BE KIND BE HONEST
BE RESPECTFUL BE BRILLIANT

13th November

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been another busy one at Chacewater and it has been wonderful to welcome a number of visitors into school.

On Monday, we were joined by Dan Simons, Headteacher of Bodriggy Academy, and Louise Williams, Headteacher of Nancledra School. Their visit provided an opportunity to see our school in action, explore our provision and speak with some of our children about their experiences at Chacewater.

On Tuesday, we welcomed our Trust CEO, Jen Blunden, along with Rebecca Johnson, Head of the DfE South West Regions Group. The focus of their visit was our inclusive approach and the ways in which we ensure every child feels valued, supported and able to succeed. I could not have been prouder of both our children and staff across the two days. They represented our school brilliantly and it was a fantastic opportunity to showcase everything that makes Chacewater such a special place to learn and work.

On Thursday, pupils took part in the Huge Poetry Party as part of Michael Rosen Day. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate language, creativity and imagination, and we hope it has inspired many of our young writers to put pen to paper.

We have ended the week with a Wear Your Own Clothes Day in support of our wonderful PTA. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Rainbow Hampers which will feature in our upcoming Rainbow Raffle. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

Looking Ahead

Next week promises to be another busy one:

- **Monday:** Odd Socks Day as we mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week.
- **Tuesday:** Individual school photographs.
- **Wednesday:** Positive Noticing Day, where we will be focusing on kindness and recognising the positive qualities in others.
- **Thursday:** Red Oaks Class will be visiting Truro Fire Station.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

Mr Hick

Monday 16th November - Wear Odd Socks to school



On Monday, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day**, a fun and positive event that celebrates individuality and reminds us that everyone is unique.

Pupils and staff are encouraged to wear their brightest, boldest, and most mismatched socks to show that it's okay to be different. Odd Socks Day also helps raise awareness about bullying and promotes kindness, respect, and inclusion throughout our school community.

This year's theme is **"Break the Silence"**, encouraging everyone to start conversations, listen to others, and take action together against bullying. By speaking up, supporting one another, and creating an environment where every voice is heard, we can all play a part in making our school a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

We look forward to seeing lots of colourful and creative socks on Monday as we celebrate what makes each of us special!

Individual School Photographs

A reminder that the School Photograph Company will be visiting us on 17th November to take individual pupil photographs.

Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full school uniform on this day so that we can capture some smart and memorable photographs.

We look forward to seeing lots of smiles!

SCHOOL DISCO



Wednesday 18th November

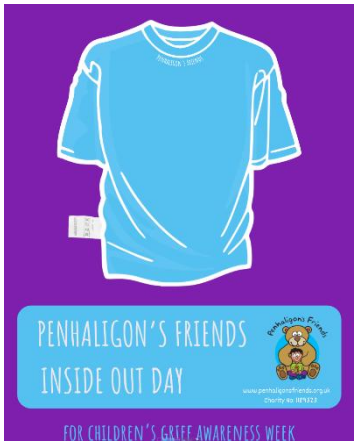
EYFS & KS1: 5-6pm. KS2 6:15-7:15pm

Book your tickets here: DISCO TICKETS

Thank you, as always, for supporting **Chacewater School PTA** ,
helping us to raise funds for the school.

Join the: PTA Volunteer Whatsapp group
Follow the Chacewater PTA: FB group for updates about upcoming events

Penhaligon's Friends Inside Out Day – Friday 20th November



On **Friday 20th November**, we will be showing our support for **Penhaligon's Friends** by taking part in **Inside Out Day**.

This special day encourages us to think about feelings, grief and the importance of talking about our emotions. It reminds us that sometimes how we feel on the inside may not match what people see on the outside, and that kindness and understanding can make a real difference.

To support the event, we are inviting all children to come to school with their school jumper or fleece worn inside out. There is no need for any special clothing, just turn your school jumper or fleece inside out before coming to school!

We look forward to seeing lots of inside-out jumpers around school as we come together to support this important cause and raise awareness of children's emotional wellbeing.

History Day – Advance Notice – 24h November



Parents are invited into school at 2.45pm on this day so that see what the children have been learning in their class.

Truro Clothes Bank



Advance Warning: Christmas is Coming!

