

Top story this week



We are at the end of the 3rd week of the spring term. Despite the interesting weather conditions, and cold dark mornings, our children continue to Shine Brightly in all areas of school life.

This week was the first week of clubs. Once again, we have had a wide range and variety of wonderful after-school clubs on offer for our children.

Please remember that you can sign up for your children to attend as many of the opportunities as they would like, so that as many of our children as possible are having access to these experiences.

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From Monday we will be running our year 6 homework club every evening after school. We are providing this opportunity for our year 6 children to complete their homework in a quiet space with an adult to support them if needed. This is something that our year 6 children have asked for and of course we have made this possible.

It was lovely to see so many of our year 5 families at our Manchester residential meeting this week. It is going to be an incredible experience for children. We will be holding a further meeting on Tuesday 4th March when the team will run through the final details before they embark on their adventure the following week.

Please check the dates below for the initial residential information meetings for our year 2,3,4 and 6 families during the week beginning 3rd February.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kaye



Key Events for next week– Reception and KS1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	PE- Dance	Capacity fun in Maths.	Learning more about Nowruz with Bertie Owl.	What material is best for hiding a pea?	Drop Everything and Read- bring a book from home
Year 1	Exploring 2D shapes.	Weather and our lives.	PE – Ball skills.	Where will Beacon visits take us today?	Drop everything and read.
Year 2	Measurement in maths!	Invasion games in PE.	Jan Mann for music.	Fun French Thursday! Over the Rainbow	Drop everything and read.



Key Events for next week– KS2 and ARB

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	Independent writing: Let's write a fantastic ending to our defeat the monster story.	History: The Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb	Marvelous Maths: Fractions Fun! Can you remember what an equivalent fraction is?	Funky French PE: Netball	Drop Everything and Read
Year 4	Writing our own character flaw stories	PE: Cornish Pirates Rugby	Awesome Art – Still Life	Funky French Thursdays	Drop Everything and Read
Year 5	TfW Hot Task Planning	Math: Division	Exploring our new Talk for Reading text.	PE: Hockey	Drop Everything and Read
Year 6	Writing their own journey tale	History: Allied and Axis Powers	PE: Basketball	Funky French Thursdays	Drop Everything and Read
Cosmonauts	PSHE Looking after our bodies	Amazing Art Lolly pop stick Superheroes	Science Sorting animals into their habitats	Cooking Superhero shield pizzas	Computing

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'



Nursery

This week in nursery we have been busy with lots of creative activities as part of our story 'Whatever Next'. We have used different materials and learnt to use different tools for painting, cutting and sticking to create rockets.

Outside we have been using paint brushes in space theme gloop to mark make a path for the shooting stars.

Reception

This week in Reception we have been innovating our story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have thought carefully about our new characters. We have also thought about other parts of the story we could change, we have some stories with houses made of metal, wood and even leaves! We cannot wait to hear all the innovated versions.



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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'

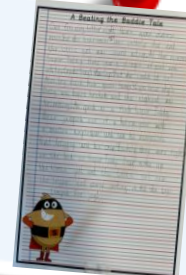


Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy this week learning about sacred places and people in Cornwall. We learnt that Cornwall is known as the land of the saints, and we discussed our visit to St. Petroc's Church at Christmas. We retold the story of St Piran when he discovered tin and why the Cornish flag is named after him. We also thought about places that are special to us and how they make us feel when we visit them.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a very exciting week! We were lucky enough to have a visit from Jan Mann to teach us music. We practised rhythms and enjoyed using the glockenspiels. We also completed our 'Beating the Baddie' tales. We have been focusing on suspense and using our toolkit to add in character reactions, dramatic openings and scary effects to ensure that our writing is impactful. We have also been learning about keeping ourselves safe online during our computing lessons. Well done Year 2!



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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



Year 3

Year 3 have had yet another fantastic week. We have been learning all about our bodies in our newest Science unit: Animals including Humans. We have learnt what bones are made up of, how our bones work with muscles to help us move and investigated if people with longer legs jump further. We have had brilliant fun learning new things about ourselves and have used our knowledge of our bodies to help us in our PE lessons. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a great week together: they have begun to plan their own character flaw tale in their writing; in reading, they have looked at characterisation within Beauty and the Beast; in history, they have been debating whether the Myans were civilised people or not; and of course, they all enjoyed their rugby session with the Cornish Pirates on Tuesday.

