BE KIND BE HONEST
BE RESPECTFUL BE BRILLIANT

20th November

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy and enjoyable week it has been at Chacewater School!

We started the week by marking the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week with our annual Odd Socks Day. It was wonderful to see such a colourful mix of socks around the school and, more importantly, to spend time talking with children about kindness, respect and the importance of standing up for one another.

This week has also seen the start of our assessment weeks across the school. A huge well done to everyone who has already completed some of their assessments, and good luck to those who still have tests to come. We always remind children that assessments are simply an opportunity to show what they know and help teachers plan next steps in learning.

Wednesday evening brought one of the highlights of the term so far, our School Disco! The children had an amazing time dancing, singing and spending time with their friends. A huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their evening to help make the event such a success. An even bigger thank you goes to our brilliant PTA, whose hard work behind the scenes ensured everything ran smoothly. Events like these simply would not happen without their support and dedication.

While we're on the subject of hard work, a huge thank you also goes to everyone involved in the great cupboard clear-out of 2026! It may not have been quite as glamorous as the disco, but it was certainly appreciated and has helped create some much-needed space and organisation around school!

On Thursday, Red Oaks attended a fantastic Life Skills Event at Truro Fire Station. The children represented the school brilliantly and received lots of positive comments about their behaviour, attitude and engagement. During the afternoon, they learned a wide range of valuable skills, from helping someone who may be choking and learning the basics of CPR, right through to understanding how to stay safe around trains and railways.

We have ended the week by supporting Inside Out Day for Penhaligon's Friends, an amazing Cornish charity that supports children and young people through bereavement and difficult times. Alongside this, we have celebrated our Positive Noticing Day, taking time to recognise the many wonderful things that happen in our school every day and making sure we notice the achievements, kindness and effort shown by those around us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a fantastic weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone next week for another busy week of learning.

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Don't forget our History Day next week – 24th November. Further details below.

Christmas Fair – Friday 27th November



On this day you can pick your children up from school from 2.30pm to give you an opportunity to support the Fair.

Last week of clubs

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, please note that the final week of after-school clubs will be the week beginning 30th November. We would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who have given their time to provide such a wide range of opportunities for our children.

Clubs will resume after the Christmas holidays, and we will be introducing a new and club offer for the Spring Term. Further details, including how to sign up, will be shared with families at the start of the new term.

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History Day – 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.

Truro Clothes Bank



Advance Warning: Christmas is Coming!

Yes, we know it's still five weeks away, but the first festive songs are already echoing around the school, scripts are being handed out, and rehearsals are officially underway. While there is still plenty of practising, polishing and perfecting to do, we wanted to give families plenty of notice for this year's Christmas performances. Please make a note of the dates and times below.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – 17th December



On Thursday 17th December we will be having our Christmas Lunch in school. On this day children can wear Christmas jumpers to school.

Christmas Performance Dates



- Acorns Nativity – Thursday 17th December. Performance at 2.00pm.
- Seedlings & Buds Nativity – Tuesday 15th December. Performances at 9.30am and 2pm.
- Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts – Wednesday 16th December. Performances at 1.45pm and 6pm.

We will give details of how to get tickets next week!

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.

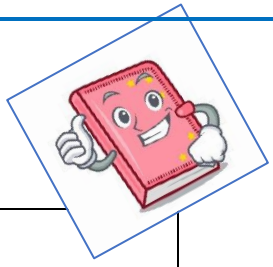
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.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

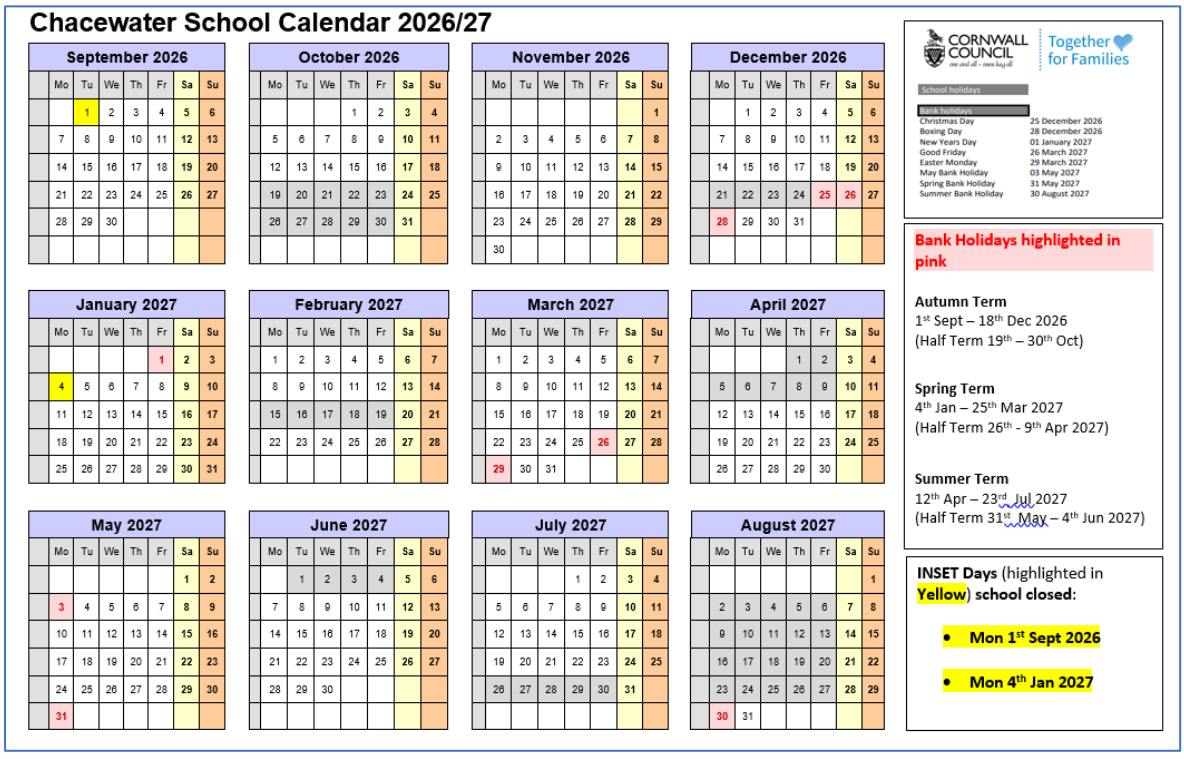
Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

