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What a week it's been! On Monday we kicked off the festive countdown with one of our favourite traditions—the big Beacon Christmas lights switch-on. The whole school gathered together counting down with excitement for the hall to burst into life. It was a showstopping moment, accompanied by confetti cannons and party blowers, but the very best part was seeing the sheer joy on our children's faces. Just magic!

Monday also marked the start of our Beacon Living Advent Calendar. Each day, a different class has prepared a surprise for the whole school to enjoy and what a treat it's been so far!

Monday brought an alternative comedy version of The 12 Days of Christmas. Then on Tuesday our reception children delighted us with a festive singsong.

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Top story this week



On Wednesday, Constellations class challenged us to build the longest paper chain ever, then on Thursday, Space Adventurers brought the giggles with a "snowball fight" packed full of festive jokes. Today was the turn of Astronauts who surprised us with a lucky dip of treats for every class!

Every morning, the whole school gathers, waiting eagerly to see which class has planned something special and to watch the film they've created. We can't wait to see what the next two weeks will bring....it really is the magic of Beacon!

This week it was such a joy to welcome so many of our families to our Celebration of Reading event. Each KS2 year group took to the stage with outstanding performances, sharing their learning and their love of books so far this year. Hearing the children speak with such passion and enthusiasm for literature was truly heartwarming. We hope you enjoyed watching them as much as we did and picked up a few handy tips to support reading at home too!

A huge thank you to all the children who created homemade decorations for our school Christmas trees. Once again, we were blown away by the creativity and originality on display. The trees look stunning, and they're a real testament to our Beacon family.

The next two weeks promise to be joyful and busy, with plenty of opportunities for families to join us. Coming up next week, we have St Petroc's annual choir performance, our family craft workshops, and special events with our Nursery and ARB classes.

You should have already received a full rundown of all the key events and timings to help keep you organised, we can't wait to see you at as many of them as possible to share the joy and festive fun.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Kaye













	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Reception	Reception Going on a shape hunt.		Can you sequence the Christmas story?	Learning how to look after our teeth.	Dress rehearsal for our play!	
Year 1	New science unit: Autumn	Writing time: Let's write a brilliant setting description!	PE day!	Maths fun! Addition and subtraction	Drop everything and read!	
Year 2	Writing our openings Year 2 and endings independently.		Adding 2-digit numbers.	Where will our Beacon visit take us today?	Drop everything and read a Christmas story.	



















,	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Year 3	Who's behind the next Advent Calendar door?	RE Christianity	Christmas Performance Rehearsal	Funk French!	Drop everything and read	
Year 4	Let's practise our Christmas Songs!	New Reading Text	Christmas Performance Rehearsal	PE Basketball	Drop everything and read	
Year 5	Who's behind the next Advent Calendar door?	PE Dance by Chance!	Christmas Performance Rehearsal	Funky French!	Drop everything and read	
Year 6	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop	Start writing our tale of fear	Christmas Performance Rehearsal	Learning the Christmas Truce Poem	Drop everything and read	
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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'











This week in Nursery we have be preparing for Christmas and decorating our Christmas tree. We have been getting creative painting our own festive Rudolph the red nose reindeers.

Pre-School

This week in Pre-school we have been enjoying opening our advent Christmas stories each morning. We have feeling festive creating our own snowmen pictures by printing with paint.





Reception

This week in Reception we have been very much getting into the Christmas spirit. We loved going to our Christmas assembly on Monday to start the first week of December. During our independent learning we have made paper chains, play dough Christmas trees, retold the Christmas story and enjoyed reading many festive stories. What a fantastic first week of December!





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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 1

Year 1 have had another brilliant week! We kicked things off with our exciting Beacon light switch-on, which filled everyone with festive cheer. The children were full of wonder as we opened the first few days of our living calendar, discovering surprises and enjoying the magic of the season together. This week, we also began our new history unit, learning all about changes over time. The classes explored how music, communication, and toys have evolved, comparing the past with the present and sharing their own ideas with enthusiasm. It has been a joyful, curious, and exciting start to December for Year 1!

Year 2

This week the Christmas magic has arrived at Beacon, Year 2 helped to decorate our Christmas trees with their beautiful decorations that they made. We started our advent count down with our Christmas switch on and look forward to each day opening the advent calendar.

In PE this week we have continued our fundamental skills and having greater control of our bodies.









