

Top story this week



Yet again it has been another busy and exciting week at Beacon.

Thank you to all our parents who joined us for our Year 4 parent and child multiplication workshop this week. I hope that you found it useful and enjoyed working alongside your child. Information will be emailed out to any families that were unable to attend.

Our choir enjoyed entertaining members of the public at ASDA this week.

They received so many well-deserved compliments from members of our community. We can't wait to hear them perform in the church and at our workshops very soon.

We also held our first residential meeting for our Year 6 families. The team have worked incredibly hard to plan a jam packed 3 days full of incredible experiences that enhance our curriculum offer as well as creating wonderful memories that will certainly last a lifetime. Thank you once again to our fantastic team for their hard work to make these experiences possible.

With December rapidly approaching, our Christmas trees have arrived, thanks to Mr Rosvear and the team at Trago. As with previous years we are asking you to work with your children to get creative this weekend so that we can make them look festive ready for our ceremonial festive lights 'switch on' next Friday. I have also heard a rumor that there are a few pesky visitors arriving to cause mischief and mayhem across the school next Friday.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kaye

Key Events for next week– KS1 and Shine

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Reception | Christmas performance rehearsal! | Outdoor learning. | Let's learn our writing rules. | Beginning to learn the Christmas story with Bertie Owl. | Drop everything and read- bring a book from home. |
| Year 1 | Our musical adventure begins! Let's appraise new songs! | Can you find the part? | Time for dancing in PE! | Using our singing voices to perform in music. | Drop everything and read. |
| Year 2 | More super science! | Writing our 'fun final facts' about snakes. | Researching and planning our writing about plastic bottles. | Gymnastics fun! | Drop everything and read – share a book from home. |
| Shine | Shopping and PE | Christmas decorations for St Petroc's | Shine shopping | Creating a volcano! | Rock steady |

Key Events for next week– KS2 and ARB

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Year 3 | Dance in PE | Immerse themselves in our new non – fiction text in T4W | RE (Christianity) – has Christmas lost its true meaning? | Multiplication fun in Maths | Christmas decoration competition and light switch on |
| Year 4 | Back in time... Learning our new portal recount in T4W | Gymnastics! | DT Textiles – making our bags! | Class visitor arrival... | Christmas decoration competition and light switch on |
| Year 5 | Unbelievable Ukulele! | Diving into DT | Mastery Maths Challenge! | Football Frenzy! | Christmas decoration competition and light switch on |
| Year 6 | Continuing our Geography unit | Debating lesson | Begin writing our new discussion text | Leaning about sustainable energy in Scandinavia | Christmas decoration competition and light switch on |
| Cosmonauts | Amazing Art | Making decorations for the tree at St Petroc's | Solar system science experiment | Cooking | Computing |

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'



Nursery

Watch out there are monsters about! Nursery has been full of monsters this week. We have been painting them using a variety of tools, we used forks to make them look scary and spikey. We have been cutting out their features to create shapes and moulding them in playdough. We have also been busy learning the monster song, you might hear us singing it at home.

Reception

What fantastic mathematicians we are in Reception! This week we have been learning to identify, sort and represent numbers four and five. We have really enjoyed using a five frame to represent these numbers, using our fast fingers to show the numbers and of course singing lots of nursery rhymes about the number 5. As always, we have had a great week, and we are so proud of all the children in Reception.



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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'



Year 1

We have been geographers this week in Year 1. We have studied maps to see where we live, used a compass to find direction and have looked at some features of Bodmin, deciding if they are human or physical. We have learnt all about keys and how the symbols are used. We made 3D maps and have drawn our own maps too. All the children have worked incredibly hard, and the adults have been super impressed.

Year 2

We have been busy scientists this week in Year 2 investigating the different uses of everyday materials. We particularly enjoyed using 'bear caves' to measure the transparency of different materials to decide which material would make the best blackout blinds. We also enjoyed testing the absorbency of a range of materials – what great scientific investigators!



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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'

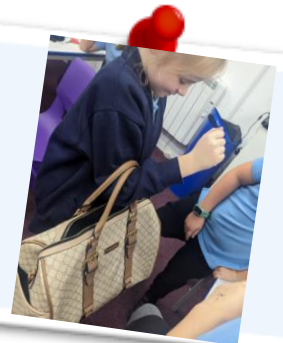


Year 3

This week we have been learning about celebrating differences in PSHE and have been looking at the best ways to solve conflict. In Maths we have continued our learning of addition and subtraction and are so impressed with how well everyone is progressing. Additionally, we have now started our new Talk for Writing unit in English, an explanation text all about how to be a pirate.

