

## Top story this week



Once again it has been a busy and enjoyable week at Beacon with the weeks galloping by.

This week we have welcomed a number of visitors to Beacon and each and every one of them has been so very impressed by our children. We are so very proud of how well they have settled into this new year, their incredible learning behaviours and how much progress they are making personally and academically. Huge thanks to our wonderful teachers and support staff who give everything to make this possible.

We are delighted to welcome Scott and Rocky Steady back this term. It is lovely to once again hear the sound of our rock bands echoing through the corridors as well as watching the joy on the children's faces.

As you will be aware, next week we are holding our parent consultations after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. This first meeting is important and an opportunity for you to talk in detail to your child's new teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class, the expectations for their year group and targets for this year. Please let your child's teacher know if you are unable to attend and they will be able to make an alternative appointment at a time that is convenient to you. Myself, Mrs Alway, Miss Carpenter and Miss Collings will also be available if you would like to catch us to discuss anything whole school or SEND related. As always remember our door is always open and we will be more than happy to meet with you at another time that works for you.

Don't forget it's school photo day on Thursday, I know the children will be looking super smart as always. Please speak with our inclusion team if you need any support with school uniform.

You will have received further information about our Harvest Festival performances that are taking place before the half term break. We are super excited that our children will be performing for the first time this academic year. As with previous years we would love it if you could send in donations for our local foodbank.

Wishing you a lovely weekend when it finally arrives, I have heard a rumor that there may be some sunshine on its way.

Kaye

## Key Events for next week– KS1 and Shine

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	PE!	Outdoor learning- conker painting!	Playing jailer & thief in Jigsaw.	RE learning with Bertie Owl.	Subitise use your eyes.
Year 1	Time to explore coding on the iPads.	Let's compare numbers!	Fundamental skills in PE.	Can you design your very own code?	Drop everything and read.
Year 2	An exciting excavation dig to discover who the main character is in our new story!	Music: listening to and identifying different instruments.	Music: Singing together.	Staying active in PE!	Drop everything and read with our next book recommendations.
Shine	Potion making and instruction writing	Class treat! PJ party!	Cooking yummy treats	Outdoor learning - obstacle courses	Rocksteady and social games

## Key Events for next week– KS2 and ARB

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	Music Lesson	Write our hot task	Math Multiplication Challenge	Plymouth Argyle Football	Drop Everything and Read!
Year 4	Continue writing our wishing tale with dialogue	PE!	Music!	Music!	Drop everything and read!
Year 5	PE	Space!	Gruesome Grammar!	Maths Challenge!	Drop Everything and Read!
Year 6	Beach Trip!	Mexico advertisement leaflet	PE	Science: exploring electricity	Drop Everything and Read!
Cosmonauts	Amazing art Y6 Beach Trip	Sensational Science Space	PSHE	Cooking Alien snacks	Computing

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## EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'



### Nursery

We have been busy following the adventures of Baby Bear this week. After shooting up through the chimney and bursting into the night sky he enjoyed a picnic on the moon before bumping back down on to the living room floor. We have also been working on our fine motor control by making aliens and drawing pictures of Baby Bears adventures.

### Reception

This week in Reception we have been innovating our text 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have loved thinking of different characters for the big bad wolf and different ways to open the story. We also had our first PE lesson which was very exciting! We were so impressed with how independent the children were in getting changed- well done Reception!



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## KS1 'Highlight of the Week'

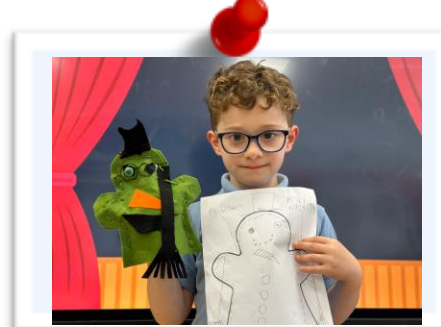


### Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard in Design and Technology this week. They looked at lots of existing pop-up books, practised the skills of creating different mechanisms and had a go at using a variety of joining and strengthening methods. They then used what they had learnt to create their very own pop-up books. We are all very proud of the results!

### Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed being designers this week in our DT lessons. We have learnt about different puppets, learnt how to sew and designed and made our very own glove puppets. We are very proud of the perseverance shown by everyone as sewing through felt is not easy but what absolutely fantastic puppets they made! Well done Year 2, you are all superstars!





### Year 3

All the children in Year 3 have been shining brightly this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed our Science learning all about the different rocks and soils. We even had our own rock exhibition. We have continued our learning of number and place value in Maths and have been writing our own narratives focusing on characterisation. We look forward to seeing all the parents at the parents' consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been showing off their creativity in their Art lessons. They explored the techniques used by cubist artists in order to create distortion and then applied these to their own still life drawings.

In PE, the children continued to develop the skills of tracking, hand-eye coordination and team-work. Well done Year 4 on another fantastic week!



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## Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'



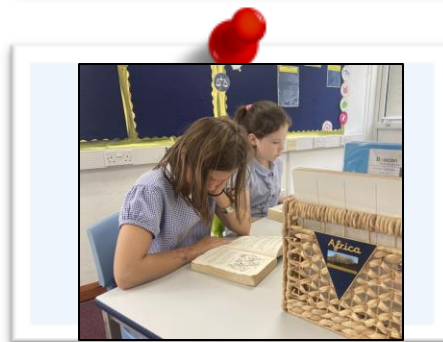
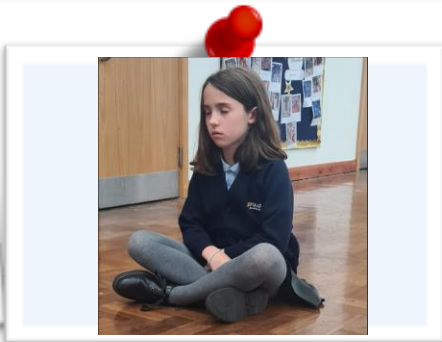
### Year 5

On Monday, Comets and Meteors joined together for their PE lesson and had a great time! We learnt the names of our muscles such as abdominals and triceps and spent the afternoon trying to increase our stamina levels. (We even had a 'plank competition' to see who could endure the position for the longest!)

The children have also really enjoyed their RE lessons this week and experienced a meditation workshop on Thursday. We all left feeling very relaxed and ready for Friday! Have a lovely weekend everyone and thank you for all your hard work; it doesn't go unnoticed!

### Year 6

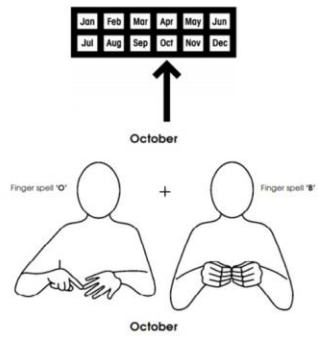
Year 6 have had a brilliant week learning about electricity in Science. They have been creating circuits and exploring the different components that make up a circuit. The children worked together in groups to build their very own circuit that powers a light bulb. Year 6 have also been enjoying extended periods of reading time this week including during Drop Everything and Read on Friday morning. It is wonderful to see the children getting stuck into a book that they really enjoy.



## Cosmonauts and Shine 'Highlight of the Week'



### ARB



Another fantastic week this week with lots of amazing learning taking place. We have been thinking about working as a team, creating moon sculptures, baking crater tarts, exploring astronaut food, painting handprint aliens and enjoying outside learning.

### Shine

This week Shine have loved spending time outside creating emotions monsters. We did our best impressions of our monsters and talked about how we identify the emotion we have shown. We also created magical wands to help us make potions next week. We baked some buns using a recipe and following instructions carefully. On Friday we enjoyed Rock Steady.





