

PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

Friday 14th November 2025

Remembrance Day

On Sunday, some of our pupils proudly took part in the local Remembrance Parade, laying a wreath on behalf of the school alongside Mr. Clayden. They represented our school beautifully—showing great respect, pride, and gratitude as they honoured those who have served and sacrificed for our country. In school on Tuesday, we continue to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day. At 11am, pupils and staff joined together in a two-minute silence to give thanks and remember the bravery of all who have fought for our freedom.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”



INSET Day

Monday 5th January
school closed to children.



DAILY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Water Bottle
- Coat
- Reading book and diary

PE Days From November



Reception - Monday
Year 1 - Thursday
Year 2 - Thursday
Year 3 - Wednesday
Year 4 - Wednesday
Year 5 - Friday
Year 6 - Friday (swimming)



MANTA RAYS



MANTA RAYS NEWS

In History this half term, we are learning about Victorian Britain. We will be uncovering what life was like during the Industrial Revolution and exploring the challenging roles children as young as four were expected to take on in coal mines, cotton mills, fields, and as domestic servants. Our study of crime and punishment in the Victorian period will link to our trip to Bodmin Jail. In Science, we will be diving into the world of forces, where the children will be measuring forces with newton metres, experimenting with parachutes to understand air resistance, and investigating which shapes are best suited to float on water. In Literacy, we're starting to read the enchanting tale Sky Song, a magical story of good versus evil. The children have also been using a non-fiction book on rainforests as inspiration for their explanation texts. During Design and Technology, the children will be working hard to design and sew their very own small stuffed toys, and in PE, we will be developing dance moves inspired by a Victorian circus.



RECEPTION



A⁺ RECEPTION NEWS

In Rainbowfish the children have had a fantastic week as they began their new topic, 'Once Upon a Time...'. We launched the theme by celebrating Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night. This week, we've been focusing on developing both fine and gross motor skills, which will help strengthen the children's tripod pencil grip over time.

During Welly Wednesday, the children loved creating stick sparklers and then painted colourful firework patterns on the playground. In the classroom, they explored mark-making by drawing firework designs in black sand, revealing the colourful rainbow layers underneath. Outdoors, we've been spotting spider webs and learning about the different parts of a spider's body, even drawing giant spiders all around our outdoor area!

In maths, the children have been learning to recognise circles and triangles. They have enjoyed printing these shapes into playdough, tracing around them, and searching for examples in the environment. We also explored positional language—using words such as *between*, *behind*, *in front of*, and *under*—and played fun games to practise using this vocabulary in real-life contexts.

We are also learning about the festival of light, Diwali, so keep an eye out for the Diva lamps they are making next week.



DOLPHINS



DOLPHINS NEWS

What a busy start to the term it's been for Year 6!

Our recent trip to Pendennis Castle was one to remember – not least because of the pouring rain! We were fortunate enough to have the whole castle to ourselves, where we explored the historic site and discovered how the castle played an important role during World War II. The tunnels, lookout posts, exhibition rooms and workshop helped us imagine what life must have been like for those stationed there. Even though we were soaked by the end of the day, the experience brought our history topic to life and gave us a great starting point for this term's History learning.

During the first week back, we've been finalising our entries for the BBC 500 Words Competition. Year 6 have shown incredible imagination and creativity, crafting stories filled with adventure, humour and emotion. It's been wonderful to see how their vocabulary and confidence as writers have grown. To add to this, we were invited to read our poems to Year 2, sharing some of our writing in person. The younger pupils were a fantastic audience, and it was lovely to see the way stories and poems can connect different year groups.

In Science, we've begun our new topic on classification, learning how scientists group living things based on their characteristics. We've started by exploring leaves and animals, carefully observing patterns, shapes and features to create our own classification keys.

In Design and Technology, creativity has taken a more practical turn as we've started making pillows. From designing our initial ideas to using such skills as cutting fabric, sewing and gluing, pupils have been developing patience, precision and a sense of pride in producing something handmade. There's been lots of concentration – and we'll need plenty more as we move towards learning new stitching techniques!

We've all been captivated by our new class novel, *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle. Set during the Blitz, it links beautifully with our history learning. I am sure the children will experience a whole range of emotions as the story unfolds.