Year 4

This week, we have started our new DT Textiles unit. We have been researching how the design of school bags has changed over the years, evaluating different existing designs, asking focus groups questions to influence the design of our bags, and even started the design process! We can't wait to start making them next week!



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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'

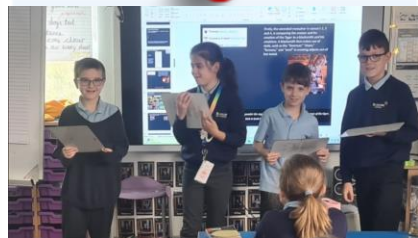


Year 5

What a brilliant week! As usual, the children have surpassed all our expectations and continued to embody our 3Bs across the whole curriculum. During Talk for Reading lessons, they have written their own poems which have been inspired by the text, 'The Tyger' by William Blake. Their use of vocabulary, punctuation and metaphors has been nothing less than inspirational. Without a doubt, we have lots of budding poets across Year 5! Well done.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful week! The children have worked amazingly hard writing their independent stories. We also had the pleasure of taking part in a drumming workshop on Wednesday. The children had the opportunity to play a variety of percussion instruments, learn about the history and culture of the instruments and build a musical piece together. Well done for a lovely week Year 6.



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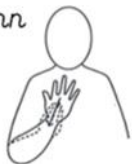


Cosmonauts and Shine 'Highlight of the Week'



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ARB

This week we started the week by visiting the food bank and taking them a donation of food and a thank you card to express how grateful we are for all they do to help our community. It was lovely to meet all the volunteers and we were even treated to cakes!

Shine

This week Shine have enjoyed walking to the fruit shop to get our snack. We also had to do an extra special job and collect the bread for breakfast club. We then took a sensory walk into Bodmin where we talked about things we could hear, see and smell. For cooking we made yummy rocky roads and ended the week spending some time with Waffle.




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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?

