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Top story this week 🏹

This term will see the first of our city residential visits take place with our year 5 children embarking on their Manchester adventure in March. Followed by our other year groups in the summer term. Over the next few weeks, we will be holding information meetings for each year group so that you can see all the wonderful experiences that your children will have on each residential. Our staff have been working hard to plan the most wonderful activities that complement and enhance our curriculum. Following on from the information you received in our parent meetings at the beginning of the year, our year 2 children will be visiting Plymouth, Year 3 Bristol, Year 4 Oxford, Year 5 Manchester and Year 6 London. As always, the team have planned a rich and jam-packed experience for each year group that will open our children's eyes to culture, possibilities and everything that each city has to offer.

Other exciting events taking place this term include our Ignite Wonder World of Work and Carnival weeks. Our staff are busily planning a fantastic week where we will have wide range of trips, workshops and visitors in to help our children learn all about future jobs and careers. Please let us know if you would be willing to talk to our children about your job or profession, we would love to hear from you. The week will end with our aspirations day when we will be inviting our children to come to school dressed in the outfit of the profession of their choice.

In addition, this term we are also looking forward to more parent workshops, World Book Day, Carnival Week and the Royal Beacon Show.

Finally, a reminder that the closing date for next year's reception intake is next Wednesday 15th January. We are almost full, so please could you remind any friends and family members who want to send their children to Beacon that they need to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

A Happy New Year to our children and families and a very special welcome to 2025. Despite the cold weather and flurries of snow, we have had a fantastic start to the new year at Beacon and it has been lovely to see how well our children have settled straight back into school life. We have certainly missed their smiling faces and there is a real buzz as you walk around the classrooms with children excited about their learning. A thank you to our families, our children have started the new term on time, ready and looking incredibly smart.

We are all excited to see what the spring term has in store for our children. As well as the wonderful curriculum experiences your children receive, we have lots of other exciting events in store.

# Key Events for next week– Reception and KS1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Reception	PE- Dance	More learning with Jigsaw Jenie- we don't give up!	Learning more about the celebration of Lunar New Year	Exploring the season of Winter	Drop everything and read	
Year 1	Adding or subtracting 1 or 2	Making pop-up books	PE Gymnastics	Visit from Farm and Fork	Drop everything and read	
Year 2	Exploring Properties of Shape	P.E. Invasion Games	Talk for Writing Innovation: Supertato!	Funky French Thursdays	Drop Everything and Read	



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# Key Events for next week– KS2 and ARB

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	New History Unit: The Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb!	Innovation Week: The Iron Giant	Maths Fun! Let's learn all about fractions!	Funky French Thursday and PE	Drop Everything and Read
Year 4	Innovating our Character Flaw Story	PE Session	Sensational Science Lessons	Funky French Thursday	Drop Everything and Read
Year 5	Writing our meeting tale, focusing on suspense!	Geography: National Parks	Wind in the Willows What happens next?	*Workshop* Falmouth University!	Recommended Readers
Year 6	Planning our journey tale innovations	Starting our History lessons – WW2	Adding and Subtracting Fractions	Funky French Thursdays	Drop Everything and Read
Cosmonauts	Introduce our new text: Superworm	Amazing Art	Sensational Science	Cooking	Computing







# EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'



# Nursery

This week Pre-school have been busy braving the cold and looking out for the big, bad mouse. We helped to make playdough and then used our freshly made playdough to create the Gruffalo's child. We have also been using our 'pinchy' fingers to give the Gruffalo his purple prickles and have been carefully using sticks to build log pile houses for snakes.

# <u>Reception</u>

This week Reception have been very busy with all our new learning. We received a letter from the Three Pigs asking for our help to build them a strong and safe house. We thought carefully about our designs and what materials we would use to build a house. We also learnt what waterproof means and identified waterproof and not waterproof materials.









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# KS1 'Highlight of the Week'



### <u>Year 1</u>

Year 1 have had a busy first week back to school. We have learnt all about setting dreams and goals in our PSHE lessons and how our growth mindset can help us reach our goals however big or small.