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Who has **SHONE BRIGHTLY** this week? **Being a great role model for others**

<b>Space Voyagers (YR)</b>		Bryonie-Rae Swiggs	<b>Pioneers (Y3)</b>		Ruby Kinahan
<b>Space Travellers (YR)</b>		Dexter Jasper	<b>Discoverers (Y3)</b>		Declan Stephens
<b>Space Adventurers (Y1)</b>		Philroy Thomson	<b>Supernovas (Y4)</b>		Shaun Gilbert
<b>Space Explorers (Y1)</b>		Tia Crocker	<b>Constellations (Y4)</b>		Polly Tourle
<b>Spaceships (Y2)</b>		Jaden Dyer	<b>Comets (Y5)</b>		Honey
<b>Rockets (Y2)</b>		Antoni Wojcik	<b>Meteors (Y5)</b>		Jacob Holten
<b>Cosmonauts (ARB)</b>		Freya Hobbs	<b>Aviators (Y6)</b>		Brooke Cosham
<b>Shine</b>		Lexi-Jo Horkins	<b>Astronomers (Y6)</b>		Liam McGuinness
			<b>Astronauts (Y6)</b>		Emily Lin

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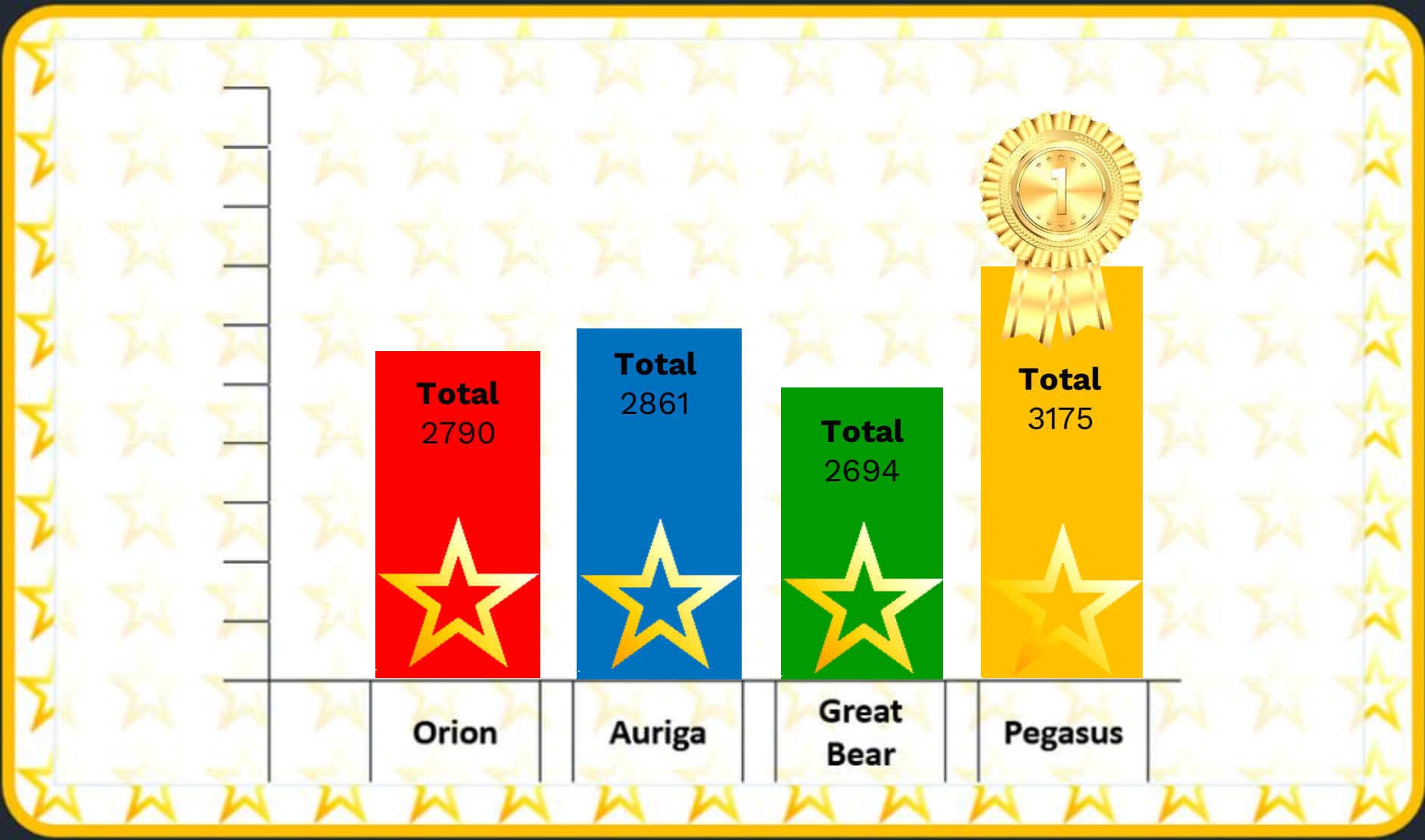