Looking after our environment

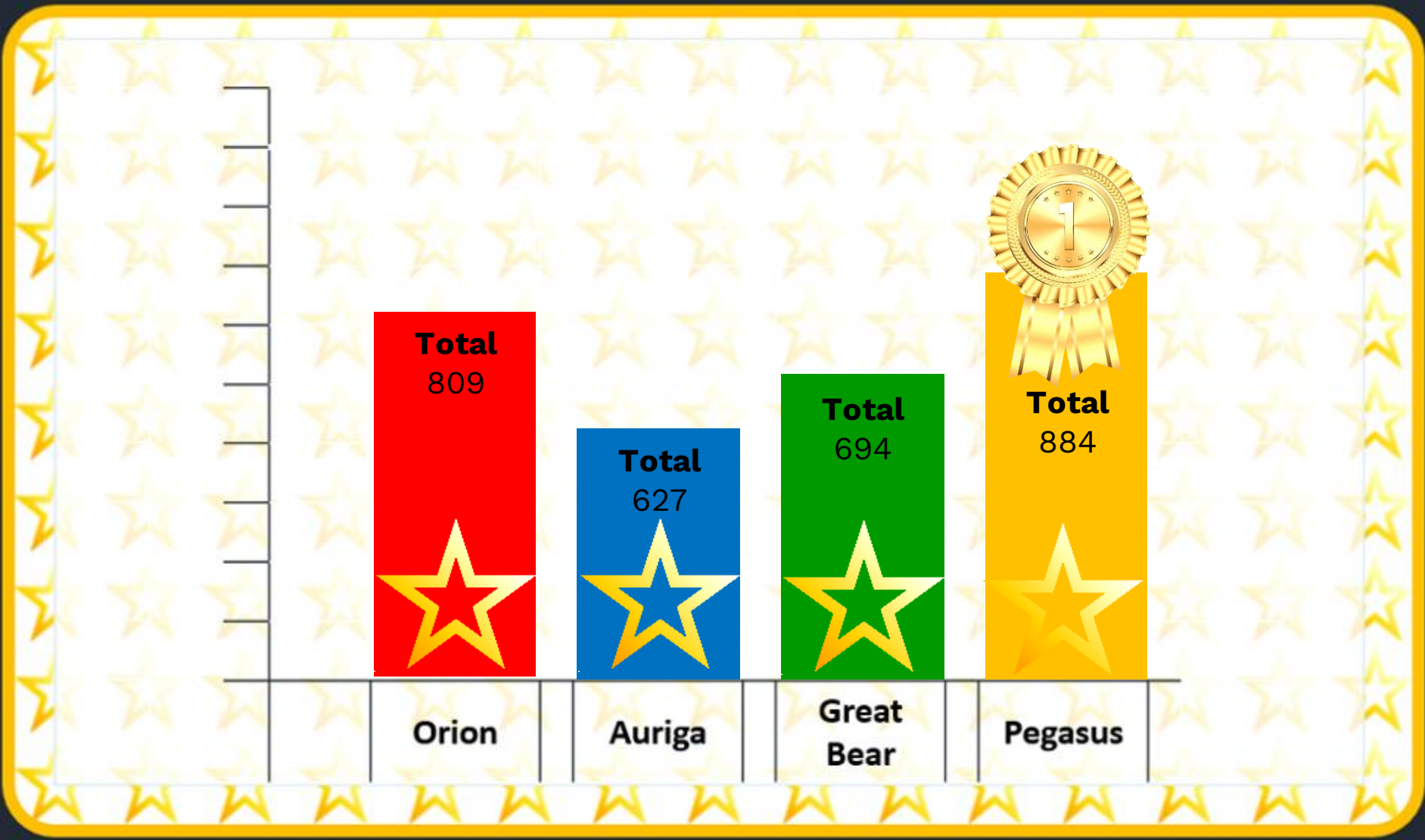
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| Space Voyagers (YR) |  | Millie-Rose Gregory | Pioneers (Y3) |  | Gracie-Leigh Cummings |
| Space Travellers (YR) |  | Olivia Hewitt | Discoverers (Y3) |  | Xachary Starr |
| Space Adventurers (Y1) |  | Brodie Brown | Supernovas (Y4) |  | Amy Mellow |
| Space Explorers (Y1) |  | Theo Morris | Constellations (Y4) |  | Bently Osborne |
| Spaceships (Y2) |  | Esmae-Louise Hearn | Comets (Y5) |  | Alice Woolley |
| Rockets (Y2) |  | Ellen Lutey-Forshaw | Meteors (Y5) |  | Hayden Crocker |
| Cosmonauts (ARB) |  | Jack Freeman | Aviators (Y6) |  | Henry Eddy |
| Shine |  | Will Down | Astronomers (Y6) |  | Gabi Muraszko |
| | | | Astronauts (Y6) |  | Sophie Smith |

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House Points! 