We were really impressed with the children's aspirations and the goals they have set for themselves. We also learnt about perseverance and working as a team.

# <u>Year 2</u>

What an excellent first week back Year 2 have had this week! We have had a fun visit to the greengrocers to launch our new Talk for Writing text: Supertato! The children selected a wide range of fruits and vegetables sourced from across the globe and had fun transforming these into superhero characters. In Maths we have begun exploring properties of Shape, exploring key features of both 2D and 3D shapes and have been using our new vocabulary well!









# Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



# <u>Year 3</u>

Year 3 have had a busy yet brilliant start to spring term! We have been learning all about our dreams and goals in our PSHE lessons. We learnt what our dreams and goals might be and the steps we need to take to achieve them. All the adults in Year 3 are very impressed with all the children and their ability to get straight back into routine. Brilliant work Year 3! We can't wait to see what amazing things you can achieve next week!

### <u>Year 4</u>

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What a lovely first week we have had back together in 2025. It has been so amazing to see all the children again and share in their stories of Christmas and the New Year. This week, children have amazed us with their biographies linked to Marie Curie, whilst also exploring our new text, Greta and the Giants, in our reading lessons. However, the highlight of the week definitely goes

However, the highlight of the week definitely goes to our session with Cornwall Pirates for our PE lesson!







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# Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



# <u>Year 5</u>

Wow what an incredible start we have had to 2025. We still can't believe that it snowed earlier in the week! This week children have completed team games for their Talk For Writing 'hook'. The Amazing Amazons were triumphant, but only just, against the Sensational Swallows. During PSHE, all children considered their dreams and goals for the future and compared them to the dreams of other children, from around the world. Next week, we look forward to a workshop with Falmouth University. Wahoo!

# <u>Year 6</u>

Happy New Year to all of Year 6: we have loved having the children back this week and they have amazed us with their work and attitude.

This week, children have begun exploring War Horse in their writing, they have looked at converting improper fractions to mixed numbers in maths, whilst also completing their art and computing projects from before Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.









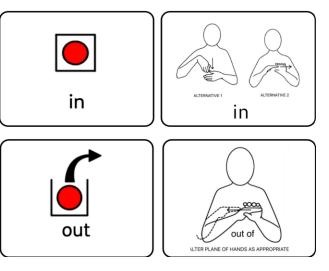


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# Cosmonauts 'Highlight of the Week'

We have been settling back into our learning routines this week and have started our new topic of Superheroes. We are going to be learning about fictional superheroes as well as people who help us (real life superheroes) and thinking about ourselves and how we are superstar superheroes.

# Core word of the week











Great start to 2025

# Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?

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2	Space Travellers (YR)		James Doyle	Discoverers (Y3)		Esmae Hearn
Z	Space Adventurers (Y1)	X	Theo Cocks	Supernovas (Y4)		Ruan Pauling
2	Space Explorers (Y1)	Ø	Lenny Seary	Constellations (Y4)	A A A	Brooke Symons
2	Spaceships (Y2)	Ø	Theo Morris	Comets (Y5)	5	Perrie Duncan
2	Rockets (Y2)	Q	Layla-Mai Lander	Meteors (Y5)		Amy Mellow
2	Cosmonauts (ARB)	)))	All of Cosmonauts	Aviators (Y6)		Jacob Cook
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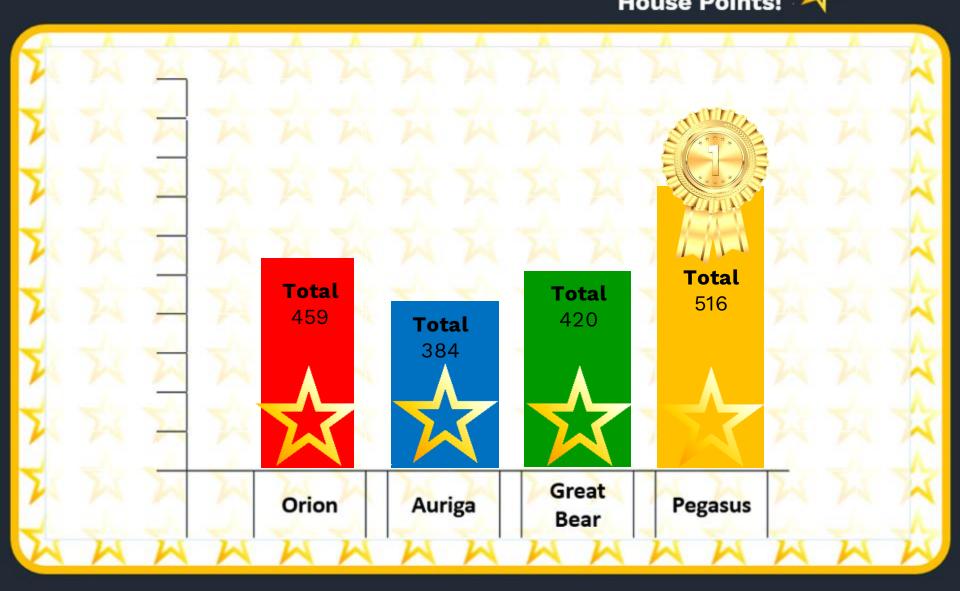








