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All our residential visits are carefully planned to give our children the most incredible experiences. Each visit is jam packed with wonderfulness, not only giving our children the opportunity to visit contrasting cities across the UK, but providing a wide variety of cultural experiences that link directly to our wider curriculum as well as giving our children incredible memories that will last a lifetime. Our Year 3 and Year 2 meetings are taking place soon.

Top story this week

Next week is our World of Work week. We have an exciting week planned full of visits to different places of work, inspirational visitors and speakers from a wide range of jobs and professions. We also have Falmouth University educating our children about the different pathways into their chosen careers. The week will end with our Aspiration's Day on Friday when all our children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in the uniform for their occupation of choice. It's going to be a great week.

Don't forget that our extra-curricular clubs begin next week. Once again, we have a wide range of opportunities on offer for all children and year groups.

Finally, we are thrilled to let you know that Beacon has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark for excellent primary science teaching and learning in school and for supporting other schools across Cornwall. Congratulations to our Science leader, Mr Rowe and everyone who has contributed to make this possible. We are super proud!

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kaye

A very happy new year to all our children and families. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back and although we have only been back for just over a week, it has been incredibly busy and wonderful to visit classes and see how beautifully the children have settled back into their learning. A highlight this week has been welcoming a number of singers from Cornwall Youth choir who performed to each year group as part of our music curriculum.

It has been great to see so many of our families at our parent information meetings for our Year 4 & 5 residentials to Manchester and Oxford.





Key Events for next week-KS1 and Shine

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Reception	Outdoor learning.	A visitor for world of work week!	Another visitor for world of work week.	Thursday- Dance in PE	Friday- Aspirations Day.	
Year 1	Launch of our next PSHE puzzle piece: Dreams and Goals	Exploring 'The Tiger Who Came for Tea' in our Talk for Reading.	Visitors for world of work week!	Finish our innovated story in Talk for Writing!	Aspirations Day Dressing up ready for our dream careers	
Year 2	Launch of our next PSHE puzzle piece: Dreams and Goals	Trip to the library to find out about local careers.	PSHE: crafting our own dream birds.	Continuing our superhero music project with a range of instruments	Aspirations Day Dressing up ready for our dream careers	
Shine	PE and mindfulness	A visitor for world of work week!	Shopping trip to ASDA!	Rock steady time!	Aspirations Day Dressing up ready for our dream careers	



Key Events for next week– KS2 and ARB

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		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 3	PE- Fundamentals	Launching our new PSHE Puzzle piece	PSHE- Group Challenge! Developing skills to work well in a team	PSHE- Celebrating each others achievements	
	Year 4	History – The Maya	Launching our new PSHE unit	Cornish Pirates tag rugby lesson!	PSHE – Dreams and goals	Aspirations Day-
	Year 5	Clubs Start	PSHE – Dreams & Goals	Falmouth University Workshop	PE - Hockey	Dressing up for our dream career!
	Year 6 Grammar club begins		Falmouth University gaming workshop!	Maths club begins	Reading club begins	
Co	smonauts	Amazing Art Y6 – Visit from Falmouth University	Sensational science Y2 – trip to library	PSHE Dreams and goals	Cooking	







EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'



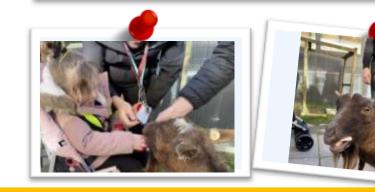
Nursery

Jack Frost has certainly been making his mark this week! We have been busy looking for signs of what Jack Frost has been up to whilst we have been sleeping in our beds. He turned the buckets that we had been filling with water into thick icebergs and last night he froze our dinosaurs in ice, and we had to work out different ways to break them free from the ice. We would also like to welcome our new families to Nursery.

Reception

What a great first full week back for Reception! We have visited Bodmin College to meet some furry friends for our hook for our new talk for writing story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have then been using our phonics knowledge to write recounts of our trip. We are so impressed with the children's writing and the progress they are making.







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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'



<u>Year 1</u>

We've such a fun-filled week getting to know our newest Talk for Writing story 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. We particularly enjoyed hot seating and role playing the story. In Art this week we have been learning about different collage techniques and have completed the unit by making our own landscape collages. We have some budding artists on our hands! Well done Year 1!

<u>Year 2</u>

We have had great fun learning our new Talk for Writing story, 'Supertato to the Rescue!'. Everyone has amazed us with their retelling of the story, learning the words and actions brilliantly. There has been lots of enthusiasm, especially when performing Evil Pea's cackle, "Mwahahaha!". We have created our own super vegetable characters and a new way to trap the baddie, so we are excited to write our own versions of the story next week.











Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



<u>Year 3</u>

What an amazing week! We have been immersing ourselves in our text 'The Iron Man' in talk for writing. We have done some incredible storytelling to help us lean the text which will help us when we are writing our defeating the monster stories next week.