A fantastic week – well done everyone.



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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



Year 5

Year 5 have been brilliant this week, they have been writers, mathematicians and even scientists. We have had a lot of fun learning about different forces. Can you name them? To learn about air resistance, we got to make our own parachutes and drop them off the bridge to see which one would land the quickest. It was fun, but very windy!

We have also been writing our independent application in TfW – these have been brilliant to read. Keep being brilliant and believing year 5.

Year 6

This week children continue to amaze - they have been creating their own journey tales in writing; in maths, they have explored how to add and subtract complex fractions; they have learnt how to dribble in basketball and begun to look at the Allied Forces and Axis Powers in history.

A big thank you also to all children that have engaged with their first experience of homework this week. A reminder that they need only complete the section allocated on their homework schedule each week. Have a lovely weekend and thank you for shining brightly.

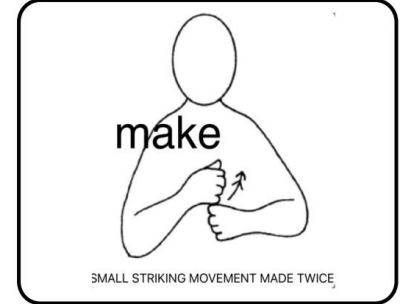
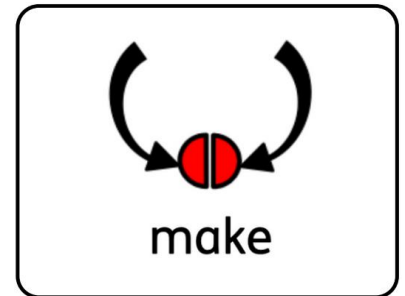


Cosmonauts 'Highlight of the Week'



This week we created superhero shields, made lifecycles of a butterfly and matched up adult and baby animals. We thought about how to keep our teeth healthy and had a go at using a toothbrush to scrub teeth clean. We also made some Hulk cornflakes cakes in cooking. As well as all that we have been continuing with our 'Superworm' story and thinking about adjectives to describe 'Superworm'.

Core word of the week






















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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?

Fantastic handwriting

Space Voyagers (YR)		Ava Polmounter	Pioneers (Y3)		Willow Frost
Space Travellers (YR)		Una Laugharne	Discoverers (Y3)		Aria Tickner
Space Adventurers (Y1)		Ella Buckingham	Supernovas (Y4)		Kalian Powell
Space Explorers (Y1)		Archie Douglas	Constellations (Y4)		Declan Stephens
Spaceships (Y2)		Freddie Truran	Comets (Y5)		Emily Hannaford
Rockets (Y2)		Dolly Pearce	Meteors (Y5)		Laila Beaumont
Cosmonauts (ARB)		Lilly Way	Aviators (Y6)		Maisie Parsons
Shine			Astronomers (Y6)		Alissia Gilbert
			Astronauts (Y6)		

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House Points! 