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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 3

Year 3 have had a fun week of DT learning, examining and building some shell structures. This came together in a lovely final piece where the children built some Christmas themed gift boxes. We have been very productive in our writing, creating very detailed, structured explanation texts about how to identify bullying and how to help someone who has been bullied. The children really shone brightly in the reading workshops, where they articulately explained the texts that they have learnt so far this half term.

Year 4

We've had a wonderful week in class! The children performed a fantastic reading assembly for parents and showed great confidence. On Monday, we enjoyed our festive Christmas Light Switch-On, which filled us with excitement for the season.

In Science, we carried out an evaporation experiment to deepen our understanding of the water cycle, and the children impressed us with their observations. We also opened our Constellations Advent door, which challenged everyone to help make the longest paper chain in the world—a fun and creative start to December!







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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 5

On Wednesday afternoon, the children took part in the KS2 Reading Workshop and shared their work and learning with both families and staff. To say we felt proud to be their teachers, would be a huge understatement. The way they articulated themselves, shared their passion for books and represented the year group, was nothing short of remarkable. Thank you, Comets and Meteors, for being so brilliant, brave and believing in yourselves. Have a lovely weekend!



Year 6 were wonderful in the KS2 Reading Workshop, celebrating and sharing their learning on Wednesday afternoon. We were so impressed and incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done to everyone for contributing so beautifully.

Each day this week has brought an Advent door to open, such a treat each morning to find out what's in store. Thursday saw a snowball fight with a twist in the hall – we can't wait to see what next week brings!







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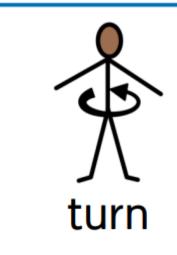


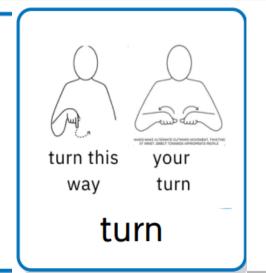




This week we have been enjoying the Christmas magic with our Beacon lights switch on and opening the doors of our living advent calendar. We have also been making decorations for the tree at St Petroc's Church ready for it to be decorated.

