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BE RESPECTFUL
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CHACEWATER SCHOOL

# 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

There's definitely been a cold snap over the last few days, and we've noticed lots of eager eyes looking out hopeful for snow!

After a very busy week last week, this one has been just as jam-packed—Christmas is starting to loom ever closer! We've begun preparations for our upcoming nativities and carol concerts with great enthusiasm, while continuing to keep a strong focus on all our other amazing learning. A particular highlight has been our work on phonics, supported by the incredible Mrs Morgan and our local English Hub.

The school disco on Wednesday was a huge hit! Thank you to everyone who helped make it another fantastic success.

This week, we've sent home several important forms: Reception & KS1 nativities, KS2 carol concerts, and pantomime permission forms. If you haven't completed these yet, please return them as soon as possible.

A **huge thank you to Rob and Gillian Knill** for their very kind donation of two *Parking Buddies* to help promote considerate use of the road and parking outside the school. With this in mind, we also marked Road Safety Week with an assembly for Key Stage 1, sharing some important reminders about how to stay safe near roads and when crossing them.

Looking ahead to next week, we're excited for our first football match away at Mithian and will end the week with a fun *Wear What You Like Day* to raise funds for our PTA.
Thank you for your continued support as we head into this festive season. It's going to be a wonderful few weeks!

Mr Hick

## FROM THE PTA

### Non Uniform Day - Friday 28th Nov

***Donations for our Rainbow Raffle are greatly appreciated.***

For full details and ideas for donations - see below attached posters or check out the PTA Facebook Page - (3) Chacewater School PTA. | Facebook

Thank you as always for your support.

# Rainbow Raffle

## Non uniform day - Friday 28th Nov

## Dress colourful

To bring some colour to this years Christmas Raffle, we are bringing back the rainbow raffle. Prizes will include 7 luxury coloured themed hampers put together by each class

We are asking each pupil (**only if they are able**) to donate an item corresponding to the colour their class have been given. It could be an unwanted gift, bubble bath, sweets, wine, candle or anything else in that colour.

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| Reception | Acorns | Blue |
| Year 1 | Seedlings | Yellow |
| Year 2 | Buds | Pink |
| Year 3 | Young Oaks | Green |
| Year 4 | Bur Oaks | Purple |
| Year 5 | Red Oaks | Red |
| Year 6 | Mighty Oaks | Orange |

*Please check expiry dates and no perishible items please.*

The Hampers will be raffled at the upcoming Christmas fayre on Sat 6th December

**Items can be brought into school on Friday 28th Nov**

Attendance

This week we have been conducting routine monitoring of attendance in school. As part of this and in line with our policy some families will have received a letter about school attendance.

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… |
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| 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.***

Starting School  - September 2026

Acorns 2026!

Calling all Reception Starters 2026

If your child was born between September 1, 2021, and August 31, 2022, you need to apply for a reception place.

You can now apply for your September 2026 place so it is the perfect time to book onto one of our open mornings and see what we have to offer here at Chacewater School.

Securing the right school place for your child is an important step for all parents and carers. This is why it’s crucial to get the right information early on and submit your application before the deadline.

If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) you do not need to fill out an application. For further information about transitions for children and young people with an EHC plan, please visit Cornwall Council's website and scroll down to the 'Phase Transfer' section. You can also email the Statutory SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) Service on ehcreviews@cornwall.gov.uk or if you would like to speak to someone you can call the SEND System Navigators on 01872 324242.

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING: Reception classes - January 15, 2026.

**https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/.../school.../school-admissions/**

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – 10th December

On Wednesday 10th December we will be having our Christmas Lunch in school. On this day children can wear Christmas jumpers to school.

Christmas Performance Dates

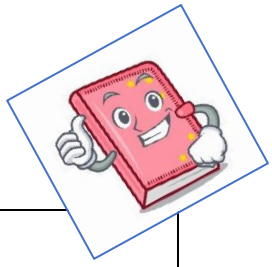
- Acorns Nativity – Thursday 18th December. Performance at 2.00pm. Request Tickets HERE.
- Seedlings & Buds Nativity – Tuesday 16th December. Performances at 9.30am and 2pm. Request Tickets HERE.
- Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts – Wednesday 17th December. Performances at 1.45pm and 6pm. Request Tickets HERE.

Panto!