Finally, a huge thank you for attending Parents' Evenings. It's always a pleasure to inform you about your children's journey in school.



Porthleven Notices & Reminders

Thank You from the LEGO Club!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and to all who bought a treat at our LEGO Club Cake Sale. Your kindness and support helped us raise funds for our club, and we are incredibly grateful!

The LEGO Club members are excited to put the money raised towards new resources and fun activities this year. Thank you for helping make it possible!



Football News

On Monday, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a football tournament at Helston School, competing against schools from around Helston and the Lizard. Despite the weather not being on our side — with heavy rain and even hail at times — the children showed fantastic determination and team spirit throughout.

Both teams gave it their all, finishing 10th and 4th overall. We're incredibly proud of their effort, resilience, and sportsmanship! Well done, everyone!



Awards & Achievements Outside of School

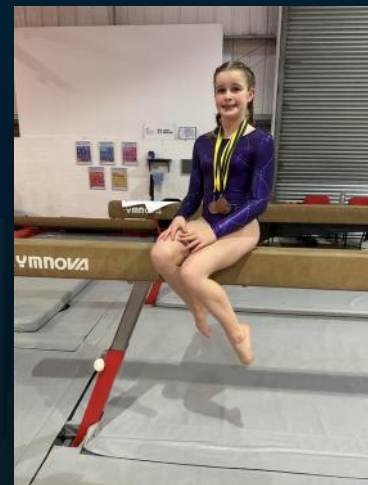


A huge well done to Kaylen, who took part in his first music festival last night in Camborne! He overcame his nerves to give a superb performance and was over the moon with how he played.

Fantastic Results at the Cornish Classic Championships! Last weekend, E competed at the Cornish Classic Championships held at Penryn Gymnastics Centre. She took part in the Zinc level and delivered an outstanding performance:

- 3rd place – Floor
- 3rd place – Vault
- 2nd place – Bar
- 2nd place overall

• Congratulations to E on her fantastic achievements and for representing her club with such skill and determination!



PORTHLEVEN HOUSE POINTS RUNNING TOTALS



WELL DONE TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS – Penrose

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception	90.6
Year 1	100
Year 2	100
Year 3	98
Year 4	98
Year 5	97.4
Year 6	98.6

This weeks winning
class for attendance
is
(Year R)
Rainbowfish

This weeks whole school attendance is 97.82%

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 18th November	Skipping Workshop - Whole School Wear PE Kit
Tuesday 18th November	Year 5 Trip
Wednesday 19th November	Reception trip
Wednesday 19th November	Swimming gala invited children only
Friday 21st November	Year 3 Trip
Thursday 27th November	Year 5 Trip
Tuesday 9th December - 2pm	Reception, year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play - More info on tickets to follow
Wednesday 10th December - 2pm	
Wednesday 10th December - 5pm	
Friday 12th December	Whole School Panto
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas meal day - create a party hat to wear at lunch
Monday 5th January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th—6th Feb	Year 5 School Camp
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day
Friday 8th May	INSET Day
Friday 5th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 10th—12th June	Year 4 School Camp
Thursday 25th—26th June	Year 3 School Camp
Monday 13th –17th July TBC	Year 6 School Camp
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Term
Thursday 23rd July	INSET Day

Weekly Menus

Please order on ParentPay

WEEK 1

W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 09/03/2026, 30/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
	OPTION 2 BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3 Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4 Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Tuna Wrap	Ham Wrap	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Ham Wrap
	OPTION 5 Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Crunchy Apple Slice	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Oat Cookie	Apple Crumble with Custard	Berry Blondie



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! NutriMinder's Choice
Our menus are subject to change. Please be assured that all nutritional medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

WEEK 2

W/C: 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OPTION 2 Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Shepherd's Pie with Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread or Pasta Salad	Veggie Fingers with Chips
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DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Cookie



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WEEK 3

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Gammon with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OPTION 2 Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Potato Wedges	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Pasta	Quorn Roast with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers with Chips
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DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Chocolate Marble Cake	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard	Lemon Cookie	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Fruits of the Forest Jelly



