



**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been here at Chacewater School! We've been so pleased to see the return of the sunny weather, and we've made the very most of it by taking learning outdoors whenever we can.

From Buds Class exploring different habitats in our school grounds, to Acorns Class identifying local flowers, and even some brilliant maths lessons being held outside – the sunshine has brought a real buzz to our learning environment. It's been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic in the fresh air.



With the sunshine hopefully here to stay, we kindly remind all parents to ensure their children come to school with a hat and have sunscreen applied before they arrive each day. Staying safe in the sun is a shared priority for us all.

Speaking of safety, we were delighted to welcome two local RNLI lifeguards to school on Tuesday, who led a fantastic and informative assembly for our children. They spoke about how to stay safe on the beach and in the sea, covering everything from the meanings of the different beach flags, to understanding rip tides, and how to protect ourselves from the sun. The children asked thoughtful questions and took away some very important messages ahead of the warmer months.

We are also sharing this month's **Online Safety Newsletter**, which includes very useful information about *Roblox* (including new parental control features) as well as guidance around cyberbullying. Unfortunately, we continue to see incidences where children's online behaviour outside of school has led to conflicts and problems within school. We strongly encourage all families to take an active interest in their child's online presence and usage—open conversations, clear boundaries, and regular checks can make a real difference.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a sunny and restful weekend,

Mr Hick

## Sports Day – NEW DATE

Please note that we have a new date for KS1 and KS2 sports day due to a clash with year 6 swimming. This will now take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. This year KS2 will be in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon.

### Cricket - Wednesday

**On Wednesday** all of our children in year3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to take part in a cricket workshop. Please can all children wear PE kit to school on this day, even if it is not a normal PE day for them.



### Swimming – Mighty Oaks



We are really pleased that we will be able to take our Y6 children (Mighty Oaks) swimming over a two-week block – week beginning **2nd June and 9<sup>th</sup> June**. The children will swim every afternoon at Truro Leisure Centre and will be taught by trained swimming instructors. We will travel by coach each day and hope that parents/carers will be able contribute towards the cost of transport through ParentPay.

The children will need a swimming hat, goggles and a towel for these sessions.

### SATs

A reminder that SATs tests for our Year 6 children will take place during the week beginning **Monday, 12th May**. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, well-rested, and ready for the assessments. As in previous years, we will welcome the Mighty Oaks into school in the morning for pre-test breakfasts to energise them to help them do their best!

**Slides from this weeks information meeting have been emailed out to Y6 parent/carers.**

### Clubs



Clubs will begin in the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and run over both half terms of the summer. They will run from the end of the school day through to 4pm.

Clubs have now been allocated and you should have been notified of the clubs that your child/children can take part in.

### Y6 School Camp Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents/carers of Y6 children attending camp after school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May



### Ice Cream Fridays



### Play Trail - After School

While we know how tempting it is for children to enjoy the equipment at the end of the day, we kindly ask that families **refrain from using the play trail once the school day has finished**. This is because:

- The school is **unable to supervise or take responsibility** for its use after hours.

- We also need to **secure the site promptly** at the end of the day to ensure safety and security for everyone.

We really appreciate your support in helping us keep the site safe and running smoothly.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Pretty Muddy – Mud Run

We're excited to share that Miss Laskowski, Miss Hoare, and Miss O'Callaghan will be taking on the Pretty Muddy® 5K—a fun (and very muddy!) obstacle course—on 10<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

We're really proud of them for getting stuck in for such a great cause. If you'd like to support their fundraising efforts, you can donate [HERE](#).



### Book Fair



WOW WOW WOW!

Huge thank you to all that bought books from the Book Fair, we are overwhelmed with your support and sold an incredible £1008 worth over the three days.

This means that we get to purchase £504 worth of books for the school which will be invaluable to the children and are very grateful!

Well done to Ivy and Ella Grace who have been superstars working at the book fair and behind the scenes!

A HUGE thank you also to Mrs Fraser for all of her organisation and help in making this such a success!

## 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.***

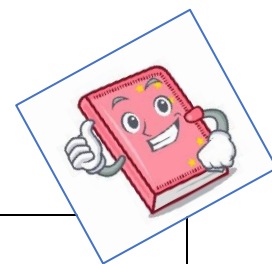
***If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.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



<u>Dates For Your Diary</u>	
12.5.25	SATs Week
23.5.25	Last Day of Term
2.6.25	Return to school
16.6.25	Sports Day – <b>NEW DATE</b>
18.6.25	Year 6 Camp
22.7.25	Last Day of term – <b>1pm finish</b>



## GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Lilly & Tommy
SEEDLINGS	Ivy and Finley
BUDS	Alivia and Reuben
YOUNG OAKS	Riley and Thea
BUR OAKS	Ivy-Rose, Ella-Grace and Thea
RED OAKS	Isla and Ellee
MIGHTY OAKS	Isabelle and Annabelle



## Term Dates 2025/26

### Chacewater School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025										
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su				
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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 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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IN A WEEK** **2025**

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**Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August**

**Ages 5 to 18 years | 9am to 5pm each day**

**Performances: 1st August @ 3pm & 6pm**

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