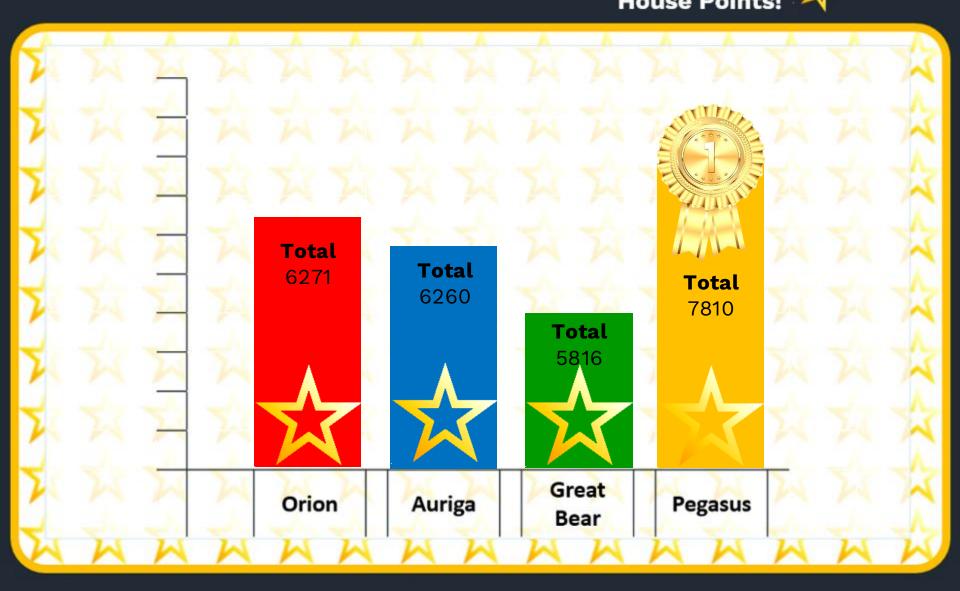














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### **Attendance Information**



### How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 324201. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. If the 21st/ 28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

# What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

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

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

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

### **Contact us**

Education Welfare Service, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk 01872 324298

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

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

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





# **Penalty Notices**

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers



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# Attendance Information



### What is a Penalty Notice?

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

- Leave of absence of 10 school sessions/5 days or more within any rolling 10 school week\* period during term time, without authorisation from the school. This can include unauthorised absence for a holiday.
- Unauthorised absence of 10 or more sessions/5 days within any rolling 10 school week\* period where a parent fails to provide an explanation for the absence, or where an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise the absence.
- Unauthorised lateness of 10 school sessions within any rolling 10 school week\* period, whereby a child arrives at school after the registers have closed.

NB a penalty notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons where there are 10 sessions/5 school days or more of unauthorised absence within any rolling 10 school week period. The unauthorised absence can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

Or when

- A pupil is observed in a public place during school hours in the first five school days of a period of exclusion from school, without reasonable justification.
- \* a school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

# Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

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

#### How much is a Penalty Notice fine?

As of the 19th of August 2024, a penalty notice is £80 if paid within 21 days. If the fine is not paid in 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a three-year rolling period, Cornwall Council will need to consider other enforcement optional options available. This could include prosecution under section 444(1) or section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996. If found guilty a parent would receive a criminal record and substantial fine.

# Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £320 if paid within 21 days or £640 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days (or for a second offence).

# Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

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

# Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

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

#### **Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?**

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on **01872 324298**, or email **educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk** 





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### Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2020** and **31 August 2021?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2025 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2025**.

Please note: you will need to apply even if

sed to allocate places. Visit our website or

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2025

#### Applying for a reception class place for September 2025 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** 



#### 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 hat 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.

Submit your application by 15 January 2025

#### 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 2025. 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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# 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.

FREE for all children



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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.



#### <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 <u>2:30pm</u> 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.

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.













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



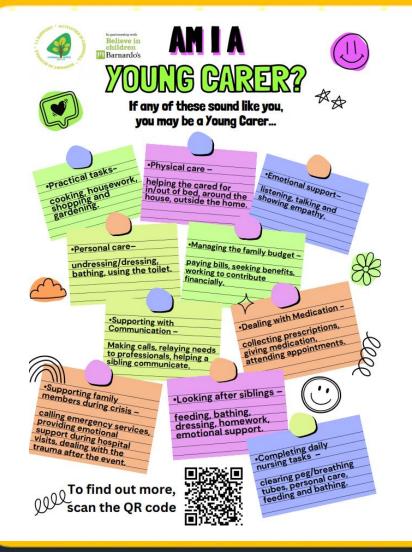






**Young Carers** 





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 <u>kernowyoungcarers@barnardos.org.uk</u>.

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.



ChatHealth Parent Line 0-5

**INT 07312 263 423** 

TEXT 07312 263 499

TEXT 07312 263 096

ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

ChatHealth Young People 11-19



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#### Supporting Parents And Children

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

Gain an understanding of the impact of life experiences on yourself as a parent & on your children.

Help to manage your child's behaviour and develop strategies for building resilience in yourself & your children.

Take away strategies to implement at home and use in everyday life

\* Focusing on building the wellbeing of your whole family

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

Trenance Academy, Newquay Session Dates: 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec, 11th Dec. Session Times: 1.15cm - 3.15cm

St Francis C of E Academy, Falmouth Session Dates: 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 9th Dec, 16th Dec Session Times: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

King Charles C of E Primary School, Falmouth Session Dates: 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 9th Dec. Session Times: 3.30pm-5.30pm

Foxhale Learning Academy, St Austell "ONLINE COURSE DAY TIME" Sessions Dates: 7th Jan, 14th Jan, 21st Jan, 28th Jan, 4th Feb Session Times: 10am-11am

Foxhole Learning Academy, St Austell "ONLINE COURSE EVENING" Session Dates: 27th Feb, 6th Mar, 13th Mar, 20th Mar, 27th Mar Session Times: 7pm 8pm

Sky Primery, St Austell \*\*ONLINE COURSE DAY TIME\*\* Session Dates: 16th June, 23rd June, 30th June, 7th July, 14th July. Session Times: 1pm-3pm







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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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SCHOOL MENU - WEEK COMMENCING Monday 13th January Friday Thursday Wednesday Tuesday Monday Chicken Dippers, Chips and peas Meatballs in a tomato sauce steamed Cottage pie with carrots and Veggie Chicken (v) **Roast chicken with seasonal** rice and green beans gartic bread vegetables and roast potatoes Tuna in a tomato herb pasta bake sweetcorn Veggie balls (v) Quorn Veggie Meatloaf (v) Various puddings peas/carrots Vegetable cottage pie (V) Tomato and Basil Pastalvi Chocolate chip cookie Allergens: 2,7 Fruit salad with custard Chocolate Muffin Allergens: 2,4,7,13 Fruity yoghurt dessert Allergens: 2,4,7 illergens: 2,4,7 Allergens: 2,4,5,7, Please ensure you are pre booking your dinners via the MyEd/PlusPay app.



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





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