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like *The Witcher* and *Halo*.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like *Power Rangers* and *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, to comic book characters including *Batman*. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they *never* ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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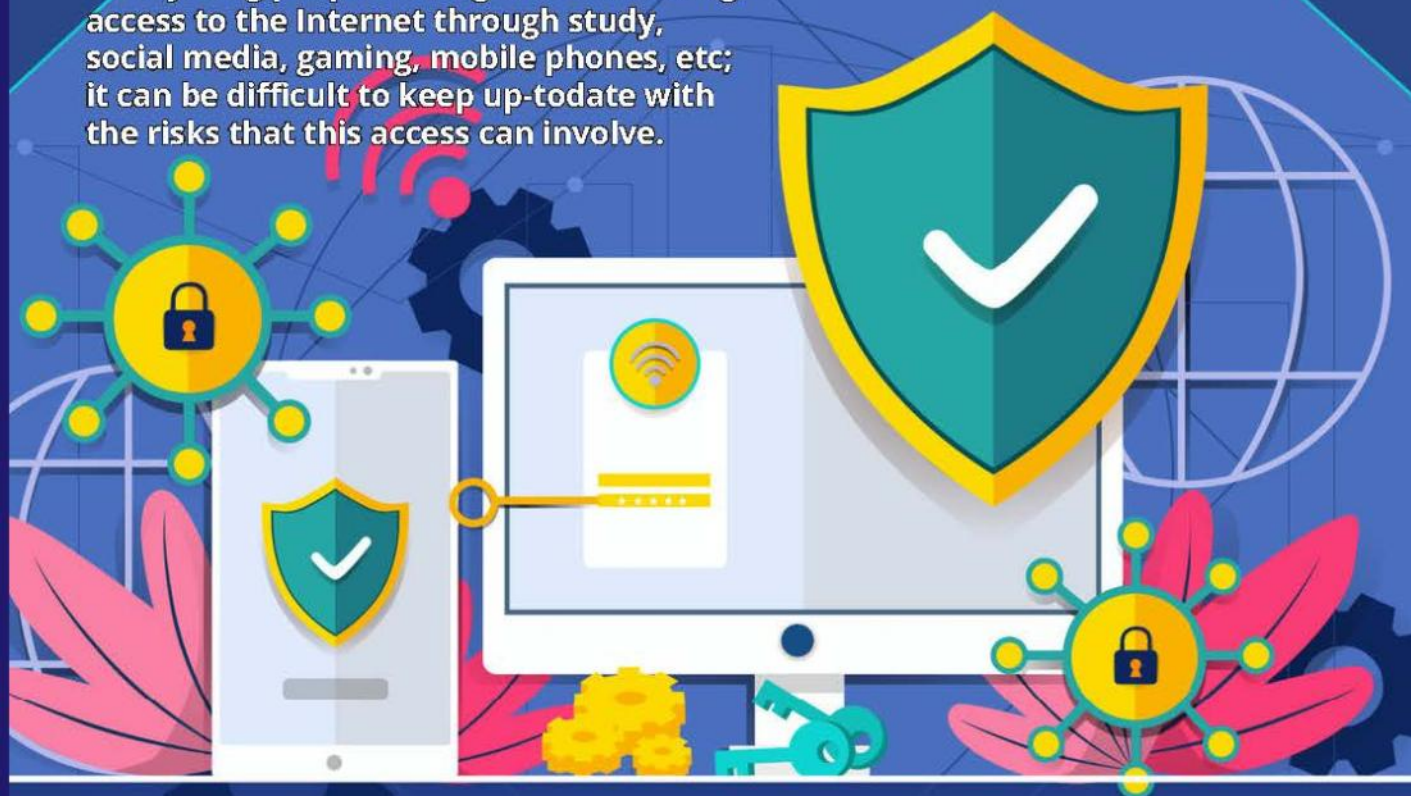
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Parents Information Evening - Internet Safety

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Keeping young people safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing parents, carers and professionals.

With young people having ever-increasing access to the Internet through study, social media, gaming, mobile phones, etc; it can be difficult to keep up-to-date with the risks that this access can involve.



- 6.00pm Upon arrival, you will be greeted at North Site Reception
- 6.10pm Tea and Coffee in the C01 Computing Suite
- 6.20pm - 7.00pm Presentation in C01 Computing Suite followed by Q&A session

At this information evening, I will outline some of the most common risks to young people online as well as the opportunities these tools can offer in terms of supporting them in being safe.