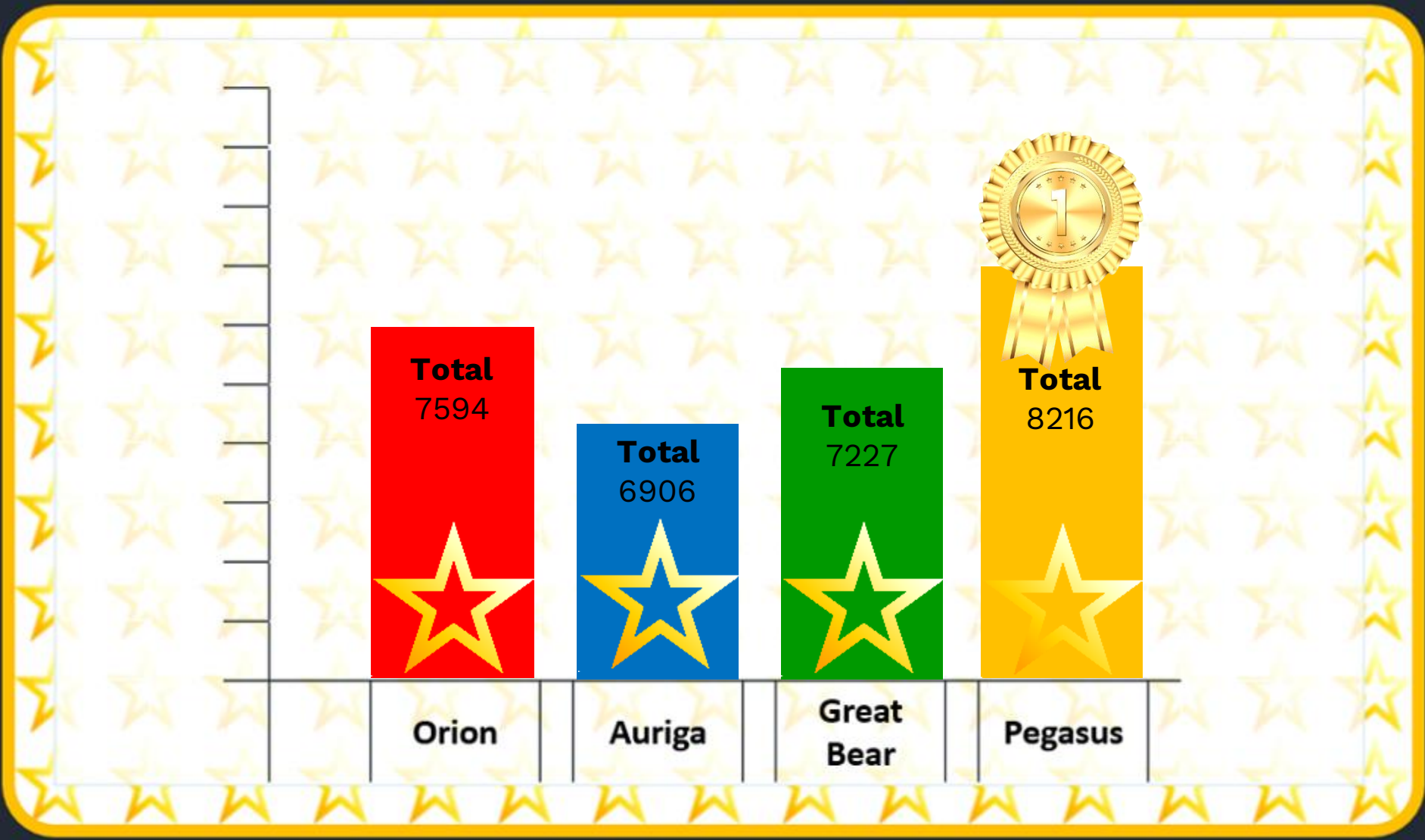


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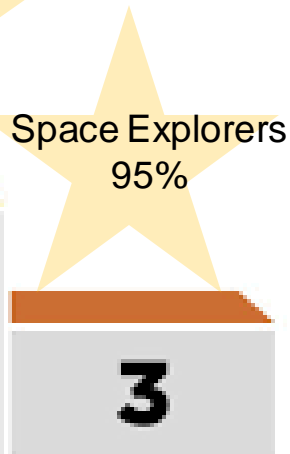
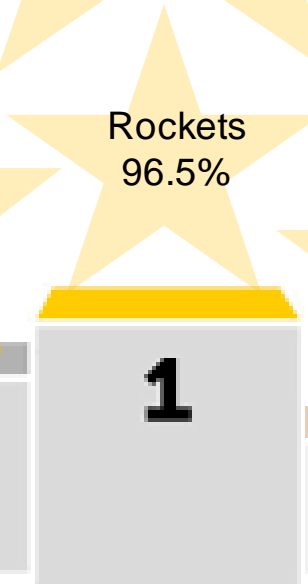
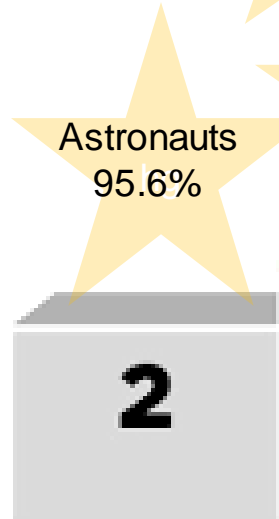
Attendance weekly winners



Well done to



Rockets



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

hsowden@kernowlearning.co.uk



Extra notifications



★ BEACON PTA WE NEED YOU!

Help make a difference to the children at Beacon Academy whilst having fun and meeting new people!



Refreshments provided!

Please come along for an informal chat to share ideas and find out more!

EXCITING NEWS!

We are now in a position to be able to set up a PTA for our school! In order to do this...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

★ DATE
WEDNESDAY 6TH
DECEMBER

★ TIME
3:30PM

★ LOCATION
SUPERNOVAS CLASSROOM

Please enter via the Y3 door. Your children will be supervised by staff in a nearby classroom.

If you'd like to be involved but cannot attend the meeting then just drop me an email!

kduckett@kernowlearning.co.uk

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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.

Dates for the diary!