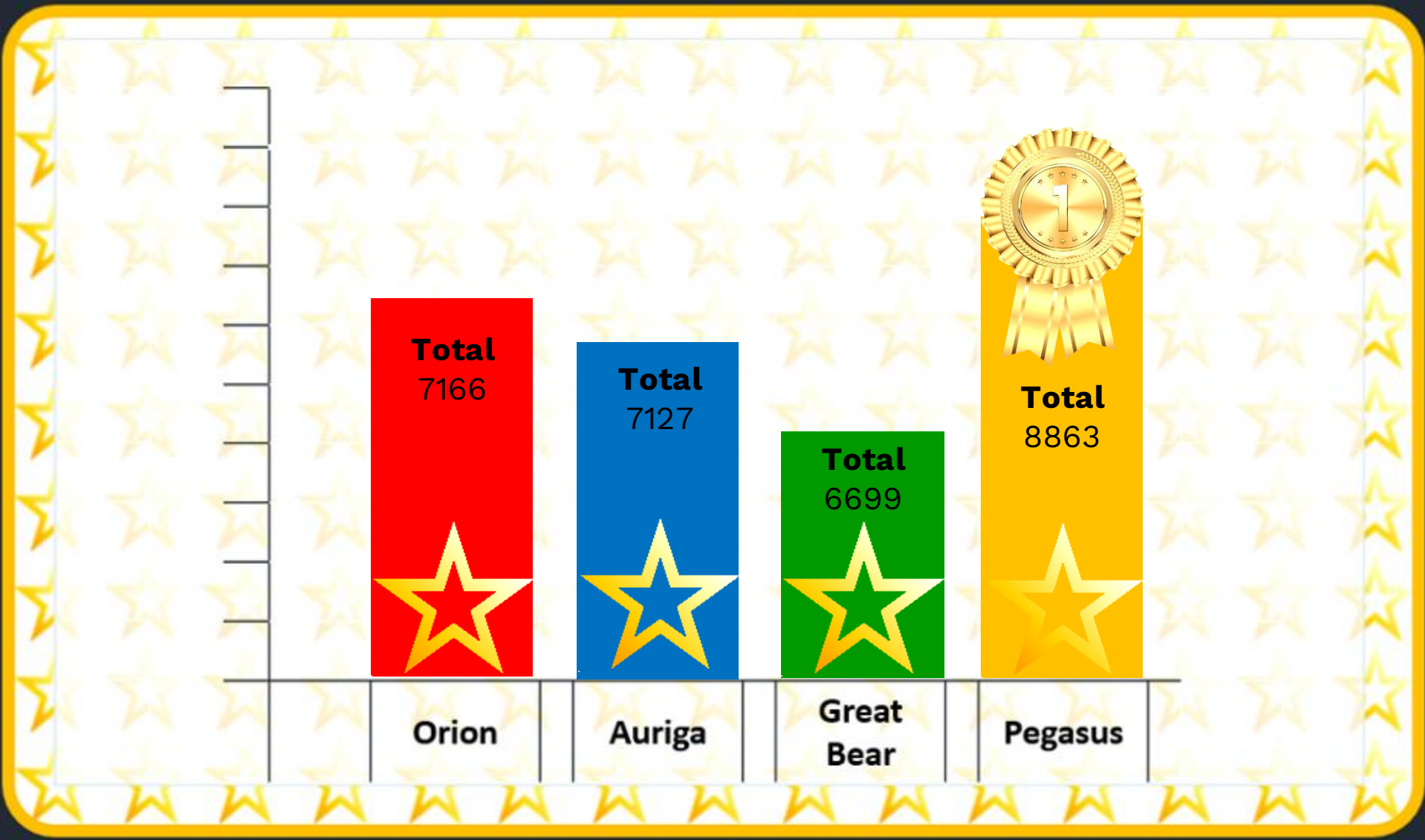


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Attendance Information

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:

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Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk

t: 0300 1234 100



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Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers



 www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies

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.

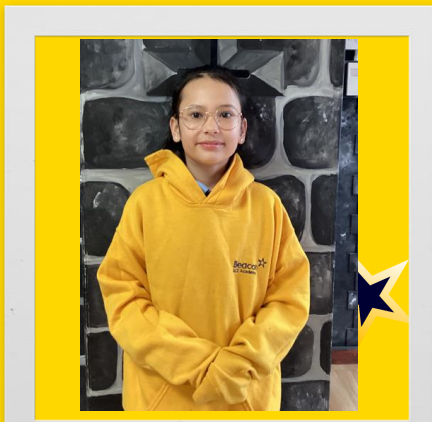
Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

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

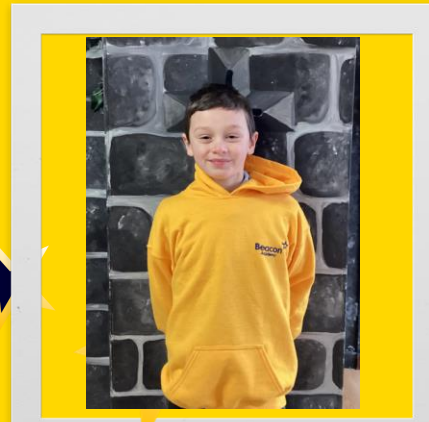
This week's golden hoody winners



Wanmai - Comets

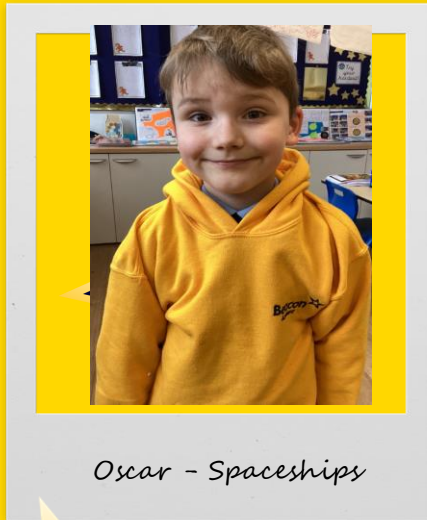


Perrie - Comets



Ethan - Meteors

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Dates for the diary!