Core word of the week









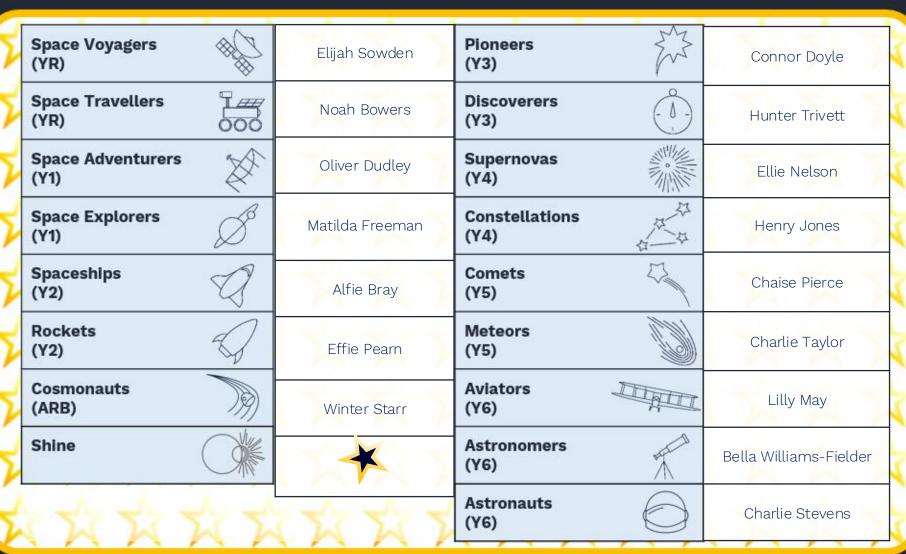


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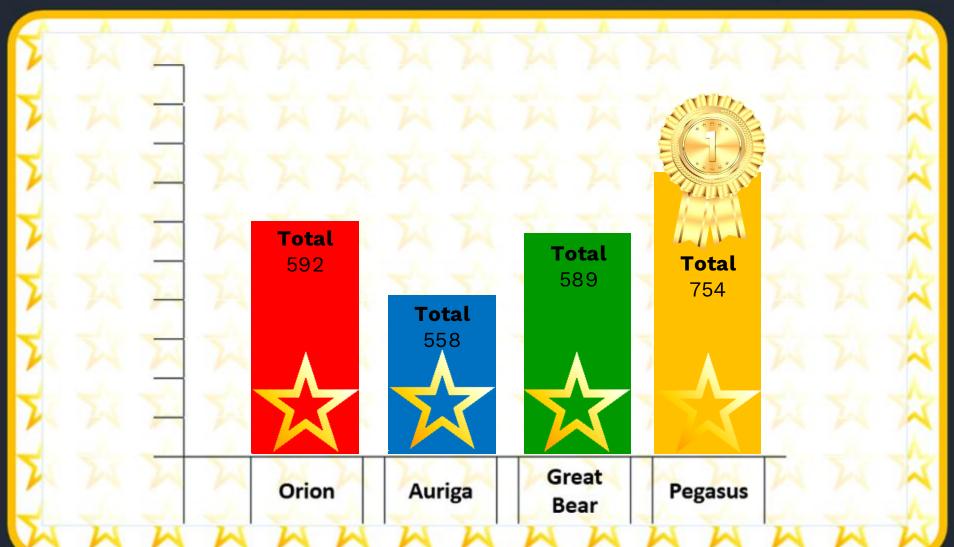


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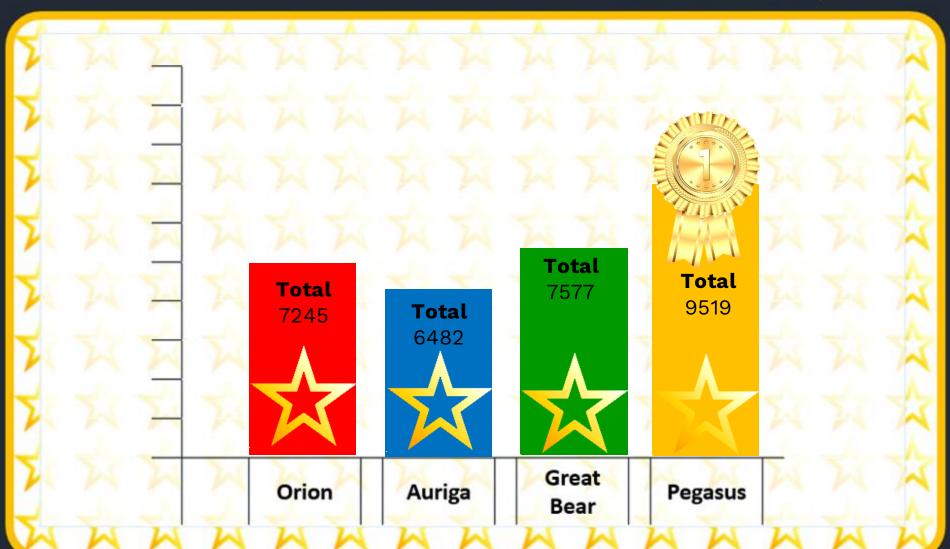


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Penalty Notices

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:

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

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



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CHRISTMAS 2025

Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:

- . Bissoe Trail
- . Seaton Country Park
- . Pentewan Trail

Meet time is 1000 Bike check optional For all ages & abilities

to book!







- · Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- . Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- . Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free Scan here school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays on 22nd Dec, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 2nd

Jan



to book!

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk



















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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!

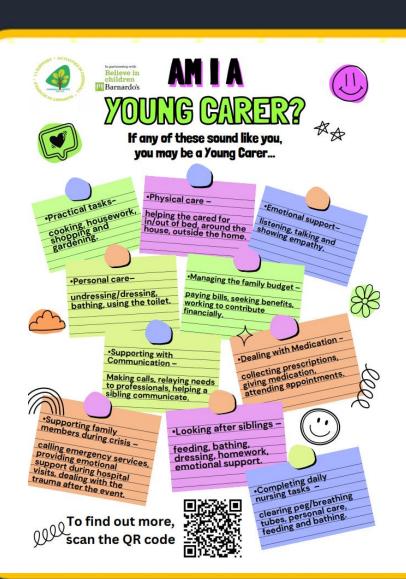
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Young Carers





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, 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

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 8th December

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		Wednesday	Thursday			
Monday	Tuesday		Meatballs tomato/herb sauce with steamed rice,	Cheese and tomato pizza with chips and peas (v)		
Chicken in cheese sauce pasta bake, peas and carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v) Fruity yoghurt desserts Allergens: 2,4,7,	Beef cottage pie Carrots and peas Quorn pie (v) Chocolate chip cookie Allergens: 2,4,7	Roast Turkey with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Vegetable Roast (v) Banana and custard Allergens: 2,4,7,	green beans and cauliflower meat free balls (v) Chocolate sponge Allergen: 2,4,7	Various puddings Allergens: 2,5,7,		



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