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 27 th November | Last week for clubs |
| Thursday 30 th November | After School Club Choir Practise for St Petroc's Church |
| Friday 1 st December | Beacon Christmas tree light switch on |
| Monday 4 th December | INSET Day – school closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 5 th December | Reception Open Afternoon 1:30 – 2:30 |
| 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 | 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 |

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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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by



FREE for all children 

Beacon
Shine brightly 



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School Menus



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SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 27th October

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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 | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| Macaroni Cheese Carrots and Peas with Homemade Bread  Fruity Yoghurt Dessert | Homemade Chicken Pie with creamy mash potato and Fresh vegetables Vegetable Pie (v)  Peach crumble with custard | Roast of the Day, Seasonal Vegetables and Crispy Potatoes with Gravy Vegetable Roast (v) Chocolate Sponge  | Sweet and sour chicken with steamed Rice and mixed veg with garlic bread Vegetable sweet and sour(v) Frozen yoghurt  | Breaded Fish and Chips with Sweetcorn Vegetable Fingers (v)  Various Puddings |
| Chicken/broccoli bake Peas or carrots Homemade bread Tomato and Basil Bake(v)CC Cheesy Pasta Bake  Fruity Yoghurt Dessert | Beef Bolognese with vegetables and Garlic bread Vegetarian lasagne(v)  Fruit Muffin | Roast of the Day, Seasonal Vegetables and Crispy Roast Potatoes with Gravy Vegetable Roast (v)  Vanilla Cake | Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice, Broccoli, and Peas Naan Bread Vegetable Curry (v) Banana and custard | Fishfingers Chips and Peas Vegetable Fingers (v)  Various puddings |
| 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 |

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

| September 2023 | | | | | | | October 2023 | | | | | | | November 2023 | | | | | | | December 2023 | | | | | | |
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FESTIVE LUNCH

Monday 18th December



Roast Turkey or Roast Beef
Roast Potatoes
Carrots, Peas, Brussel Sprout and
Sweetcorn
Pigs in Blankets & Stuffing
Gravy
Vegetable Roast



Christmas Muffin
Christmas Pudding with Cream

Christmas Cracker
£2.65 / FSM/Reception/Y1 & Y2 Free

Don't forget to order your Christmas lunch



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.





All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on some of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.co.uk for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://". The "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate, which means any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Scientists know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online, they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payment you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requesting you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details is a red flag for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting misleading links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online accounts, it's tempting to use the same password for all of them – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice, look at everything with a critical eye.

Meet Our Expert

Cathy Propp is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of over 10 years in the industry. She is the author of the book 'The Hacker's Handbook: A Guide to the Dark Web'. She is also a frequent speaker at technology events and a regular contributor to various media outlets.



NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on...

SPACE - Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally

SPACE is a new free programme for any parent or carer who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own. Each session will last for 1.5 hours. The sessions will run Online on Microsoft Teams.

This 5-session programme will cover:

- Managing different emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in parents and children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing the parents' ability to provide nurturing care

SPACE will run as a small supportive group and will be facilitated by Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) Kirsty and Lindsay

| Where: Online - All sessions will be from 10am - 11:30am | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Session 1 | Monday 20 th November |
| Session 2 | Monday 27 th November |
| Session 3 | Monday 4 th December |
| Session 4 | Monday 11 th December |
| Session 5 | Monday 18 th December |

Commitment to all 5 sessions of the programme is expected.

To request a place please complete the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/rdeHePqaiP> [qiP](#)



Booking deadline: Tuesday 14th November



Phoenix Tuition Kernow

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

ALL SESSIONS: 4-5PM



18TH DEC

Christmas cards, Christmas silhouette painting, Christmas light garland, Pinecone Christmas tree



19TH DEC

Sparkly snowflakes, Woollen Christmas tree decoration, Twig reindeer / tree ornament



20TH DEC

Robin beanbag decoration, Christmas pudding decoration, Sock Snowman, Pom-pom pinecone decoration



21ST DEC

Melted snowman biscuits, Reindeer cupcakes, Gingerbread men decorating

£7 PER SESSION OR 4 SESSIONS FOR £25

BODMIN LIBRARY, CHY TREVAIL BEACON
TECHNOLOGY PARK, BODMIN, PL31 2FR

Book via:

www.phoenixtuitionkernow.com or
scan the QR code

Places shall be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. You shall receive confirmation of sessions after booking.





Together  for Families

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



Together 
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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

www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall

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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

t: 0300 1234 100

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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.