Monday 27th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese New Year
Wednesday 29th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese New Year Celebration Lunch
Monday 3rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Oxford Family Residential Meeting – 3:30pm
Tuesday 4th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Bristol Family Residential Meeting – 3:30pm
Wednesday 5th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 London Family Residential Meeting – 3:30pm
Monday 10th – Friday 14th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO CLUBS
Monday 10th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Consultations World of Work Week
Tuesday 11th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Consultations Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet Safety Presentation Workshop for families – 3:30pm
Friday 14th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspirations Day Reception to Hall for Cornwall – Gruffalo's Child
Monday 24th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Dates for the diary!

Tuesday 4th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 final family meeting for Manchester residential
Wednesday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Piran's Day
Friday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Book Day
Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manchester residential
Friday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comic Relief
Monday 24th – Friday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last week for clubs
Wednesday 2nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Royal Beacon Show
Monday 7th – Monday 21st April	Easter Holidays

Extra notifications 



BEACON Breakfast Club



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

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

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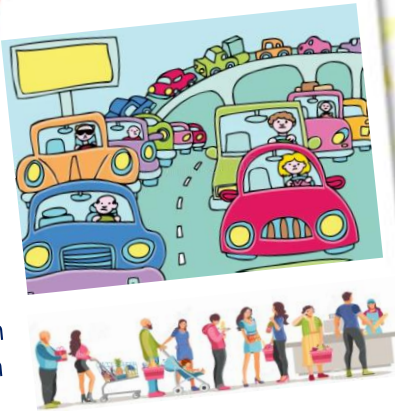
FREE for all children

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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

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.



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.

IMPORTANT

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



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AM I A YOUNG CARER?

If any of these sound like you,
you may be a Young Carer...



- Practical tasks -**
cooking, housework,
shopping and
gardening.
- Physical care -**
helping the cared for
in/out of bed, around the
house, outside the home.
- Emotional support -**
listening, talking and
showing empathy.
- Personal care -**
undressing/dressing,
bathing, using the toilet.
- Managing the family budget -**
paying bills, seeking benefits,
working to contribute
financially.
- Supporting with
Communication -**
Making calls, relaying needs
to professionals, helping a
sibling communicate.
- Dealing with Medication -**
collecting prescriptions,
giving medication,
attending appointments.
- Supporting family
members during crisis -**
calling emergency services,
providing emotional
support during hospital
visits, dealing with the
trauma after the event.
- Looking after siblings -**
feeding, bathing,
dressing, homework,
emotional support.
- Completing daily
nursing tasks -**
clearing peg/breathing
tubes, personal care,
feeding and bathing.

To find out more,
scan the QR code



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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Date *22/1/25*





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- ★ 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: 1.15pm- 3.15pm

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

Foxhole 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 Primary, 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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Meeting at the **Scarletts Well car park**

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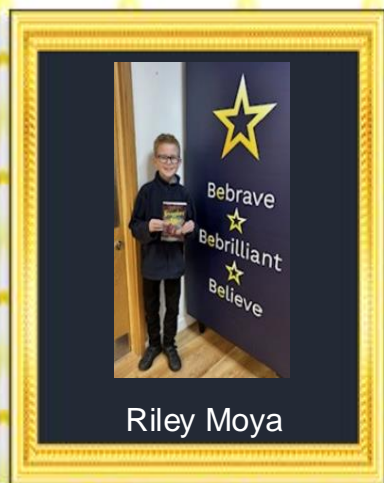
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Who shone even brighter!



Audrey Corrigan



Riley Moya



Lincoln Bryant



Our wonderful winners and their choice...

Extra notifications 



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.