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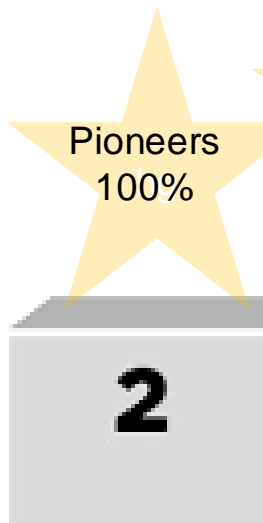
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## Attendance weekly winners



Well done to  
Rockets



Rockets  
100%

Astronauts  
98.7%

## 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](mailto:hsowden@kernowlearning.co.uk)**

## Dates for the diary!

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	CANCELLED – New date to be confirmed
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception and Nursery Open Afternoon for 2024 intake
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual children's and sibling's photos
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Bodmin Bike Lights
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day. No pupils in school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Swimming lessons
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Beacon Bonfire Celebrations
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Ignite Wonder Community week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception and Nursery Open <u>Afternoons</u>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir Fest at Truro Cathedral

## Dates for the diary!

Wednesday 15th November	Flu Immunisations for Rec – Y6
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21st November	Year 3 and 4 Parents Meeting. Supporting your children with their Timetables
Friday 24th November	Children to make Christmas tree decorations at home
Monday 27th November	Last week for clubs
Friday 1st December	Beacon Christmas tree light switch on
Tuesday 5th December	St Petroc's Bodmin Schools' Concert 6pm
Monday 11th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Tuesday 12th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 9.30am
Tuesday 12th December	Reception Open Afternoon
Tuesday 12th December	KS2 Christmas Concert (Details to be confirmed)
Wednesday 13th December	Parent & Child Christmas Craft Workshop
Thursday 14th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 2pm
Friday 15th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 9.30am
Monday 18th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Monday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term

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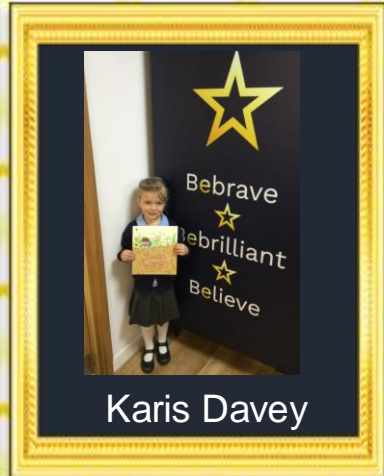
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Who shone even brighter! 



Arielle Duffin



Karis Davey



Lilly Lindsey

Our wonderful winners and their choice of the book...



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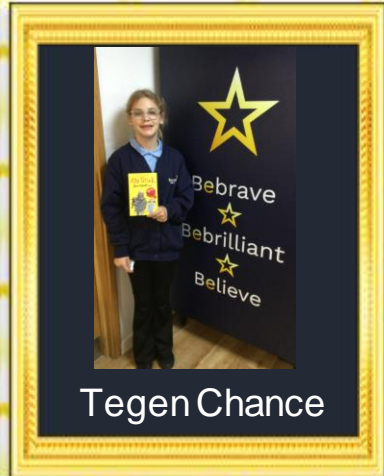
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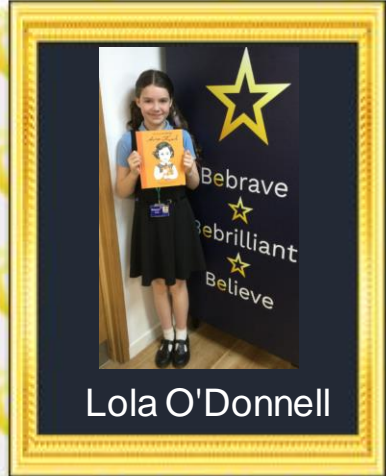
Who shone even brighter!



