



4th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some well-earned time together as a family.

It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back to school this week, including several new children and families joining our community. The children have settled quickly and have made an excellent start to the new academic year. We have been incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm, positive attitudes and readiness to learn.

We have also been delighted to welcome our new Reception children, the **Acorns**, for their very first days at school. They have approached this exciting milestone with confidence and enthusiasm, and we are thrilled to have them as part of our school family.

Teaching Team 2025/26:

- **Acorns (Reception)** - Mrs Morgan (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Glanville-Thomas (Wednesday to Friday)
- **Seedlings (Year 1)** - Miss Barnes
- **Buds (Year 2)** - Miss O'Callaghan
- **Young Oaks (Year 3)** - Miss Eastham (Monday) and Miss Hoare (Tuesday to Friday)
- **Bur Oaks (Year 4)** - Mr Wilson
- **Red Oaks (Year 5)** – Miss Bowman
- **Mighty Oaks (Year 6)** - Mrs James (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Law (Wednesday afternoon to Friday)

We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, talented and enthusiastic teaching team, and we know they will provide the very best support for our children throughout the year ahead.

Parent Information Meetings

Next week, classes will hold a parent information meeting to share key information about the year ahead, including routines, curriculum expectations and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. All meetings will begin at **3.25pm** to allow time for classrooms to be cleared at the end of the school day.

- Monday 7th September – Buds (Year 2) and Mighty Oaks (Year 6)
- Tuesday 8th September – Seedlings (Year 1) and Red Oaks (Year 5)
- Thursday 10th September – Young Oaks (Year 3) and Bur Oaks (Year 4)

We hope that as many parents and carers as possible will be able to attend.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a wonderful start to the term and we are looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hick

Learning Half Term

For information about what you child will be learning this half term then please visit the relevant class page of our website [HERE](#).



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.

Asthma Pumps

If your child has an asthma pump then please do make sure that we have this in school.



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

From the PTA

Welcome back! 🙌

We hope everyone has had a lovely summer and a great first week back.

A huge welcome to all of our new children and families joining this year. We really hope the children are settling in well. If you're new to the school, please join our **Chacewater School PTA Facebook group**, where we share updates on events, fundraising and ways to get involved throughout the year.

Link to FB group - - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/144337382865554>

PTA AGM

Friday 25th September

Our AGM is coming up and **we really do need your support**. We'll be electing a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as chatting about plans, fundraising ideas and what we'd like to help fund for the children this year. The PTA can only keep doing what it does with parents getting involved, so whether you're interested in taking on a role, can help occasionally or simply have some ideas to share, **please come along**. It's relaxed and informal, everyone is welcome – and coffee is on us! ☕

If you would like to join the [PTA Volunteer whatsapp group](#) - please follow this link - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/J2miP6Fm9zIJ1M1lg2lDge>



Have your say.
Share ideas.
Make a difference.



CHACEWATER SCHOOL PTA

AGM

Annual General Meeting



Coffee
is on us!



DATE
FRIDAY
25TH SEPTEMBER



TIME
9:00AM



LUCI'S LATTES
IN THE VILLAGE

NEW FACES & NEW IDEAS
ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



AS IT'S THE AGM, THE ROLES OF CHAIR,
SECRETARY AND TREASURER
WILL NEED TO BE FILLED.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED –
JUST COME ALONG!

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.

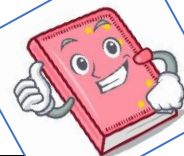
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.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

w/b 7.9.26	New class/teacher meetings
w/b 21.9.26	Clubs begin
24.9.26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
14.10.26	Harvest – Chacewater Church (To Be Confirmed)
19.10.26 – 30.10.26	October Half Term (2 weeks)
2.11.26	Start of second half of term
18.12.26	End of Term – 1pm Finish

Chacewater School Calendar 2026/27

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CORNWALL COUNCIL the council of Cornwall	Together for Families
School Holidays	
Bank Holidays	25 December 2026
Christmas Day	28 December 2026
Boxing Day	01 January 2027
New Years Day	26 March 2027
Good Friday	29 March 2027
Easter Monday	03 May 2027
May Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	30 August 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	

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	The Whole Class
SEEDLINGS	The Whole Class
BUDS	The Whole Class
YOUNG OAKS	The Whole Class
BUR OAKS	The Whole Class
RED OAKS	The Whole Class
MIGHTY OAKS	The Whole Class