On Monday we had our hook, and we all created our own junk models of the Iron Man.

<u>Year 4</u>

This week, we have had a fantastic week learning all about The Maya Civilisation in History. We explored who the Maya were and where they lived, the social structure and their religion. As part of this, we re-enacted a sacrifice ceremony to understand some of the ways in which the Maya attempted to please their Gods.

Additionally, we had a coach from the Cornish Pirates in to teach tag rugby! The children demonstrated a great growth mindset to a new activity and are excited to continue learning about the game over the term.







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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



<u>Year 5</u>

Comets and Meteors have made a brilliant start to the Spring Term. We hit the ground running and haven't looked back since! On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed families into school to discuss our forthcoming residential trip to Manchester. It was lovely to see the children so engaged, eager and very nearly bursting with excitement! If you were unable to make the meeting or have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Herman or Mrs. Mills for more information. The Year 5 team can't wait to create some lifelong memories with your children! Wishing you all a super weekend.

<u>Year 6</u>

Year 6 have enjoyed finding their singing voices again this week! We spent an afternoon with Cornwall Youth Choir listening to their incredible singing and had the opportunity to practice some singing skills. We then learned a few songs and even sang a song in a round. The children did an amazing job and had so much fun.

The children have taken home their SATS homework revision books today and we are looking forward to helping them in homework clubs next week.









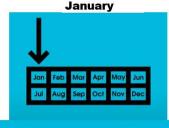


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Cosmonauts and Shine 'Highlight of the Week'



<u>ARB</u>



It has been a brilliant week this week with lots of learning. Everyone has been trying so hard and enjoying finding out about different continents and animals around the world.

<u>Shine</u>

Shine has enjoyed a lot of different learning this week. We joined Year 3 to make robots for our writing hook. We then enjoyed listening to the choir on Tuesday where we learnt some singing skills.

On Wednesday we visited ASDA and bought our shopping ingredients ready to made spaghetti carbonara which was really yummy!













Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?

Celebrating Differences

2	Space Voyagers (YR)		Shawnee Gurd	Pioneers (Y3)	ANY ANY	Timofey Vysochin
2	Space Travellers (YR)		Vogue Couch	Discoverers (Y3)		Brooke Symons
2	Space Adventurers (Y1)	X	Jhilmil Mala	Supernovas (Y4)		Henley Howard
2	Space Explorers (Y1)	Ø	Brodie Duncan	Constellations (Y4)	A A A	Billy-Joe Blight
2	Spaceships (Y2)	Z	Reggie Smith	Comets (Y5)	53	Jessica Nichols
2	Rockets (Y2)	S	Lucas West	Meteors (Y5)		Dominique Dunkley
2	Cosmonauts (ARB))))	Samuel Rawling	Aviators (Y6)	THE	Isabelle Barnaby
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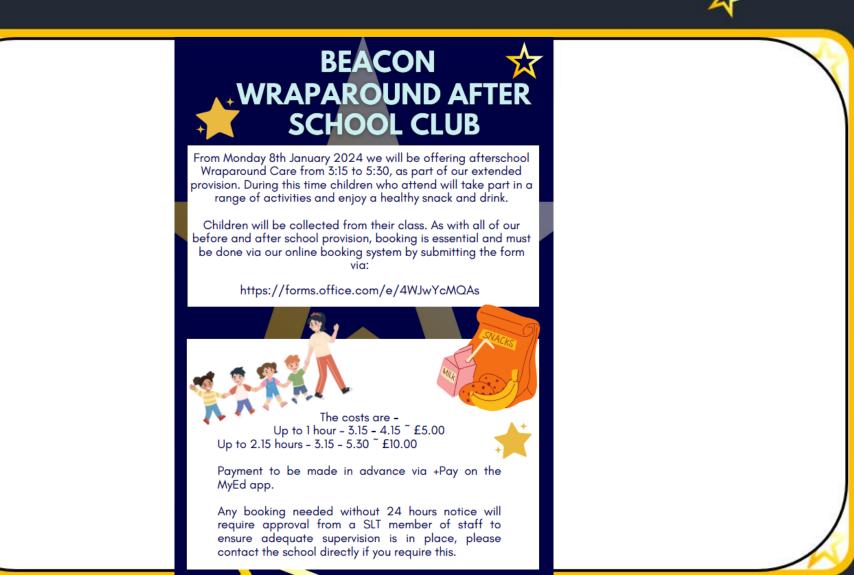






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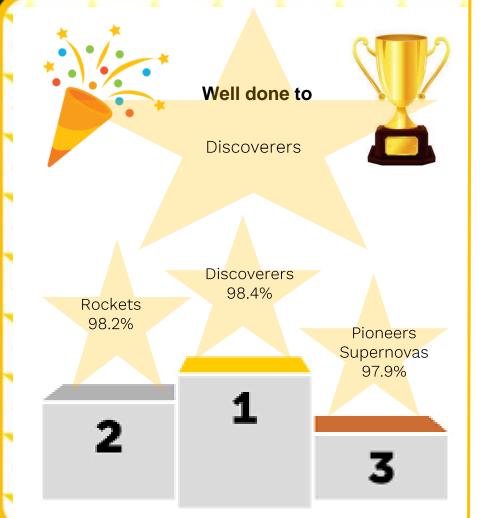