Keeley Moya



Tegen Chance



Lola O'Donnell



Our wonderful winners and their choice of the book of choice...



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 

**Beacon**  
Shine brightly 



## Extra notifications



Thank you to all our parents who have completed the medical needs form we sent out recently asking to update school on medical needs. If you have yet to complete, can we ask you to do so as soon as possible via the link below even if your child does not have any medical needs. There is the option of clicking no.

### [Medical Needs Form](#)





Extra notifications



## School Menus

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SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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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All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature: simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien impostors tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to hunt them. While the concepts not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

#### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

#### CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speaking with fellow players who the impostors might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

#### GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to meet in-person, or to contact strangers to message them, privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £3 to obtain on console and PC. A related concern for parents, though, is that the game also includes in-game purchases for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially greater elements some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel Super Hero-themed variant.

#### CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

#### DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

#### AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same Wi-Fi (or home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

#### STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with set limits. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – as you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

#### Meet Our Expert

Level 1000s Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GameRant and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular contributor to the site, he's also a keen gamer who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published in numerous leading industry publications.



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




## Beacon ACE Academy School Terms and Holidays 2023/24



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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Autumn Term 1: 4th September - 20th October 2023  
 Autumn Term 2: 30th October - 19th December 2023  
 Spring Term 1: 4th January 2024 - 9th February 2024  
 Spring Term 2: 19th February 2024 - 28th March 2024  
 Summer Term 1: 15th April 2024 - 24th May 2024  
 Summer Term 2: 3rd June 2024 - 24th July 2024

**TOTAL: 195**

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day	25th December 2023	Easter Monday	1st April 2024
Boxing Day	26th December 2023	May Bank Holiday	6th May 2024
New Years Day	1st January 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2024
Good Friday	29th March 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2024



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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

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## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.



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The deadline for applications is **31 October 2023**

## Transfer to secondary school

### September 2024

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



#### Information and guidance

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)



## Applying for a secondary school 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](mailto: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 your child will get to school.** Go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://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 31 October 2023

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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: 1 March 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.





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## OCTOBER HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON OCTOBER 2023 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)  
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

### MONDAY 23RD

St Joseph School, Launceston (Multi Skills)  
Lanivet Community Hub (Football Roadshow)

### TUESDAY 24TH

Dobwalls Football Club (Football Roadshow)  
St Teath Football Club (Football Roadshow)

### WEDNESDAY 25TH

Holsworthy Youth FC (Football Roadshow)

### THURSDAY 26TH

Saltmill 3G, Saltash (Football Roadshow)  
Bude Football Club (Football Roadshow)

### FRIDAY 27TH

St Joseph School, Launceston (Football Roadshow)  
St Joseph School, Launceston 9:00 am - 12:00pm (Mini Pilgrims)  
Polperro Football Club (Football Roadshow)

### DISABILITY ROADSHOWS

#### WEDNESDAY 25TH

Launceston College 4-8 year olds, 9:00 am - 11:30pm  
Launceston College 8+ years, 12:00pm - 2:30pm



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Book now 01752 522202  
[www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses.htm](http://www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses.htm)

[www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk](http://www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk)

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## 'Have a Go Days'

A FREE and friendly activity for children with additional needs or disability and their siblings or friends, aged 6-17

Bodmin Leisure Centre  
Lostwithiel Road,  
Bodmin, PL31 1DE

Wednesday 27 October  
10am-12pm

Cornwall College,  
Trevenson Road, Pool, TR15  
3RD (Astro)

Wednesday 27 October 2-4pm  
or  
Friday 29 October 2-4pm



Booking is essential. For more information and to book contact Katie on 01736 751924 or email [katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk](mailto:katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk). Find us on Facebook by searching "Have a Go Days Cornwall".



## Attendance Information



Together   
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### Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services  
for parents and carers



[www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk)

**01872 323 400**

[www.supportincornwall.org.uk/families](http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/families)

[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](https://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)

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#### 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](mailto: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.