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	
24.11.26	History Day
27.11.26	Christmas Fair
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
17.12.26	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
18.12.26	End of Term – 1pm Finish
5.1.27	First Day Back at School

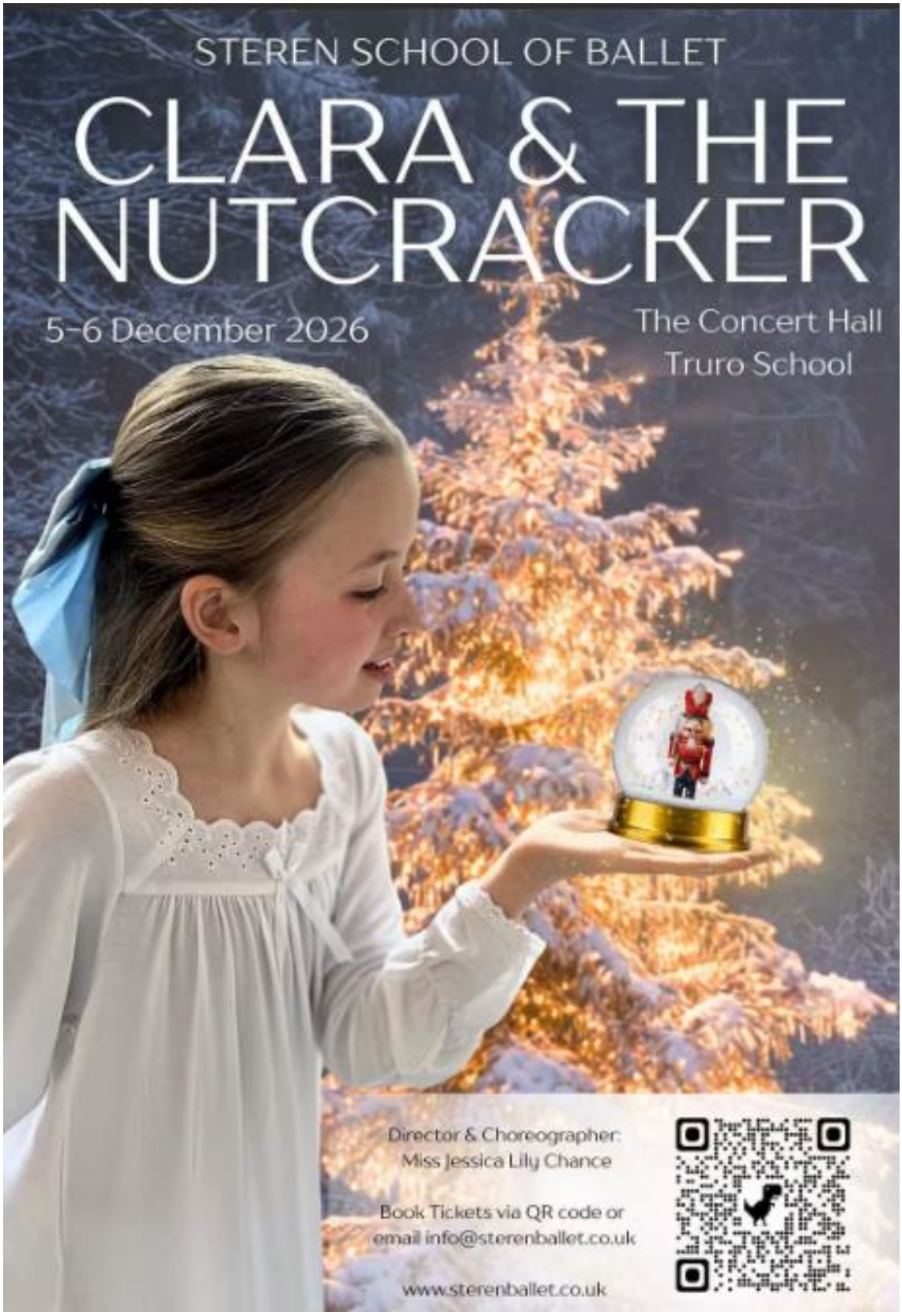


GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Lucianna & Teddy
SEEDLINGS	Coral & Jaxon
BUDS	Delilah & Macey
YOUNG OAKS	Emilia & Jude
BUR OAKS	William & Summer
RED OAKS	Storm & Olivia
MIGHTY OAKS	Gabe & Elliot

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:
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