



28th February 2025

Dear parents/carers

A warm welcome back after half term and finally we have seen a brief glimpse of the sun!

This half term our value focus is DIVERSITY. We started the week talking about this with a focus on four key words:

- **UNIQUE** – understanding that no two people are exactly the same.
- **DIFFERENCES** - are the things that make us special and make life more interesting.
- **DISCRIMINATE** – discriminating and not respecting our different qualities and opinions is a bad thing.
- **DIVERSITY** – makes our world a much richer place.

On Wednesday, I was lucky enough to accompany Red Oaks to a Junior Life Skills event at Tolvaddon Fire Station. This was a great morning and the children found out about lots of different organisations, while understanding how they can best keep themselves safe. This included sessions led by Healthy Cornwall, Great Western Railways, Cornwall's Tri-Service and the RNLI Lifeguards.



This afternoon we are venturing out with over 50 children from year 4, 5 and 6 to the annual cross country event at Richard Lander. It is brilliant to be able to take so many children to this and I really hope that the children enjoy it.



Next week is World Book Day and on this day we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character or author. They can also bring in their favourite book if they would like to. We are also inviting parents/carers to join us for a 'Big Read' in the hall where they can join their children reading and enjoying a book.

- KS1 - 2.45pm until the end of the day
- KS2 - 8.45am to 9.15am

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Mr Hick

Can you help Buds?



We are looking to explore our learning of plants in science with the use of our outside area. We are asking if anyone has any soil, pots or plant seeds that they would be happy to donate to the Buds classroom to make this possible. Please get in contact with Miss O'Callaghan if you are able to help!

St Pirans Day

Wednesday 5th March 2025 - 'Pasty Lunch' Please book through parent pay as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as these need to be pre ordered.

Parent Meetings

These will take place in the week beginning 24.3.25. We will send out details of how to sign up soon.

Clubs

The last week for clubs this term will be in the week beginning 17.3.25.

From the PTA

WONKA Challenge!

Deadline is TODAY 28th February 2025

ALADDIN - Hall For Cornwall.

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that all of the funds that we raise this year will be used to pay for every student (and a number of teachers) to attend the **ALADDIN** Christmas performance at the Hall for Cornwall in December!!!

This will cover the tickets, transport and hopefully even an ice cream!

We have carried over £1000 from last year's efforts PLUS the £199.20 from Make the rules day = **£1199.20 Total Raised!!**



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.

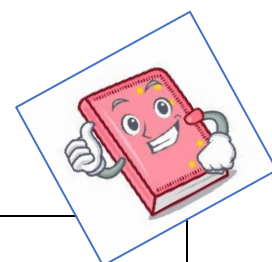
Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

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.

6th March – World Book Day

Children to dress up as a book character or author.



<u>Dates For Your Diary</u>	
6.3.25	World Book Day
4.4.25	Last Day of Term (1pm Finish)
22.4.25	Return to school
12.5.25	SATs Week
23.5.25	Last Day of Term
2.6.25	Return to school
18.6.25	Year 6 Camp
22.7.25	Last Day of term



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Zane & Erin
SEEDLINGS	Ben & Emilia
BUDS	Kirill & Hughie
YOUNG OAKS	Riley & Edmon
BUR OAKS	Elliot & Oscar
RED OAKS	Tyler & Saphie
MIGHTY OAKS	Ethan & Lily-Mae



End of Spring Term

Please note that the end of this spring term will be Friday 4th April at 1pm.

Term Dates 2025/26

Chacewater School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025						
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CORNWALL COUNCIL Together for Families

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



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