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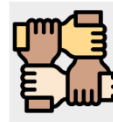
Dear Parents/Carers

What a brilliant first full week back! The school has been alive with learning, positivity and lots of proud moments as children have settled into their new routines and classes.

A huge congratulations to our children in Acorns, who have now begun attending school full-time. They have made a fantastic start, showing increasing confidence and independence every day. We're very proud of them all and suspect there may be a few tired faces by Friday afternoon!

Across the school, we have been revisiting our core behaviour values:

- Be Kind
- Be Honest
- Be Respectful
- Be Brilliant



Alongside this, we have been working hard to establish our routines, with Legendary Lining Up and Wonderful Walking taking place throughout the school. The children have really risen to the challenge. Headteacher stickers have been flying out, and brilliant tokens are popping up everywhere. It has been lovely to see such positivity, pride and enthusiasm across our school community.

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's class meetings. It was great to see so many of you, and we hope you found the sessions helpful and informative. If you were unable to attend, key information and presentation materials can now be found on your child's class page on the school website.

We are also delighted to confirm that our Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 14th October. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for this special celebration of the harvest season.

- **KS2 Harvest Festival:** 1:30pm
- **KS1 Harvest Festival:** 2:15pm

Mr Wilson has already been hard at work teaching the songs, and the children have begun practising with great enthusiasm. We are looking forward to sharing their singing with you and celebrating together as a school community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Hick

Friendly Reminder - Dogs on Site



A polite reminder to all parents and carers that dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site at any time during the school day, including at drop-off and collection times.

We know that many of our families enjoy walking their dogs to school, but this helps us to ensure the safety, comfort and wellbeing of all members of our school community, including those who may be anxious around dogs or have allergies.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Medical Updates and Asthma Information



To help us keep our records accurate and ensure that we can provide the best possible care for all children, we are currently updating our school medical records.

Parents and carers of children who are currently on our asthma register should have received an electronic form. Please look out for this and complete it as soon as possible so that we have the most up-to-date information and asthma plans on record.

More generally, if your child has any medical condition, allergy, medication requirement, or if there have been any changes to their health information, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Keeping our records current helps us to support children effectively and respond appropriately in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for your support and prompt attention to this important matter.

Allergy Awareness and Emergency Medication



Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, we have been reviewing and strengthening our procedures for supporting children with allergies. As part of this work, all staff have been completing updated allergy awareness training to ensure they are confident in recognising and responding to allergic reactions.

We now also have spare emergency adrenaline auto-injectors available on site, which can be used in an emergency if required and in line with national guidance. These are stored securely in the school office alongside our emergency defibrillator, ensuring they can be accessed quickly should they ever be needed.

This provides an additional layer of protection and reassurance for children with severe allergies. The safety and wellbeing of our pupils remain our highest priority, and we will continue to review our procedures to ensure we provide the best possible care for all children

🪲 A Friendly (and Slightly Itchy!) Reminder... 🪲



It wouldn't truly be the start of a new school year without an unwelcome visit from our old friends, the head lice!

We have had a small number of reports of head lice in school, so now would be a great time to carry out a quick check at home. Early detection helps stop these tiny hitchhikers from spreading any further.

Please remember that head lice love clean hair just as much as dirty hair, so anyone can pick them up. Regular checking with a fine-toothed comb is the best way to spot them, and prompt treatment will help keep them under control.

Thank you for joining us in the annual battle against these determined little creatures. With your help, we can send them packing before they decide to make themselves too comfortable!

Happy combing, and good luck!

Parking and Road Safety Around School



We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of parking safely and considerately around the school site.

The areas outside school can become very busy at drop-off and collection times, and safe parking is essential to protect our children, families and local residents. Please remember that the Highway Code advises drivers not to park within 10 metres of a junction, as this can obstruct visibility for both motorists and pedestrians. We also ask that drivers do not stop or park on the yellow zig-zag markings outside school, which are there to help keep children safe when arriving and leaving school.

Recently, local police officers have been monitoring parking around the school and have spoken to drivers about unsafe parking practices. While we appreciate that parking can be challenging at busy times, we ask everyone to work together to ensure the safety of our school community by parking legally and thoughtfully, even if this means walking a little further to school.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our children safe.

