BE KIND BE HONEST
BE RESPECTFUL BE BRILLIANT

6th November

Dear Parents/Carers

What a great first week we have had back following our half-term break! The children have returned with fantastic attitudes and plenty of enthusiasm, and it feels like we have hit the ground running with lots happening across the school already.

One of our key curriculum drivers this half term is History, and it has been wonderful to see children becoming fully immersed in the periods of time they are studying. Classrooms are already buzzing with historical enquiry, discussion and discovery. Don't forget that our History Day is coming up in just a few weeks' time. More details can be found below, and we are already looking forward to seeing the children bring history to life.

Tuesday was a particularly exciting day as Mrs White and children from our newly formed Eco Committee attended an Eco Conference at Truro Prep School. The children got straight into a carousel of activities from a number of organisations working across Cornwall including Cornwall National Landscape, One Blue Eye plastics recycling, Fal Fungi, GEL Energy (Geothermal Power). They made bamboo bug bundles, drew animals and their habitats, sorted plastics, and made individual eco promises and enjoyed a tasty treat at snack time! They have come back ready with ideas to kick start a new Eco Committee!



We have also been working hard to strengthen pupil voice across the school and, with that in mind, this week has been election week! Children have been learning about the British Value of democracy, taking part in class elections to choose their Pupil Parliament representatives.

Our Year 6 candidates took things a step further by presenting their speeches to the whole school, sharing why they would make great representatives. We have even had our very own Polling Station in operation, with every child in the school casting their vote. It has been a brilliant opportunity for children to experience democracy in action and see how their voices can help shape our school. The results will be announced soon!





We are ending the week with a very special treat as we welcome the Chapel Street Quartet for our very own school concert. Opportunities like this are a fantastic way for children to experience live music and be inspired by talented performers. We are very much looking forward to it.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to another busy and exciting week ahead.

Mr Hick

Upcoming PTA Events



Children can wear any colour, they do not need to wear the class colour.

Please Note - This is Y1 Seedlings and Y2 Buds P.E Day so please ensure children wear suitable clothing for gymnastics.

We will then have 7 colour-themed prize hampers to be raffled!
Raffle tickets are being sent home for each family.
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Please return all completed/unused tickets and monies to school by Wednesday 25th November.





SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 18th November

EYFS & KS1: 5-6pm. KS2 6:15-7:15pm

Book your tickets here: DISCO TICKETS

Thank you, as always, for supporting **Chacewater School PTA** , helping us to raise funds for the school.

Join the: PTA Volunteer Whatsapp group
Follow the Chacewater PTA: FB group for updates about upcoming events

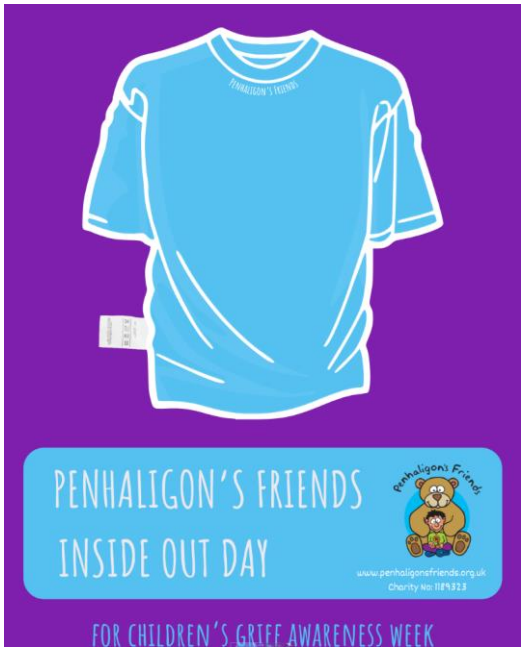
Individual School Photographs

A reminder that the School Photograph Company will be visiting us on 17th November to take individual pupil photographs.

Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full school uniform on this day so that we can capture some smart and memorable photographs.

We look forward to seeing lots of smiles!

Penhaligon's Friends Inside Out Day – Friday 20th November



On **Friday 20th November**, we will be showing our support for **Penhaligon's Friends** by taking part in **Inside Out Day**.

This special day encourages us to think about feelings, grief and the importance of talking about our emotions. It reminds us that sometimes how we feel on the inside may not match what people see on the outside, and that kindness and understanding can make a real difference.

