



7th March 2025

Dear parents/carers

What a fantastic week it has been at Chacewater School. We've been busy celebrating diversity, enjoying special events, and welcoming visitors into our school. Here's a little look at what we've been up to.

This week, we've continued our discussions around diversity in our world. We explored the Islamic festival of Ramadan, learning about the significance of fasting and reflection. We also talked about Shrove Tuesday, leading into the Christian period of Lent—of course, there was plenty of talk about pancakes too!

Wednesday was a special day for us all as we celebrated St Piran's Day, honouring Cornwall's patron saint. The school was filled with Cornish pride as we enjoyed a traditional pasty and sang Cornish songs together—it was wonderful to see the children embracing our local heritage!

Also on Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Garbett (Headteacher of Mithian School) and Mrs Cocks (Headteacher of Kennall Vale School) as part of our termly school improvement cycle. Together, we looked at our phonics provision and how we are developing our teaching approaches. It was a really positive visit, highlighting the many strengths of our staff and the fantastic work happening across the school.

Thursday was another wonderful day as we celebrated World Book Day! The school was a colourful, imaginative place with children (and staff!) dressed as their favourite book characters. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our 'Big Reads'—it was fantastic to see so many of you sharing stories with the children. We hope this day has inspired even more love for reading at home!



Thank you for all your support this week. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mr Hick

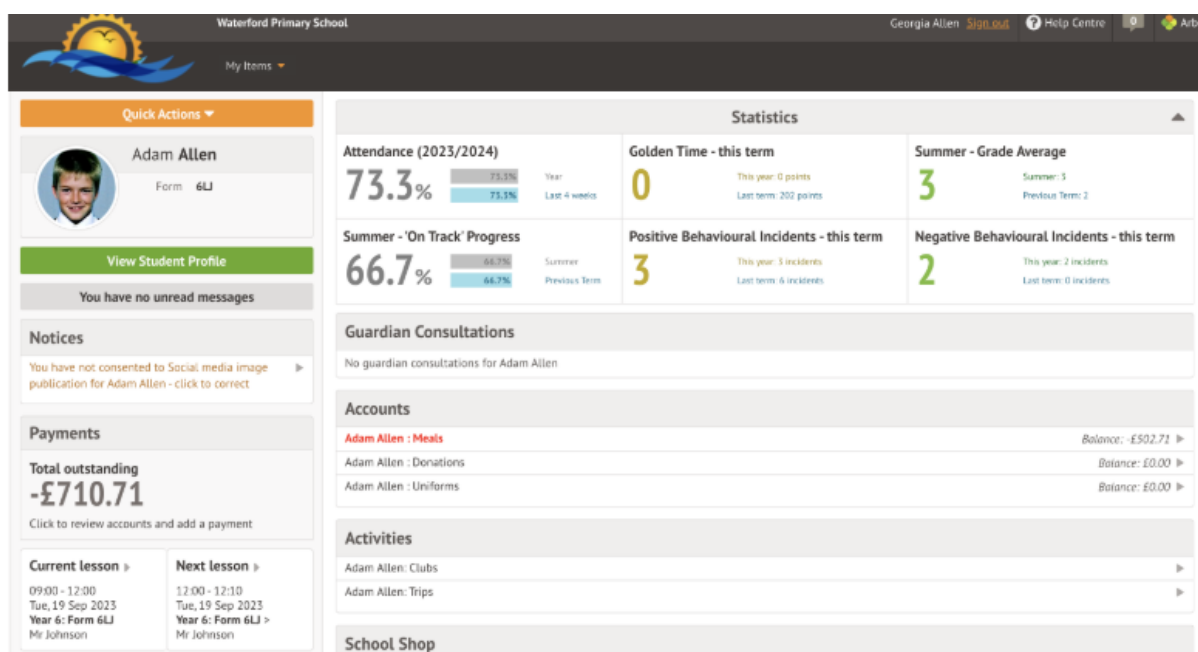
Parent Meetings

These will take place in the week beginning 24.3.25. We will send out details of how to sign up soon as we are looking into the possibility of an electronic sign up this time, more information to follow.

Parent Portal

Please check your emails, we have sent out details on how to sign up for the 'Parent Portal'. The parent portal can be accessed through an app on your phone or via an internet browser. Once you are signed up you will be able to view contact information that we hold on file for your child/children as well as being able to view attendance, emails, letters and messages via the portal.

This is an example of how the 'Dashboard' for your child will look.



If you would like support to set this up, we will be offering this via the school office team. Please email chacewater@tpacademytrust or call the school office on 01872 560302 to arrange a suitable time.

Clubs

The last week for clubs this term will be in the week beginning 17.3.25.

This can be found on our website - [Click Here](#)

From the PTA

World Book Day - Wonka Bars

WOW, what a fundraiser!!

When we agreed to try this out we never could have imagined just how popular it would be and how much we would raise towards the whole school trip to Hall for Cornwall in December. **We are absolutely delighted to announce that YOU raised over £650 for the school (by simply buying chocolate)!!**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the event, and to Mr Hick for being such a good sport and allowing us to give away lots of school time treats!!! A massive thankyou also, to all the PTA volunteers who spent hours printing, cutting, wrapping and bagging up over 600 bars of delicious chocolate!!

If you were unable to collect your order yesterday, then please collect it from the school office.

GOLDEN TICKETS: If you are lucky enough to find a golden ticket hidden inside your bar of chocolate, then head to the office to redeem your prize or speak to a member of the PTA.

Of course you all want to know who sold the most bars of chocolate and have won a movie afternoon for their class..... drumroll please.....

The winner is SEEDLINGS!!!!

Well done seedlings, you sold a whopping 119 bars!!!!

Sales per class as follows:

1. Seedlings - 119 bars
2. Acorns - 102 bars
- 3 & 4 - Bur Oaks & Red Oaks - 90 bars each
5. Buds - 88 bars
6. Mighty Oaks - 76 bars
7. Young Oaks - 58 bars

Well done everyone!!



Next PTA Meeting: Thursday 13th March at 7pm, The Kings Head. (to discuss upcoming school disco & Easter event) - Everyone welcome so please join us if you can.

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.

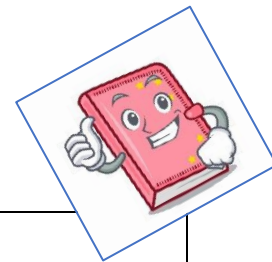
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.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

6.3.25	World Book Day
4.4.25	Last Day of Term (1pm Finish)
22.4.25	Return to school
12.5.25	SATs Week
23.5.25	Last Day of Term
2.6.25	Return to school
18.6.25	Year 6 Camp
22.7.25	Last Day of term



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Paisley and Delilah
SEEDLINGS	Harleen and Jack
BUDS	Daxon and Jessie
YOUNG OAKS	Pippa and Roman
BUR OAKS	Dylan and Caleb
RED OAKS	Iyla and Harley-Jay
MIGHTY OAKS	Daisy and Oscar



End of Spring Term

Please note that the end of this spring term will be Friday 4th April at 1pm.

Term Dates 2025/26

Chacewater School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025						
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August 2026						
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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

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 24th Nov 2025
- Fri 24th July 2026



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Wildlife Trust

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Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...

Egg Hunt →

Wild Wellbeing



During the Easter holidays MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and ..., would like you to join us on a FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book EACH child on to a session below:

Morning and afternoon sessions available:

Tuesday 8 April 2025 at Golitha Falls

Thursday 10 April at Tehidy Woods

Tuesday 15 April at The Dipping Pond, Gossmoor

Tuesday 15 April at Widemouth Bay, Bude

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1c>

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Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)