Flu Immunisations



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

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

Kernow Health CIC's School Age Immunisation Service will be delivering the annual nasal flu vaccination programme in schools across Cornwall and Devon on behalf of NHS England.

For the 2026/27 season, all children from Reception to Year 11 will be offered the free nasal flu vaccine.

Our school will be visited on 24th September for these. The school office has sent out more detail, including the link to the consent form which will need to be completed by 10am on 22nd September.

Clubs

A reminder that clubs will start in the week beginning 21st September. We are just finalising our offer for this term and we will send this out early next week.



Nut Free



Please remember that we are a nut free school. There are several children in school that have severe nut allergies and therefore we kindly ask that you avoid giving children nuts in packed lunches.

Breaktime Snacks

Fruit snack is only provided to children in key stage 1. Children in key stage 2 will need to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. Please also remember to send your children to school with a bottle containing **water**. Juice is allowed at lunchtime.

Uniform

Please ensure that any items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. It makes returning lost items a lot easier.

PE Days

- Reception – will be updated on Tapestry
- Year 1 – Monday and Friday
- Year 2 – Monday and Friday
- Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 4 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 5 – Monday and Tuesday
- Year 6 – Monday and Tuesday

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.

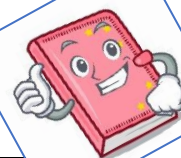
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.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



Dates For Your Diary (More coming soon!)

w/b 7.9.26	New class/teacher meetings
w/b 21.9.26	Clubs begin
24.9.26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
14.10.26	Harvest – Chacewater Church
19.10.26 – 30.10.26	October Half Term (2 weeks)
2.11.26	Start of second half of term
14.12.26	Christmas Production Week (provisional dates and times)! • 15.12.26 - Seedlings and Buds Nativities (morning and afternoon) • 16.12.26 - KS2 Carol Concerts (1.45pm and 6pm) • 17.12.26 – Acorns Nativity
18.12.26	End of Term – 1pm Finish

Chacewater School Calendar 2026/27

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CORNWALL COUNCIL one word at a time	Together for Families
School Holidays	
Bank Holidays	25 December 2026
Christmas Day	28 December 2026
Boxing Day	01 January 2027
New Year's Day	26 March 2027
Good Friday	29 March 2027
Easter Monday	03 May 2027
May Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	30 August 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

Autumn Term
1st Sept – 18th Dec 2026
(Half Term 19th – 30th Oct)

Spring Term
4th Jan – 25th Mar 2027
(Half Term 26th – 9th Apr 2027)

Summer Term
12th Apr – 23rd Jul 2027
(Half Term 31st May – 4th Jun 2027)

INSET Days (highlighted in Yellow) school closed:

- Mon 1st Sept 2026
- Mon 4th Jan 2027



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	All of the Acorns for a fabulous start to full time School
SEEDLINGS	Delilah & Henry
BUDS	Amelie & Rosenwyn
YOUNG OAKS	Harley & Sienna
BUR OAKS	Max & Lily
RED OAKS	Sienna & Riley
MIGHTY OAKS	Anneliese & Ivy



You are invited to our **Open Evening**

Thursday 17 September, 4.30pm - 7pm



At Redruth School our students are at the centre of everything we do. A strong academic curriculum supported by outstanding extra-curricular provision, which enables Redruth students to develop the necessary skills to be successful in their adult life.

Talks at 5pm and 6pm

Presentation and welcome by Mr Craig Bonds, Headteacher
Information about moving to secondary school
Introduction to key members of staff

4.30pm — 7pm

Teaching staff available for questions and answers
Faculty displays
Activities in all subjects with current students supporting
Guided tour of the school with current students
Competitions including an opportunity to win one of two tablets

Start your Redruth School Journey with us at our Open Evening
and see how we work together with families to inspire success, support
achievement and unlock potential.

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Super SATURDAYS

9AM - 12PM

for students starting secondary school
in September 2027!



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OR CALL 01209 203715

PE - 26 SEPTEMBER

SCIENCE - 3 OCTOBER

IT & DT - 10 OCTOBER

CREATIVE ARTS - 17 OCTOBER

OPEN EVENING - THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026



EXPECT THE BEST