To support the event, we are inviting all children to come to school with their school jumper or fleece worn inside out. There is no need for any special clothing, just turn your school jumper or fleece inside out before coming to school!

We look forward to seeing lots of inside-out jumpers around school as we come together to support this important cause and raise awareness of children's emotional wellbeing.

History Day – Advance Notice – 24h November



Parents are invited into school at 2.45pm on this day so that see what the children have been learning in their class.

Learning Spotlight – Young Oaks

To conclude our science learning about the human body, Year 3 welcomed Dr Cat Holdworth (Isla's Mummy) in to class this week to learn about her job as a children's doctor.

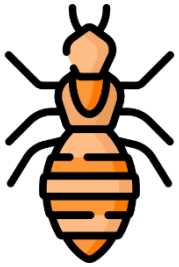
The children particularly enjoyed trying on scrubs, looking at real X-rays, putting on bandages, using the stethoscopes and even checking each other's blood pressures using the sphygmomanometer machine.

A huge thank you from Year 3 to Dr Cat Holdsworth for coming in and giving up her time to create a great hands-on learning experience.






Head Lice!



It seems we have had a few tiny uninvited visitors make an appearance in school recently. As head lice are excellent at spreading from head to head, we'd be grateful if families could check their children's hair regularly and treat where necessary.

Together, we can help ensure the only things children are sharing are their learning, kindness and smiles!

Reminders

Nut Free



Please remember that we are a nut free school. There are several children in school that have severe nut allergies and therefore we kindly ask that you avoid giving children nuts in packed lunches.

Breaktime Snacks

Fruit snack is only provided to children in key stage 1. Children in key stage 2 will need to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. Please also remember to send your children to school with a bottle containing **water**. Juice is allowed at lunchtime.

Uniform

Please ensure that any items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. It makes returning lost items a lot easier.

PE Days

- Reception – will be updated on Tapestry
- Year 1 – Monday and Friday
- Year 2 – Monday and Friday
- Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 4 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 5 – Monday and Tuesday
- Year 6 – Monday and Tuesday

Attendance

At the start of this term, I would like to once again remind everyone about the **importance of school attendance**. Achieving high school attendance is a national priority. Chacewater school data clearly shows a correlation between high attendance rates and high achievement. We want our children to achieve excellent attendance in line with national average. Illness usually appears as a block of time off school. We review attendance patterns each week and look for unbroken and broken weeks as a key indicator. We would not usually expect that children would have more than one or two broken weeks in the course of an academic year. Regular broken weeks are a cause for concern and we will offer support to families where there are more frequent broken weeks, in line with our attendance procedures. The impact broken weeks and missed learning can have on a child's education (taken from national data) is illustrated below for guidance:

If your child misses…	That equals at least…	Which is the same as….	And over 13 years of education that's…	Or at least…
1 day a fortnight	80 lessons per year	4 whole school weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 whole years	1040 lessons
1 day a week	160 lessons per year	8 whole school weeks per year	Over 2.5 whole years	2080 lessons
2 days a week	320 lessons per year	16 whole school weeks per year	Over 5 whole years	4160 lessons
3 days a week	480 lessons per year	24 whole school weeks per year	Nearly 8 whole years	6240 lessons

As a school we follow the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust policy which can be found HERE. You will be aware that there have been a number of changes to the issuing of penalty notices and there is little or not discretion for headteachers regarding these. Attached with this newsletter is a leaflet about penalty notices but it is important to note:

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).

Please also be aware of the below:

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

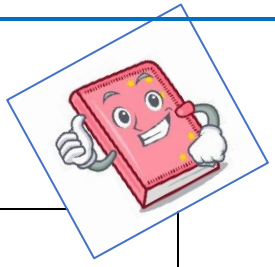
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

