



5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been **brilliant** to welcome everyone back to school this week, including some new faces. The children have made an incredible start to the new school year, and all of our team have been really impressed by the positive attitudes that have been on display.

We have also been especially delighted to welcome our brand-new Acorns into reception for their very first days in school EVER! What a fantastic start they have made – we are absolutely overjoyed to have them as part of our school family.

A reminder of our Teaching Team for 2025/26:

- Acorns– Mrs Morgan (Monday - Wednesday) & Mrs Glanville-Thomas (Wednesday - Friday)
- Seedlings– Miss Barnes
- Buds – Miss O’Callaghan
- Young Oaks– Miss Eastham (Monday & Tuesday) / Miss Hoare (Wednesday–Friday)
- Bur Oaks– Mr Wilson
- Red Oaks – Mrs James (Monday–Wednesday) / Mrs Law (Wednesday afternoon–Friday)
- Mighty Oaks – Miss Laskowski

We feel so fortunate to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic teaching team in place and know that the children will continue to thrive under their care.

Next week, each class will hold a meeting for parents and carers to run through important information for the year ahead. All meetings will take place at ****3.25pm**** (to allow time to clear the classrooms).

- Monday 8th September – Mighty Oaks (Year 6) and Seedlings (Year 1)
- Tuesday 9th September – Red Oaks (Year 5)
- Wednesday 10th September – Young Oaks (Year 3) and Buds (Year 2)
- Thursday 11th September – Bur Oaks (Year 4)

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these sessions.

Thank you all for your continued support. It has been a wonderful start to the year, and we look forward to the exciting weeks ahead.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Hick

Learning

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 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 2 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday
- Year 4 – Tuesday and Friday
- Year 5 – Monday and Friday
- 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.

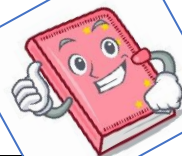
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.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

w/b 8.9.25	New class/teacher meetings
w/b 22.9.25	Clubs Begin
8.10.25	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
15.10.25 (pm)	Harvest – Chacewater Church (Provisional date)
20.10.25 – 31.10.25	Half Term – two weeks
3.11.25	Start of second half of term
19.12.25	End of Term – 1pm Finish



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Everyone for a brilliant start to school
SEEDLINGS	Everyone & Ava
BUDS	Everyone & Reggie & Osker
YOUNG OAKS	Everyone & Gregory
BUR OAKS	Everyone
RED OAKS	Everyone
MIGHTY OAKS	Everyone