Yes, we know it's still five weeks away, but the first festive songs are already echoing around the school, scripts are being handed out, and rehearsals are officially underway. While there is still plenty of practising, polishing and perfecting to do, we wanted to give families plenty of notice for this year's Christmas performances. Please make a note of the dates and times below.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – 17th December



On Thursday 17th 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 17th December. Performance at 2.00pm.
- Seedlings & Buds Nativity – Tuesday 15th December. Performances at 9.30am and 2pm.
- Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts – Wednesday 16th December. Performances at 1.45pm and 6pm.

We will give details of how to get tickets soon.

Reminders

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.

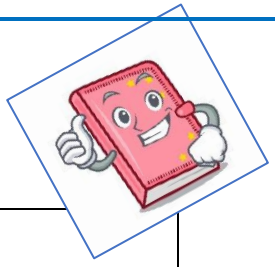
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.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

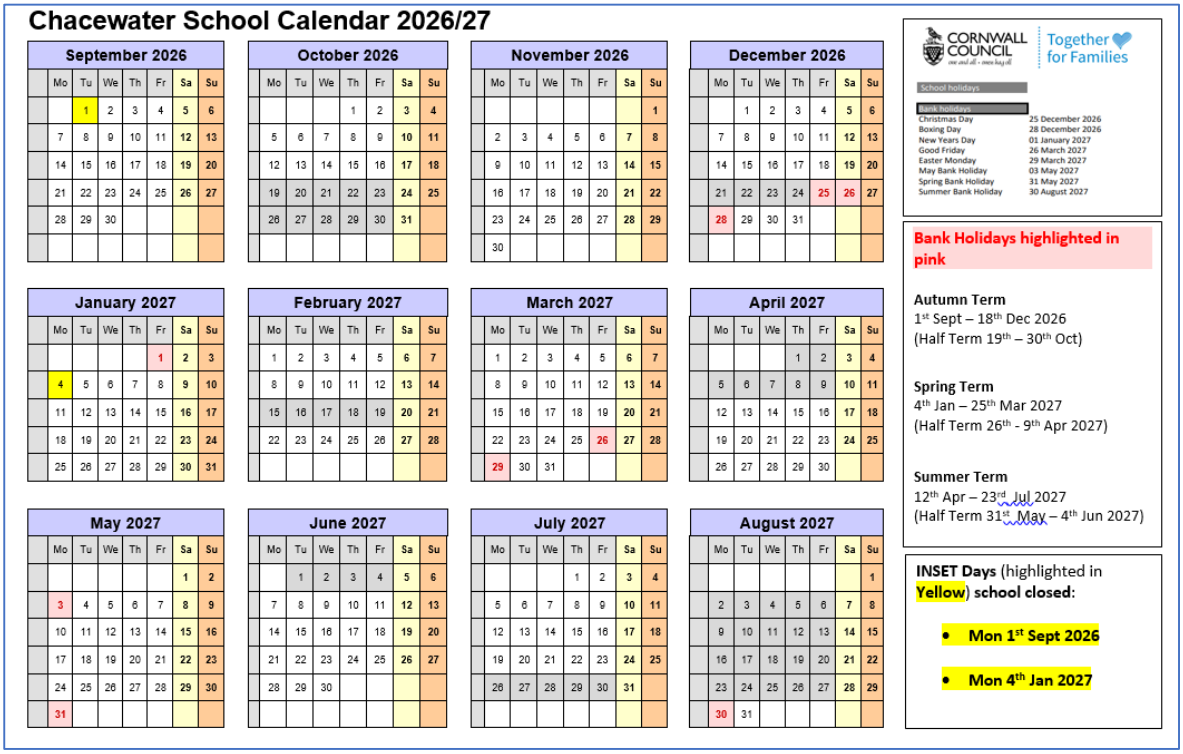
Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the 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

2.11.26	Start of second half of term
10.11.26	Mighty Oaks - Maritime Museum Trip
13.11.26	PTA - Wear What You Like Day
16.11.26	Odd Sock Day Anti – Bullying Week
19.11.26	Red Oaks Trip to Truro Fire Station (Life Skills)
20.11.26	Penhaligon's Friends Inside Out Day
24.11.26	History Day
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