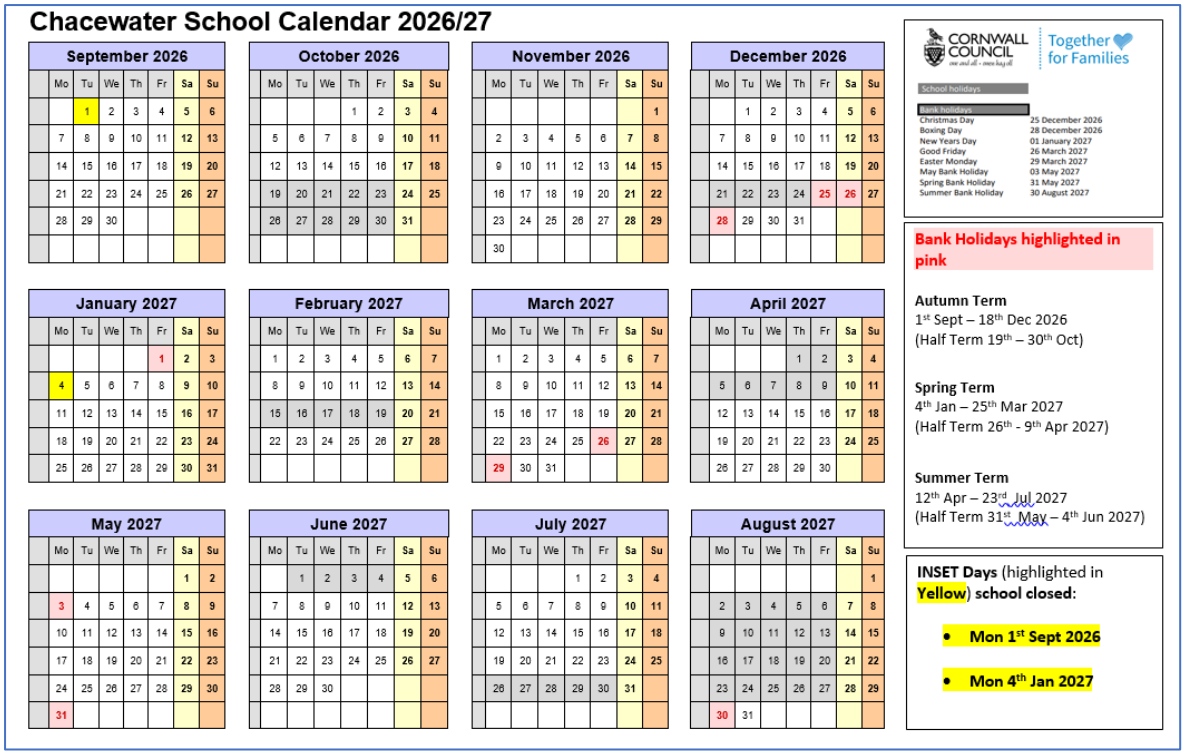
Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.



Dates For Your Diary	
2.11.26	Start of second half of term
10.11.26	Mighty Oaks - Maritime Museum Trip
13.11.26	PTA - Wear What You Like Day
16.11.26	Odd Sock Day Anti – Bullying Week
17.11	School photos
18.11.26	School Disco
19.11.26	Red Oaks Trip to Truro Fire Station (Life Skills)
20.11.26	Penhaligon's Friends Inside Out Day
24.11.26	History Day
27.11.26	Christmas fayre
14.12.26	Christmas Production Week • 15.12.26 - Seedlings and Buds Nativities (morning and afternoon) • 16.12.26 - KS2 Carol Concerts (1.45pm and 6pm) • 17.12.26 – Acorns Nativity
18.12.26	End of Term – 1pm Finish

Chacewater School Calendar 2026/27



September 2026

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CORNWALL COUNCIL — Together for Families

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day	28 December 2026
New Years Day	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

Autumn Term
1st Sept – 18th Dec 2026
(Half Term 19th – 30th Oct)

Spring Term
4th Jan – 25th Mar 2027
(Half Term 26th - 9th Apr 2027)

Summer Term
12th Apr – 23rd Jul 2027
(Half Term 31st May – 4th Jun 2027)