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Macaroni cheese (V) Carrots and peas Tomato and Basil Pasta(v)</p> <p>Fruity yoghurt dessert</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Sausage roll with herbed potatoes and broccoli/peas Vegetarian sausage roll (v)</p> <p>Blueberry Muffin</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Roast turkey with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf (v)</p> <p>Crumble and custard</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Sweet and sour chicken, rice with green beans/carrots Sweet and sour veg (v)</p> <p>Toffee yoghurt</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7,14, </p>	<p>Sausage, Chips and sweetcorn Vegetable Fingers (v)</p> <p>Various puddings</p> <p>Allergens: 2,7, </p>
<p>Chicken in cheese sauce pasta bake peas carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v)</p> <p>Fruity yoghurt desserts</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Chicken Curry with Rice, broccoli, peas and naan bread Vegetable Curry (v)</p> <p>Iced bun</p> <p>Allergens: 2,3,4,5,7, </p>	<p>Roast Beef with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf(v)</p> <p>Banana and custard</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Margarita Pizza with Wedges, green beans and sweetcorn Vegan Margarita Pizza (V)</p> <p>Lemon sponge</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Fishfingers, Chips and peas Vegetable Sausage (v)</p> <p>Various puddings</p> <p>Allergens: 2,5,7, </p>
<p>Tuna in a tomato herb pasta bake peas/carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v)</p> <p>Fruity yoghurt dessert</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,5,7, </p>	<p>Cottage pie with carrots and sweetcorn Vegetable cottage pie (V)</p> <p>Chocolate Muffin</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Roast chicken with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf (v)</p> <p>Fruit salad with custard</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7, </p>	<p>Meatballs in a tomato sauce steamed rice and green beans garlic bread Veggie balls (v)</p> <p>Chocolate chip cookie</p> <p>Allergens: 2,4,7,13, </p>	<p>Chicken Dippers, Chips and peas Veggie Chicken (v)</p> <p>Various puddings</p> <p>Allergens: 2,7, </p>

ALLERGENS

1 = CELERY, 2 = CEREAL CONTAINING GLUTEN, 3 = CRUSTACEANS, 4 = EGGS, 5 = FISH, 6 = LUPIN SEEDS AND FLOUR
7 = DAIRY, 8 = MOLLUSCS, 9 = MUSTARD, 10 = NUTS, 11 = PEANUTS, 12 = SESAME SEEDS, 13 = SOYA, 14 = SULPHUR DIOXIDE

January 2025							February 2025							March 2025							April 2025						
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Jacket potatoes with various fillings, salad bar, fruit and yoghurt available every day

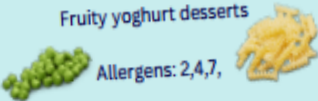
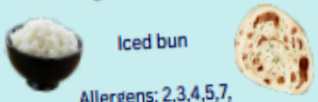
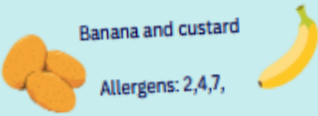
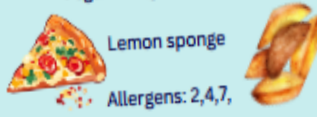
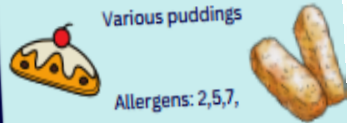
Extra notifications 

School Menus

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SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 27th January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken in cheese sauce pasta bake peas carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v) Fruity yoghurt desserts  Allergens: 2,4,7	Chicken Curry with Rice, broccoli, peas and naan bread Vegetable Curry (v) Iced bun  Allergens: 2,3,4,5,7,	Roast Beef with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Quorn Veggie Meatloaf(v) Banana and custard  Allergens: 2,4,7,	Margarita Pizza with Wedges, green beans and sweetcorn Vegan Margarita Pizza (V) Lemon sponge  Allergens: 2,4,7,	Fishfingers, Chips and peas Vegetable Sausage (v) Various puddings  Allergens: 2,5,7,

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



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.

