# Beacon



A very warm welcome to the new academic year. I hope that you have had a wonderful summer break despite the weather. The sun has certainly been shining on the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see how well our children have been settling into their learning and the school routines. The children have come back enthused, energetic, and ready to learn, the smile on their faces says it all.

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### Top story this week



Staff are also excited about the year ahead and all that will be achieved.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and families. We are delighted that your child has started their primary school journey with us, and I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child well as the year progresses.

Beacon is a very special place; we have an excellent staff team working across our school. As always, each and every member of the team will do everything possible to ensure that your child's primary school experience is the very best it can be and that they will **Shine Brightly** in all areas of school life.

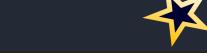
The autumn term is always incredibly busy. Below are some of the key dates for this term for you to add to your diary. As always, please ensure that your child arrives in school every day, on time and learning ready to ensure an incredible school year.













### Key Events for next week- KS1 and Shine



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Reception	Meeting Jigsaw Jeanie	First Outdoor learning session.	Creating our own stories.	Matching, sorting and comparing objects in Math's.	A special letter will arrive			
Year 1	What new challenges will Jigsaw Jack have for us today?	Get your counting fingers readylots of fun activities in math's.	An exciting hook for our next writing unit. Get ready to go sound collecting!	Writing a description of a snowy setting.	Let's turn a stunning picture into poetry!			
Year 2	Writing a description of a mysterious giant.	Learning all about rewards and consequences with Jigsaw Jo.	Multiplication games.	Making gingerbread men.	Writing our own creative short story from an exciting film clip.			
Shine	Outdoor learning fun- fairy house building.	Shopping trip! And social games	Making pasties!	What is a mine and why do we have them?	Map exploring- create your own map.			









#### Key Events for next week- KS2 and ARB

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Year 3	Continue our PSHE unit – being me in this world	TTRS battle	Short burst writing – being super creative	Plymouth Argyle Football	Multiplication fun			
Year 4	Short burst writing PE!		Continue our PSHE unit	Times table competition	Hook for our new Talk for Writing Unit			
Year 5	Being Me in My World Short Burst Spectacular settin description.		PE	TTRS Battle Review	Hook for our new Talk for Writing Unit			
Year 6	The Lighthouse Being global citizens		Writing based on The North Child	The Odyssey hook	Drop everything and read			
Cosmonauts	Begin book week The Colour monster	Creating puppets	Making pompoms	Cooking	Roald Dahl Day			

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#### MyEd and ParentMail Support





Please do attend if support is needed, as you know meals choices should be ordered through the app in advance.























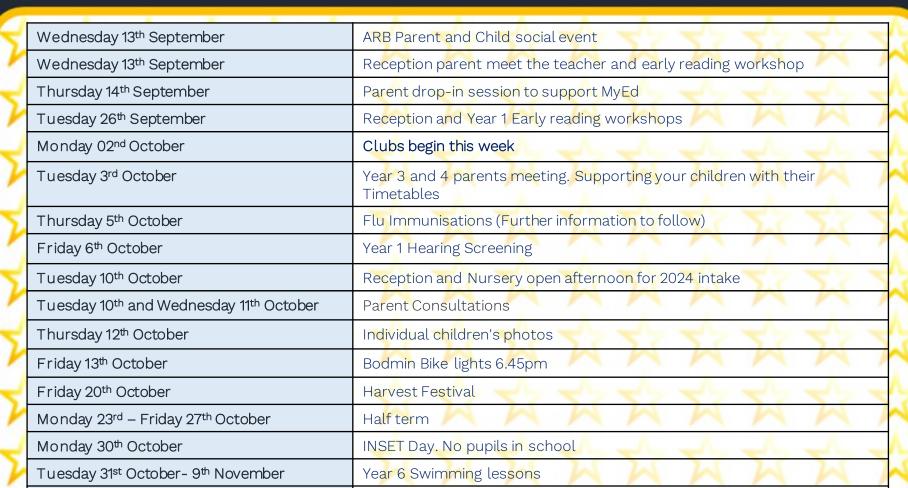
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Monday 6th - Friday 10th November

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## Dates for the diary!



Beacon Bonfire Celebrations

Ignite Wonder Community week



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## Dates for the diary!

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception & Year 1, supporting your children as mathematicians								
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week								
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception and Nursery open afternoons								
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir Fest at Truro Cathedral								
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in need								
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Children to make Christmas tree decorations at home								
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Last week for clubs								
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Beacon Christmas tree light switch on								
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	St Petrocs Bodmin schools' concert 6pm								
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Christmas production 2pm								
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Christmas production 9.30am								
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception open afternoon								
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas concert (Details to be confirmed)								
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent & Child Christmas craft workshop								
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production 2pm								
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production 9.30am								
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Christmas dinner								
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day								
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term								

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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**



- From 4th September ParentPay is being replaced by IRIS Plus Pay, an online payment service accessible via the MyEd and ParentMail apps.
- These are both free parent app's that can be downloaded via Apple IOS and Android and can be accessed using a smartphone, tablet or computer.
- The app can be downloaded by going to your app store, searching for My Ed and downloading.
- You will have access to your child's attendance, absence records, diary dates and much more.
- To access the Plus Pay, within the My Ed app, click on 'My Students' tab > Payments icon, and follow the instructions to connect to your child.
- Plus Pay is where you will pay for school lunches, trips etc., you can pay electronically using credit or debit cards, PayPal or PayPoint.
- <u>IMPORTANT</u> from 4th September we will no longer be able to order your child's meals for you, you will need to do this via the app in advance.





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SCHOOL MENU - WEEK COMMENCING

### Monday 11th September

		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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		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







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#### **Attendance Information**







#### **Penalty Notices**

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers





#### **What is a Penalty Notice?**

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

- Leave of absence of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period) during term time, without authorisation from the school, for a holiday for example
- Unauthorised absence of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period) of absence from school, either when a parent fails to provide an explanation, or an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise
- Unauthorised lateness of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period), resulting from arrival at school after the register has closed

NB A Penalty Notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons, where the unauthorised absence from school results in 12 sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 session period)

Or, when:

 A pupil is observed in a public place during school hours, in the first five school days of a period of exclusion from school, without reasonable justification

### Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

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

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

A Penalty Notice carries a fine of £60.00 if paid within 21 days of issue, doubling to £120.00 if paid after 21 but within 28 days.

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## Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, for example, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £240.00 if paid within 21 days and £480.00 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

### Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

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

### Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

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

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

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on 01872 323400, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

#### **How is a Penalty Notice paid?**

Penalty Notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 323400. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. If the 21st/28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

## What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

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

If found guilty:

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

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

#### **Contact us**

Education Welfare Service

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk 01872 323 400

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

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Bank Holiday						Spring Term 1: 4th January 2024 - 9th February 2024												
Term Time					Spring Term 2: 19th February 2024 - 28th March 2024													
Inset Day						Summer Term 1: 15th April 2024 - 24th May 2024												
Summer Term 2: 3rd June 2024 - 24th July 2024 TOTAL							OTAL	: 195										
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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							



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#### 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.

