the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that it could one day become an exclusivity gate for services, with access to accounts being reserved for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE
Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification to certify someone as authentic by being a public figure or notable in their field. One of X's earliest verification criteria was 'being a paywall', this caused the number of verified imposters to rise and led to many to disengage, or at the very least, to report a 'verified' account seeking to exploit other users.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY
Unscrupulous characters may try to gain access to a young person's account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to compromise the content of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT
To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to reply to that person what they want: an argument, argue their point, raise their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS
Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS
Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow. This should not be a chance or them inadvertently seeing anything harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account (i.e. say they're spreading inappropriate or spreading misinformation or offensive opinions).

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION
If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hoax, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. However, it's a safety feature that's designed to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to encourage them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert
If you have any queries or need advice on reporting and requests for information, visit our website, the gateway number for various X services. Always eager to find out the latest on X's policies and features, we'll be happy to answer your questions. For the importance of online safety, we're available 24/7. You can contact us via our website, our helpline, or our social media channels. We're here to help you stay safe on X.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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




Beacon ACE Academy School Terms and Holidays 2023/24



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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

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

TOTAL: 195

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/24

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



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

Starting school September 2024

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



Attending a nursery or pre-school

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

Information and guidance

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

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a reception class place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

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

1 Decide on your preferred schools

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

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

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

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

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

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2024

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

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

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

Attendance Information



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Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services
for parents and carers



www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies

What is a Penalty Notice?

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

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

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

Or, when:

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

Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

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

How much is a Penalty Notice fine?

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

Attendance Information

Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

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

Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

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

Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

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

Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?

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

How is a Penalty Notice paid?

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

What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

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

If found guilty:

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

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

Contact us

Education Welfare Service

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

01872 323 400

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/families

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

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Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk

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Extra notifications

RECEPTION CLASSES

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

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



IMPORTANT

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



A Polite Request.

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



IMPORTANT

We continue to be so proud of how well our children are responding to their learning and the progress they are making.

In order to do this, it is so important that our children come to school with a positive attitude to learning in the correct school uniform and on time. Please talk to our team if we can help you with any aspect of this.