School Terms and Holidays 2024/25

Beacon Academy

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Bank and Public Holidays 2024/25			
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Boxing Day	26th December 2024	May Bank Holiday	5th May 2025
New Years Day	1st January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025

Key:	Term dates summary:
 School Holiday	Autumn Term 1: 3rd September - 25th October 2024
 Bank Holiday	Autumn Term 2: 4th November - 20th December 2024
 Term Time	Spring Term 1: 6th January - 14th February 2025
 Inset Day	Spring Term 2: 24th February - 4th April 2025
	Summer Term 1: 22nd April - 23rd May 2025
	Summer Term 2: 2nd June - 23rd July 2025
	TOTAL: 195

Kernow Learning

At The National College, our #WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HEALTH & FITNESS APPS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Physical wellbeing apps are useful tools for monitoring and improving our health. They allow us to balance nutrition, set goals, track our activities and sleep patterns, and motivate us to exercise. Nonetheless, there have been some reported drawbacks; this guide outlines some of these concerns and explains how to use fitness apps safely.

LACK OF PERSONALISATION

Many apps take a one-size-fits-all approach, failing to account for the varying ages and abilities of children in the year class. For example, all have different physical needs to a child of 10. This can cause unrealistic expectations and an experience which may be too advanced for younger children or too easy for older ones.

NOT DEVELOPED BY EXPERTS

Some fitness and wellbeing apps are developed by experts in the field – but a growing number of them aren't. As a result, these platforms may contain inaccurate information. They may present safety concerns by giving incorrect advice regarding physical activities or might include age-inappropriate content which would not be suitable for younger children.

REDUCED INTERACTION WITH OTHERS

Physical wellbeing apps can remove the social and interactive elements which physical exercise can offer – for instance, meeting people at fitness classes, or the joy of sharing any other social activities. Research has found that young people generally dislike this aspect of fitness apps, reporting that they would rather exercise in the company of friends or other designated individuals.

DATA AND PRIVACY CONCERNS

Fitness and wellbeing apps tend to collect a lot of personal information from their users, including names, location, date of birth, details of their physical health and more. It's worth thinking in more detail about what these apps may see into data to their parents. We would make any app using people's personal details have the correct legislation in place to protect their safety and privacy while using the service.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

While many fitness apps are free to download, the actual content is quite basic. Users will only receive more helpful content (such as meal plans, nutrition advice or a personalised plan) by signing up to a subscription or paying for in-app features. They can even be used to spend money on the service – a cost which can quickly mount up.

DEPENDENCY ON THE APP

While physical wellbeing apps can help motivate young users by tracking their fitness, there's a possibility that – without being seen through the app – children would start to lose their natural desire to be active. Young people may also become dependent on tracking their exercise, health and eating habits; this can have negative effects on their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXERCISE AND SOCIALISE

Highlight the importance of children enjoying fitness activities with family and friends, rather than always exercising alone. Organise the fun they can have by interacting with others rather than using an app to motivate their regime. Remind them of the importance of staying active, as well as the benefits of doing so with company.

PROMOTE POSITIVE BODY IMAGE

While we want children to be active and healthy, we must also ensure they don't become fixated on how their body and weight change. In their early childhood and adolescence, the body is still growing and changing. It's really important for young people's wellbeing that we promote a positive body image and a healthy relationship with food, encouraging them to make informed decisions about their diet and lifestyle.

REVIEW THE APP FIRST

Before allowing someone under 18 to install a fitness and wellbeing app, check its age rating, read its reviews and scroll through its data policy, to ensure its suitability for your age group. You could also try it yourself to see if it's appropriate for the child's particular needs and decide if you're comfortable with them using it. Ensure that any privacy-compressing features – such as location tracking – are disabled.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

As with all apps, it's important for parents to familiarise themselves with any controls on the app and to set these on a child's account. The specific settings vary between platforms but – more commonly – these will relate to in-app purchases, disabling or enabling in-app purchases, and managing social aspects of features which aren't age appropriate. By setting these controls, you can help to ensure a child is getting a safe experience.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: see full reference list on page 6 at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/wake-up-wednesday>



School Terms and Holidays 2025/26

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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	INSET Day
	School open

Term dates summary:

Autumn Term (74 days)
2nd September 2025 - 19th December 2025 (Half term: 27th-31st October 2025)

Spring Term (59 days)
5th January 2026 - 2nd April 2026 (Half term: 16th - 20th February 2026)

Summer Term (62 days)
20th April 2026 - 22nd July 2026 (Half term: 25th-29th May 2026)

Bank and Public Holidays 2025/26

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