



25th April 2025

Dear parents/carers

It's been brilliant to welcome the children back after the Easter break. Although it's been a shorter week following the Bank Holiday, it's certainly been a busy one!

The classrooms have been buzzing with the hustle and bustle of new learning, and it's been lovely to see the children so engaged in their new topics. You can find more details about what each class is getting up to on our school website.

We kicked off the week with an assembly focused on resilience and hard work, and how these qualities can help you achieve anything—brought to life through a story close to my heart: Rory McIlroy's triumph at the US Masters. It was a great way to inspire the children to aim high and persevere.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome back 'Open the Book', who led a wonderfully engaging assembly on the Easter Story. A huge thank you to them for their time and effort—it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Today, Young Oaks had a fantastic trip to the Eden Project, exploring different climate zones as part of their current topic. It's always great to see learning taken beyond the classroom!

A special well done goes to Seedlings Class, who have shown great adaptability this week as Miss Barnes has been unwell. We're pleased to say she'll be back next week and is looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Finally, we're thrilled to share some lovely news—congratulations to Miss Laskowski, who got married over the Easter break! While the weather may not have played along, we're sure it was a wonderful day, and we all wish her the very best for the future.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mr Hick



SATs

A reminder that SATs tests for our Year 6 children will take place during the week beginning **Monday, 12th May**. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, well-rested, and ready for the assessments. As in previous years, we will welcome the Mighty Oaks into school in the morning for pre-test breakfasts to energise them to help them do their best!

There will be an information meeting for parents after school on Monday next week.

Clubs



Clubs will begin in the week beginning 5th May 2025 and run over both half terms of the summer. They will run from the end of the school day through to 4pm.

We are asking you to select any clubs that your child may wish to do over the summer term and put in order of preference.

Where clubs are oversubscribed we will endeavour to make sure that everyone has a place on at least one. If clubs have more space then children may be allocated more than one.

The forms will close on Wednesday 30th April (next week) in the morning at 10am and we will let children know which club (s) they have by Friday 2nd May 2025. Please check the year group(s) the clubs are for carefully before selecting.

Lunch time clubs will run at 12pm for half an hour to allow time for the children to have lunch afterwards.

The sign up form can be found [HERE](#).

Y6 School Camp Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents/carers of Y6 children attending camp after school on Monday 19th May



Play Trail - After School

While we know how tempting it is for children to enjoy the equipment at the end of the day, we kindly ask that families **refrain from using the play trail once the school day has finished**. This is because:

- The school is **unable to supervise or take responsibility** for its use after hours.
- We also need to **secure the site promptly** at the end of the day to ensure safety and security for everyone.

We really appreciate your support in helping us keep the site safe and running smoothly.

Thank you for your understanding.

Pretty Muddy – Mud Run



We're excited to share that Miss Laskowski, Miss Hoare, and Miss O'Callaghan will be taking on the Pretty Muddy® 5K—a fun (and very muddy!) obstacle course—on 10th May to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

We're really proud of them for getting stuck in for such a great cause. If you'd like to support their fundraising efforts, you can donate [HERE](#).

BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our school book fair next week on the following days/times:



Monday 28th 3:15-3:45pm

Tuesday 29th 3:15-3:45pm

Wednesday 30th 3:15-3:45pm

Please come along with your child/children to browse the books, the more books that we sell the more 'FREE' books we can have to restock our wonderful library.

Ivy and Ella-Grace have been working so hard to promote reading within the school with their Easter Reading Challenge. We were so pleased to see so many entries in the draw, along with the photographs of you reading over the Easter break. They have been busy making posters, wrapping

mystery reads and will be looking forward to welcoming you next week at the book sale!

Mrs Fraser in the office is super proud of them and couldn't have got so organised without their help, they are super-efficient!

Well done everyone!!

The lucky winners received gift vouchers to spend at the book fair along with book prizes!!

Card payments preferred via the QR code.

New Recreation Centre - Management Committee



NEW Chacewater Recreation Centre Management Committee

We are looking for a group of people to help shape the direction of the NEW Recreation Centre and maximise opportunities for the community.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
MON 28TH APRIL - 6PM**

Killifreth Room, Chacewater Village Hall

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.

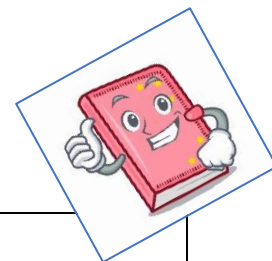
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. 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.



<u>Dates For Your Diary</u>	
28 th -30 th .4.25	Book Fair 3:15-3:45pm
12.5.25	SATs Week
21.5.25	School Class Photographs
23.5.25	Last Day of Term
2.6.25	Return to school
11.6.25	Sports Day – Provisional Date
18.6.25	Year 6 Camp
22.7.25	Last Day of term – 1pm finish



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Macey and Zane
SEEDLINGS	Ben and Mary
BUDS	Zac and Adelie
YOUNG OAKS	Whole Class
BUR OAKS	Gabe and Grace
RED OAKS	Jackson and Alfie E
MIGHTY OAKS	Freya and Leo



Term Dates 2025/26

Chacewater School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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August 2026

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School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

Autumn Term

1st September – 19th Dec 2025
(Half Term 20th – 31st Oct)

Spring Term

5th January – 2nd April 2026
(Half Term 16th – 20th Feb 2026)

Summer Term

20th April – 24th July 2026
(Half Term 25th – 29th May 2026)

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

- Mon 1st Sept 2025
- Mon 20th – Fri 24th Oct 2025
- Mon 24th Nov 2025
- Fri 24th July 2026



Cornwall Wildlife Trust

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Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

Egg Hunt →

Wild Wellbeing



During the Easter holidays MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and ..., would like you to join us on a FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book EACH child on to a session below:

Morning and afternoon sessions available:

Tuesday 8 April 2025 at Golitha Falls

Thursday 10 April at Tehidy Woods

Tuesday 15 April at The Dipping Pond, Gossmoor

Tuesday 15 April at Widemouth Bay, Bude

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1c>

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Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)