As you know, we are really excited to be able to take all of our children to the pantomime, Aladdin, at the Hall for Cornwall on Friday 12th December. To help us with organising this event please complete the form HERE (if you haven't already).

**Clubs**

**The last week for after school clubs will be the week beginning 1st December.**



| Dates For Your Diary | |
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| Week Beginning 1.12.25 | Last week for after school clubs. |
| 6.12.25 | PTA Christmas Fayre – Village Hall |
| Week Beginning 8.12.25 | Christmas Performance Week. |
| 12.12.25 | Whole School Christmas Panto |
| 16.12.25 | Seedling & Buds Nativity 9:30am & 2pm |
| 17.12.25 | Carol Concert 1:45pm & 6pm |
| 18.12.25 | Acorns Nativity 2pm |
| 19.12.25 | End of Term – 1pm Finish |
| 5.1.25 | Start of Spring Term |
| 26.1.25 | Inset Day |

Term Dates

## Chacewater School Calendar 2025/26

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CORNWALL COUNCIL | Together for Families

School holidays

| Bank holidays | |
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| 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 26th January 2026
- Fri 24th July 2026

# GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

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| ACORNS | James & Otto |
| SEEDLINGS | Lilly & Ava L |
| BUDS | Liam & Kilian |
| YOUNG OAKS | Lorelei & Gregory |
| BUR OAKS | Lily & Jensen |
| RED OAKS | Evelyn & Ailla |
| MIGHTY OAKS | Daisy-May & Ellie |

Signposting

Truro

# OUR GREAT LITTLE *Festive* CITY

Join us in Truro this festive season with Christmas events from November.

## Truro Christmas Market

**Friday 21st Nov – Wednesday 24th Dec**

Cornwall's Biggest Traditional Christmas Market.

## Boscawen Street Christmas Markets

**Saturdays & Wednesdays**
**22nd Nov – 20th Dec**
**+ Monday 22nd Dec**

Featuring local gifts, produce & street food, along with traffic free shopping.

## Late Night Shopping

**Wednesdays 26th Nov – 17th Dec**
**+ Monday 22nd Dec**

Every Wednesday many of our national and independent shops will be open until 9pm, with Monday 22nd December as an extra late night.

## The Father Christmas Parade

**Wednesday 26th Nov**

Featuring Father Christmas, musicians, performers & dance groups from 6.30pm.

## Father Christmas at the Cornwall Museum and Art Gallery

**Wednesday 10th Dec – Wednesday 24th Dec**

A Father Christmas grotto and storytelling experience not to be missed, see website for further information.

## New Years Eve Fireworks

**Wednesday 31st Dec**

Family display at 7.30pm
Midnight display at Midnight

Watch from Lemon Quay.

For more info go to:
**visittruro.org.uk**

Follow us for updates:
**@visittruro**

Our Great Little Festive City programme is brought to you by

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Cornwall Toy Appeal – Rewind Radio

Cornwall Toy Appeal — helping bring smiles, comfort, and hope to children who need it most.

This year, we're proudly supporting three incredible local charities:

- Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity
- Children's Hospice South West
- Penhaligon's Friends

Each of these charities plays a vital role in supporting children and families here in Cornwall — from those spending Christmas in hospital to those living with life-limiting conditions or coping with the loss of a loved one. Together, we can help make their festive season a little brighter.

Collection of donations will take place from the 10th of December to ensure they reach the charities in plenty of time for them to pass the gifts on to families before Christmas.

We're collecting new, unwrapped toys and gifts suitable for children and young people — from babies right up to 18-year-olds. Every donation, big or small, helps bring joy to a local child or teenager this Christmas.

With your help, we can make sure every child feels the warmth and joy of Christmas.

All our locations can be found here: https://www.rewindradio.co.uk/toyappeal/

NHS

CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
*Provided by Kernow Health CIC*

School aged vaccinations

# Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- **FLU**- Reception - Year 11
- **MMR** - Catch-up
- **HPV**- Year 8 - Year 11
- **Meningitis ACWY**- Year 9 - Year 11
- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** Year 9 - Year 11

FLU

MMR

HPV

MENINGITIS ACWY

DIPHTHERIA TETANUS POLIO (DTP)

## Did you miss us?

**We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:**

- Home educated children
- Anxious children
- Children who missed the session at school

Call us on

**01872 221105**

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net