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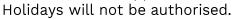
Attendance weekly winners 🔀



ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY Did You Know... ? was 95% 9 Days from School 50 Lessons was 90% **19 Days from School 100** Lessons was 85% 150 Lessons **29 Days from School** was 80% **38 Days from School** 200 Lessons was 75% **250** Lessons **48 Days from School 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.



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 hsowden@kernowlearning.co.uk





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Attendance Information





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 \pounds 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 \pounds 240.00 if paid within 21 days and \pounds 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: Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

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



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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.



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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.



<u>A Polite Request.</u>

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 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.



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.





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Dates for the diary! $\stackrel{\scriptstyle \checkmark}{\rightarrow}$

3	Monday 15 th January	Afterschool clubs begin this week	P							
	Monday 15 th January	World of work week begins								
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1	Thursday 18 th January	Year 2 Plymouth residential parent meeting – 3.30PM								
r	Friday 19 th January	Aspirations day								
Ł	Thursday 25 [®] January	Year 6 SATS Parents meeting	3							
	Thursday 8 th February	Reports out to parents	C							
2	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half Term	3							
2	Monday 19 ^₅ February	INSET Day – school closed to pupils	5							
1	Thursday 20 th February	Year 6 Parent residential meeting								
5	Wednesday 21st February – Thursday 22nd February	Parent consultations	2							
2	Monday 26 th February – Wednesday 28 th February	Year 6 on residential in London	2							
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ź	Thursday 29 th February	7-9pm Song Fest – Liskeard Public Hall										
2	Wednesday 6 th March – Friday 8 th March	Year 5 on residential to Manchester										
1	Friday 8 th March	World Book Day										
2	Monday 11 th March	Adventure week starts										
Ł	Monday 18 th March	Last week for Afterschool clubs										
	Wednesday 27 th March	The Royal Beacon Show										
r	Thursday 28 th March	Year 4 seeing the Wizard of Oz in Plymouth Theatre										
ะ	Thursday 28 th March	Rock steady concert PM										
2	Friday 29 th March Friday 12th April	Easter Holidays										
	Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday										
5	Monday 27 May – Friday 31st May	Half Term										
2	Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday begins										



Friday 19th January

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Aspirations Day

As part of our World of Work week we are holding our 'Aspirations Day' where we would love for children to come into school dressed up as what they would like to be when they are older. This could be anything from a scientist, a baker, a dancer, an artist.. the list is endless...



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Open from 8:00 – 8:30 daily

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Shine brightly

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(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.

FREE for all children



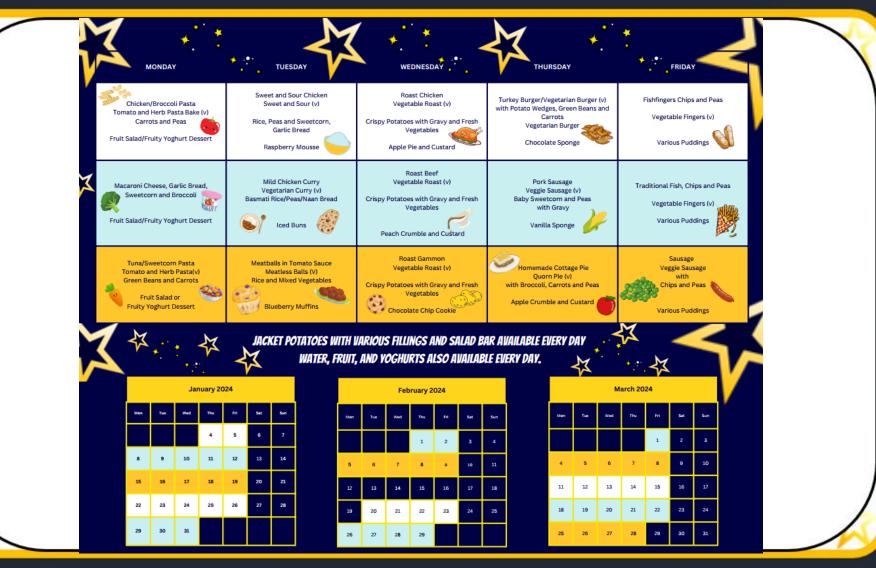
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Together 🎔 for Families **Starting school** September 2024

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

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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

The

deadline for applications is

15 January

2024



Applying for a reception class place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

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

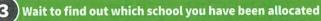
..look at the admission arrangements on our website

.. 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.

Submit your application by 15 January 2024

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



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.

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