



## 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although this week has been a shorter one, it has certainly been no less busy, with plenty of exciting events and achievements across the school.

On Tuesday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome our local MP, Jayne Kirkham, to Chacewater School. It was a real pleasure to show her around and introduce her to our children. She spent time visiting classes and very kindly answered a wide range of thoughtful and inquisitive questions from pupils about her role and life in Parliament. The children represented our school wonderfully and made us all very proud.

Wednesday proved to be another very full and important day, as we held interviews to recruit a new teacher to cover Miss Laskowski's maternity leave from September. The process involved a range of activities throughout the day and, following a thorough and rigorous selection process, we are very pleased to announce that Eleanor Bowman has been appointed to join our team. Eleanor will officially join us in September, but we are hopeful she will be able to spend some time in school during the second half of the summer term to support transition arrangements. We will share more details about class structures and staffing for September in the coming weeks.

We are also very excited to share that we now have 30 new iPads in school. These were set up yesterday and are ready to be used to enhance teaching and learning across the school. This is a fantastic addition to our resources and will support children in developing key digital skills.

On Thursday, we were pleased to welcome Tom Edyvean and a group of students from Truro College, who led PE sessions for pupils in Red Oaks and Bur Oaks. The children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions, and we look forward to welcoming them back over the next two weeks for more activities.

Looking ahead to next week, our pupils in Mighty Oaks (Year 6) will be taking their National Curriculum Assessments (SATs) in English and Maths. They have worked incredibly hard in preparation over recent weeks, and we are very proud of their dedication and positive attitude. We wish them the very best of luck—we know they will do brilliantly!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Hick

## Bikeability



A reminder that **Bikeability training** will be taking place for our Year 6 children (Mighty Oaks) in the week beginning **18th May**.

Bikeability is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their cycling skills, confidence, and awareness of road safety.

Please ensure that your child brings their **bike and helmet to school each day** during this week. Bikes should be **roadworthy**, and helmets must fit correctly.

Further details have been shared directly, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Attendance Reminder

We 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 no 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.**

### Earrings



We would like to remind all parents and carers that, in line with our school policy, children should only wear **plain stud earrings** in school.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in children wearing earrings that are not appropriate for the school environment, such as hoops or dangling styles.

These can present a **health and safety risk**, particularly during PE lessons, playtimes, and other physical activities, where they may become caught or cause injury.

For this reason, we kindly ask that:

- Children wear **small, plain stud earrings only**.
- Earrings that are not studs are **not worn to school**.
- On PE days, earrings should be **removed at home where possible**.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### School Camp Meeting – Mighty Oaks (Year 6)



We're excited to remind parents and carers that our **School Camp meeting** will take place after school on **Monday 18th May**.

This is a great opportunity to hear all about the **final arrangements** for our upcoming trip to **Barton Hall (17th–19th June)**. We'll be sharing important details, answering any questions, and helping everyone feel fully prepared for what promises to be a fantastic and memorable experience for the children.

## Parent/Carer Information Sessions for Year 6

MHST would like to offer some parent/carers online information giving sessions to help them with the big step of primary to secondary school.

These sessions are open to parent/carers of a year 6 child. If you could please promote these sessions on any of your school platforms, including Facebook, it would be appreciated. Parents can sign themselves up.

Sign up can be with the QR code or link included in the attached poster, for ease this is the link - <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/xeCDEWbhGa> – we are aware that the link is not always 'clickable' depending on the site uploaded to so please can you include the link in the body of any text.

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# PARENT TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MOVE FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

PREPARING FOR CHANGE

PRIMARY SCHOOL (AGE 7-11)

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEAR 7+)

BIG SCHOOL

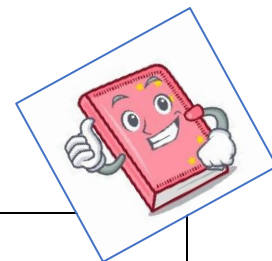
- 1. MANAGING ANXIETY & WORRIES**  
Help your child navigate fears and emotions
- 2. BUILDING RESILIENCE & CONFIDENCE**  
Boost self-esteem and coping skills for the new environment
- 3. ESTABLISHING ROUTINES & INDEPENDENCE**  
Practical strategies for new school days and daily changes
- 4. COMMUNICATION & WELLBEING**  
Staying connected and supporting mental health

**WORKSHOP DATES**  
18 May - 9.30am - 10.30am  
10 June - 4pm - 5pm  
2 July - 6pm - 7pm

**LOCATION**  
ONLINE Via MS Teams  
**FREE** to attend for all Year 6 Parents

**HOW TO BOOK**  
Visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/xeCDEWbhGa>  
or scan the QR code

Register Today! Support your child's wellbeing during this important milestone.



## **Dates For Your Diary**

4.5.26	Bank Holiday
<b>w/b 11.5.26</b>	<b>Y6 SATs</b>
18.5.26, 19.5.26, 21.5.26	Y6 Bikeability
18.5.26	Y6 School Camp Meeting for parents and carers (3.20pm)
22.5.26	End of half term
1.6.26	Start of half term
16.6.26	Sports Day
17.6.26 – 19.6.26	Y6 School Camp
24.6.26	Class Photograph Day
30.6.26 & 1.7.26	Richard Lander Induction Days & School Transition Days
6.7.26	TPAT Musical Showcase – HfC (Bur Oaks)
16.7.26	Red Oaks and Mighty Oaks Summer Show
22.7.26	Leavers Disco
23.7.26	End of term - <b>1pm Finish</b>

### PE Days

PE days for this term are as follows:

- Acorns – Monday
- Seedlings – Monday and Friday
- Buds – Monday and Friday
- Young Oaks – Thursday and Friday
- Bur Oaks – Tuesday and Friday
- Red Oaks – Tuesday & Thursday
- Mighty Oaks – Thursday

## Term Dates

### Chacewater School Calendar 2025/26

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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**  
1<sup>st</sup> September – 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025  
(Half Term 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct)

**Spring Term**  
5<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026  
(Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026)

**Summer Term**  
20<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
(Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

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

- Mon 1st Sept 2025
- Mon 20th – Fri 24th Oct 2025
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Fri 24th July 2026

## Term Dates 2026/27

Our term dates for the next academic year can be seen below. Please note that following consultation, all schools in our academy trust will be continuing with a two week half term in October 2026.

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12<sup>th</sup> Apr – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul 2027  
(Half Term 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> Jun 2027)

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

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2026
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027



## GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Trinity & Abie
SEEDLINGS	Rosenwyn & Erin
BUDS	Mia & Max
YOUNG OAKS	Jesse & Summer
BUR OAKS	Charlie & Jensen
RED OAKS	Jenny & Oscar
MIGHTY OAKS	Jackson & Iyla



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## Do you love to sing, dance or act?

National Award-Winning All Starz are back with Musical in a Week!

Within 5 days, the highly qualified team of West End creatives will teach the young actors to perform a much-loved classic musical, which is then performed publicly.

### **Monday 27th to Friday 31st July 2026**

Juniors (ages 5 to 8) will perform **DISNEY'S ALADDIN**

- 9am to 1:30pm each day with the performance at 1:30pm on the Friday
- for the first four days children may stay to 5pm to do arts and crafts

Seniors (ages 9 to 18) will perform **DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

- 9am to 5pm each day with the performances at 4pm and 6:30pm on the Friday

This exciting opportunity is open to everyone, all abilities are welcome, and there are no auditions to participate. It is first come first served, so make sure you register your place quickly at [tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk)

