



**1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week we have had at Chacewater School!

Our Book Fair has been in full swing after school each evening, and it has been wonderful to see so many families popping in to browse and purchase books.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers from Buds Class into school. The children had the opportunity to share some of the fantastic learning they have been doing. I was incredibly proud of how confidently they spoke and talked about their work — no mean feat when you are only in Year 2!

Wednesday was a particularly busy day for Mrs Morgan and our Key Stage 1 team, who spent the day working with Tracey Milson from the Kernow English Hub, reviewing and developing our phonics provision. This was a very useful and positive day, which highlighted many strengths across the team.

Wednesday also saw us host another guitar assembly, led by Mr Dihman. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers once again to watch our ever-growing group of guitarists perform. They did brilliantly, and it is always such a pleasure to celebrate their progress.

We are also pleased to let you know that after-school clubs have now been allocated. We have endeavoured to ensure that every child has been given at least their first choice, and thank you for your patience while this process was completed.

This afternoon, we are ending the week with a real treat for our children in Acorns, Seedlings, Buds, Young Oaks and Bur Oaks, who will be entertained by *The Fake News Navigator*. This is a new interactive touring theatre show by Cousin Jack's and PK Porthcurno, designed to help children and young people identify misinformation in the digital age. Touring Cornwall in spring 2026, it features the character Bobo, includes Makaton signing, and is backed by Ofcom to support media literacy.

I hope you all have a great and extended weekend. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Tuesday next week.

Mr Hick

## 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 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.***

Online Newsletter



This month's online safety focus highlights a number of important areas where parents can help keep children safe online. A summary of content can be seen below and you can access the newsletter [HERE](#).

- **Group chats & online games:** Children may experience unmoderated chats, inappropriate language or contact from strangers. Please talk to your child about safe communication and using privacy settings.
- **Gaming sites (e.g. FreezeNova):** Some unblocked sites include games and chat features that may not be age-appropriate. Supervision and discussion are advised.
- **Roblox updates:** New age-based accounts and stronger parental controls are available. Parents are encouraged to review settings and monitor play.

- **Screen time:** Guidance suggests limited screen time for young children, with a focus on age-appropriate content.
- **Online trends:** Some trends may promote unrealistic or harmful ideas. Talking openly helps children navigate what they see online.
- **Game age ratings:** PEGI ratings now better reflect online risks such as chat and in-game spending.

### Online Safety Information Session



In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

## Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!  
We will share the link with you privately.

**Guide to Social Media & Livestreaming** - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY  
6TH MAY  
2026  
4PM - 4.45PM**

Knowsley  
City Learning Centres

The poster features a background of blue gears with various icons (a laptop, a power button, a mail icon, a social media icon, and an @ symbol). On the left, a young boy is shown from the back, sitting on a blue sofa and looking at a smartphone. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a color palette of blue, red, and yellow.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Focus: Guide to social media and livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- **Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile.** (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- **If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.**

### From the PTA

Next meeting taking place next **Thurs 7th May at 1:30pm** at Luci's lattes:

Everyone welcome: Pop along for a coffee.

Items on the agenda include:

- Sports Day 🏃
- Summer Fayre ☀️
- Leavers Disco 🎵
- Ice Cream Fridays 🍦

### 🎉 Support Chacewater School & Win! 🎉

Want to help raise funds for our school *and* be in with a chance of winning cash prizes?

👉 Join our School Lottery from just £1 per week:

[Support Chacewater CP School PTA when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

The more players we have, the more we raise for our children ❤️

Already playing? Thank you! Please share with friends & family

## 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.

**MHST Presents:** **Parent Transition Workshops**

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MOVE FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY 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

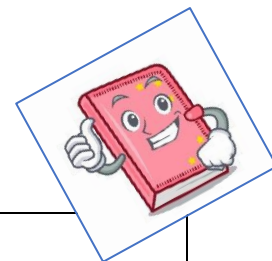
**4. COMMUNICATION & WELLBEING**  
Staying connected and supporting mental health

**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 & Wednesday
- Mighty Oaks – Thursday

## Term Dates

### Chacewater School Calendar 2025/26

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**School holidays**

**Bank holidays**

Christmas Day	25 December 2025
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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

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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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**Spring Term**  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2027  
(Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Apr 2027)

**Summer Term**  
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	Ivy-Grace & Harry
SEEDLINGS	Amelie & Alfie H
BUDS	Jack & Ava
YOUNG OAKS	Finn & James
BUR OAKS	Amelia & Xander
RED OAKS	Elliot & Ella-Grace
MIGHTY OAKS	Holly & April



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**Saturday May 2, 2026  
from 11am to 3pm**

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**For families affected  
by terminal illness**

Join us for a special in-person outing at The Bird of Prey Centre designed just for families coping with terminal illness. It's a relaxed, fun day to connect, learn about the birds, and enjoy some time together in nature. Bring the whole family and experience the wonder of these incredible birds up close in a supportive, friendly atmosphere.

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code for more  
information



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# **YOUTH TEAM PLAYERS WANTED**



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AND BOYS.**

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CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 6**

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MELCLARKE703@GMAIL.COM**

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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)