INSET Days (highlighted in **Yellow**) **school closed:**

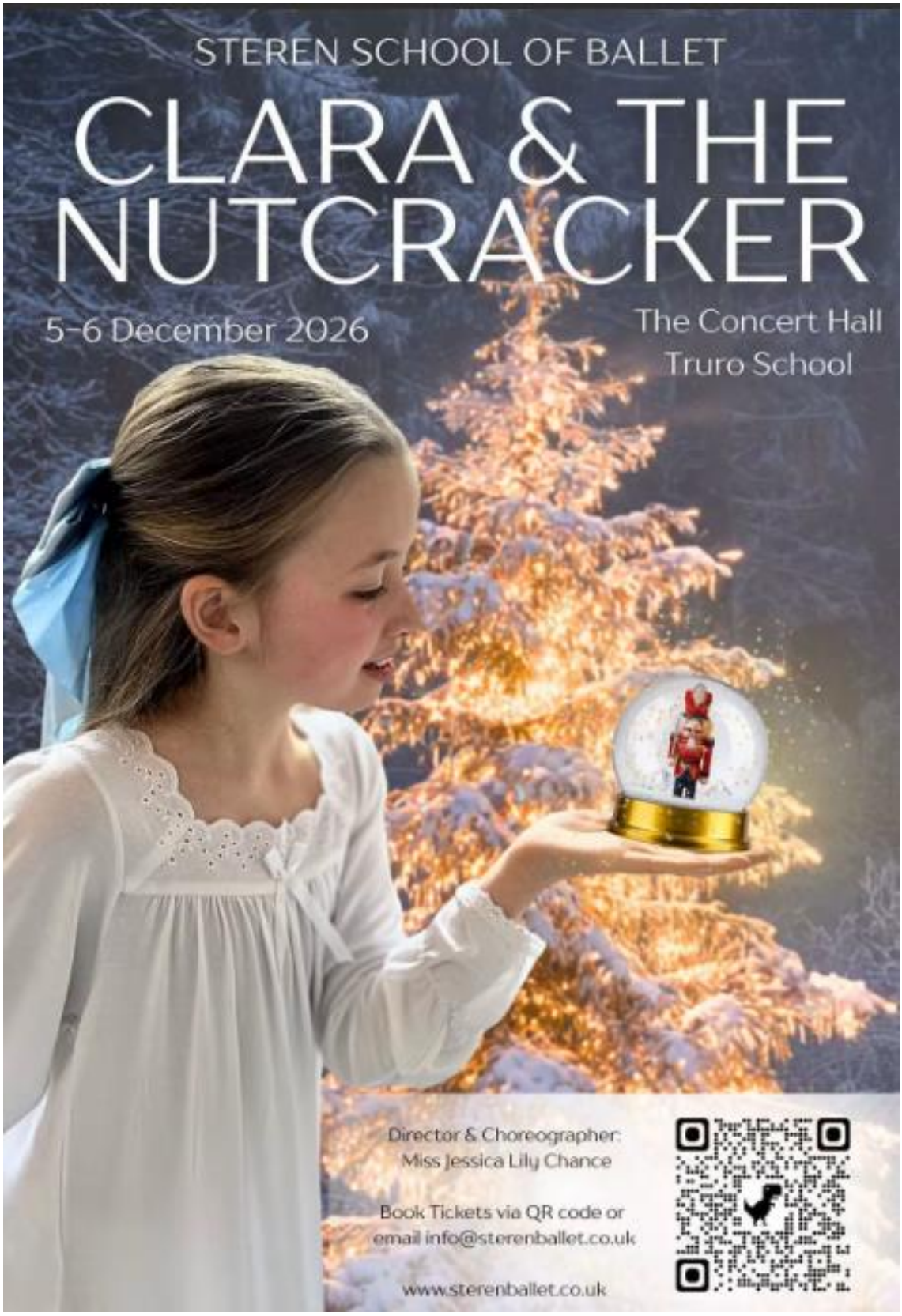
- **Mon 1st Sept 2026**
- **Mon 4th Jan 2027**

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Ruan & Issey
SEEDLINGS	Pea & Abie
BUDS	Olivia & Vienna
YOUNG OAKS	Oliver & Harlee
BUR OAKS	Isabelle & Krill
RED OAKS	Thea & Pippa
MIGHTY OAKS	Jake & Ethan

Signposting




STEREN SCHOOL OF BALLET
CLARA & THE NUTCRACKER
5-6 December 2026
The Concert Hall
Truro School
Director & Choreographer:
Miss Jessica Lily Chance
Book Tickets via QR code or
email info@sterenballet.co.uk
www.sterenballet.co.uk

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Please join us for our five week

Parent Led CBT Intervention

- Is your child struggling with worries or anxiety? MHST is offering a Parent-Led CBT programme, providing parents and carers with practical strategies to help their child manage anxiety.
- Sessions start on Monday 9 November, and will be each week on 16, 23, 30 Nov, 7 & 14 December please choose a session time (9.30-11.00am or 4pm - 5.30pm) when you sign up. You will be signed up to the same session time each week

Register your interest by completing the link below or scan the QR code:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/A4sus4rfFJ