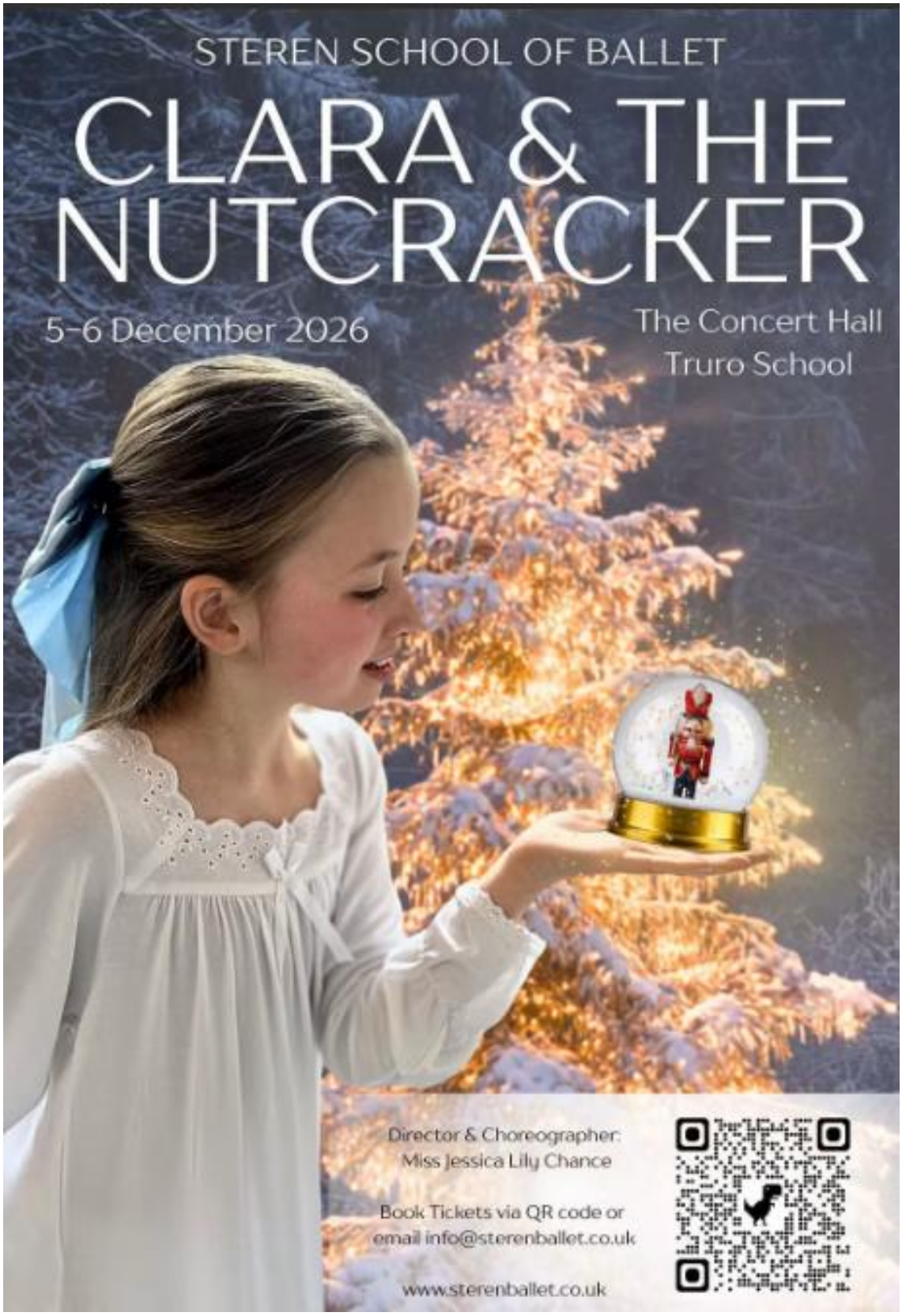
GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	
SEEDLINGS	
BUDS	
YOUNG OAKS	
BUR OAKS	
RED OAKS	
MIGHTY OAKS	



Signposting




STEREN SCHOOL OF BALLET
CLARA & THE NUTCRACKER
5-6 December 2026
The Concert Hall
Truro School
Director & Choreographer:
Miss Jessica Lily Chance
Book Tickets via QR code or
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www.sterenballet.co.uk

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Please join us for our five week

Parent Led CBT Intervention

- Is your child struggling with worries or anxiety? MHST is offering a Parent-Led CBT programme, providing parents and carers with practical strategies to help their child manage anxiety.
- Sessions start on Monday 9 November, and will be each week on 16, 23, 30 Nov, 7 & 14 December please choose a session time (9.30-11.00am or 4pm - 5.30pm) when you sign up. You will be signed up to the same session time each week

Register your interest by completing the link below or scan the QR code:
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