- Areas for discussion include:
- Consequences of not being safe while online
- How to be safe while on the internet
- Social Media Dangers
- How to Report Online Bullying
- Introduction to Apps and Tools used by students (iPads)
- Parental Safety Tools E.g. Google Family Link and Apple Parental Controls

If you would like to attend, please complete this short Microsoft Form

<https://forms.office.com/e/GgRgFUg8sr>

This will allow us to cater accordingly, letting us know the intended number in your party. If you have any questions about this event, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

MUSEUM OF
**CORNISH
LIFE**
HELSTON

YAC MUSEUM EXPLORERS



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Saturday 29th November

Museum of Cornish Life

11am - 3pm

Free entry



Cornwall
National
Landscape

George Wurr

- Learn about the Vikings from Viking expert George
- Handle the Viking weapon replicas
- Be a Viking warrior!
- Have a go at making your own coin! (small fee)

YAC Cornwall
Re-launch
event!

Dr Sally Herriet

- Learn about prehistoric organic material
- Explore Experimental Archaeology
- Handle the prehistoric replica artefacts
- Practise your archaeological drawing



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Christmas Trains



Santa Train Dates (December 2025)
6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

Santa Train Times
10:00, 11:30, 15:00

Train of Light Time
17:30



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BY PHONE

Ring 01326 562249 between 8.15am & 3.30pm to speak to Mrs Blight out side these hours please leave a message.



BY EMAIL

Email porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org anytime or your class email. Queries will be responded to between 8.30 and 4pm.



ARBOR

Photo consent and communication from school will be from Arbor please download the app (pls contact the office for support setting up).

OUR NEWSLETTER

Up coming dates for your diaries are shared on the newsletter along with some classroom news.

OUR WEBSITE

Our website contains useful information about our school.



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Attendance Information

Here at Porthleven School we recognise that regular and punctual attendance is vitally important in helping children feel happy and settled at school. We want every child to feel welcomed and celebrated as part of our school community. Absence can affect friendships, confidence, and learning, whether this is for authorised (e.g. illness) or unauthorised reasons. We recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school. **Please ensure you telephone the school to report your child's absence if they are ill by 9am.** Most children's attendance at this school is excellent. I would like to thank parents for their support in getting their children to school and informing us promptly when they are absent due to illness.

I have included a diagram at the end of the letter, to try to illustrate how a few days here and there add up and can affect a child's learning. In most things in life, 90% is considered to be great, but unfortunately not when it comes to attendance! Our target is 97%. Once a child is below 90% (equivalent to a day a fortnight) a child is considered a persistent absentee. It means that over a course of a year your child has missed roughly a month of education. This can have a huge impact on their well-being and progress. It causes gaps in learning, knocks confidence and affects friendships. Any child with attendance below 90% is closely monitored. Please be aware we will be working closely with the Local Authority Education Welfare Team to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by poor attendance. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our website under policies.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. We are committed to maximising the education of all our pupils and aim to work with parents and carers to ensure this can be achieved.

The Government does not support parents taking children out of school, unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. The DfE does not consider a need/desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure/recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form. **Letters will not be accepted.** This form should be returned to the school office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. There is now a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered. Please note the legal information 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.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

If you have any questions or need support with attendance, please do not hesitate in contacting myself.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Clayden

Headteacher

There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.

Absence in terms of days	190 school days in each year	7 days absence	10 days absence	19 days absence	28 days absence	47 days absence
	190 days for your child's education	183 days in school	180 days in school	171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	162 days in school If it 85% each year, your child is missing the equivalent of a year of education over their time at primary school	143 days in school
percentage	100%	96%	95%	90%	85%	75%
	Good -Best chance of success -Gets your child off to a flying start -Helps their confidence, social development as well as their academic progress -Over 97% is considered excellent attendance		Some Concern -Harder for your child to make progress -School starts tracking your child's attendance closely, medical evidence may be required to authorise further absences linked to illness	Worrying -Your child is now classified as a 'persistent absentee' - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely	Serious Concern -Having a significant impact on your child's education and well-being -Legal Action may be taken	