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CHACEWATER SCHOOL

28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another week has whizzed by, and what a busy one it has been! The children have been working incredibly hard on their end-of-term assessments. What stands out most is the positive attitude and resilience they've shown throughout—such an important skill for life. A huge well done to everyone for giving their best effort and supporting each other.

On Tuesday, we travelled to Mithian School for our first football league match of the season. The team played with determination, created some fantastic chances, and showed great teamwork. Although we couldn't quite break through the defence of a strong side, the effort and spirit were outstanding. We're proud of you all!

Thursday brought a festive treat—our Christmas tree arrived! A big thank you to our friends at Chacewater Garden Centre for their generous support. The tree will look wonderful, and we can't wait to start making decorations together. Our grand light switch-on is planned for early next week, and it promises to be a magical moment as always.

Thanks to your amazing support at our book fair, we've received a brilliant delivery of books from Scholastic. These new titles will help boost our library and keep that buzz for reading alive. It's wonderful to see the children so excited about exploring new stories.

We rounded off the week with a basketball competition at Richard Lander School. The children, I know will show fantastic energy and sportsmanship—results will follow soon, so watch this space!

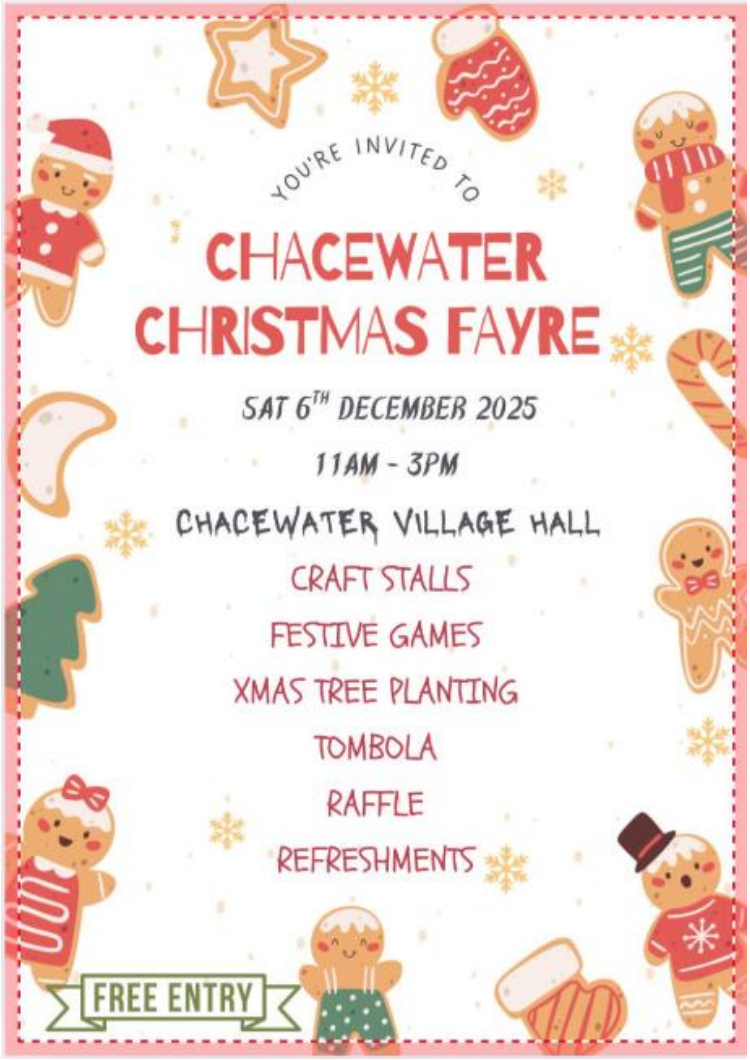
Thank you for your continued support in making Chacewater such a vibrant and caring school community.

Mr Hick

Email Issue

We are aware that there is currently a problem across our academy trust with emails from schools going into 'junk'. Please check this to make sure you haven't missed anything.

FROM THE PTA



Thank you for all of your generous donations to our ***Christmas Rainbow Raffle.*** *To be in with a chance of winning one of the lovely rainbow hampers, complete and return the raffle tickets that have been sent home with your child.*

Please return all raffle tickets (whether you have purchased or not) to school by Friday 5th December.

The raffle will be drawn at our ***Christmas Fayre*** *on Saturday 6th December, 11am - 3pm at Chacewater Village Hall. Please come along to support our school and join in some festive fun!*

Online Newsletter

Keep Your Child Safe Online This Festive Season

This month's newsletter is full of practical tips for parents: from setting up parental controls on new devices and checking game ratings, to understanding AI chatbots, Roblox safety, and popular messaging apps like Signal and Discord. Stay informed and discover simple steps to protect your child online.

☞ Read the full newsletter HERE!

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).

Last Day of Term

Our last day of term is Friday 19th December and we will finish at 1pm on this day.

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…
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.

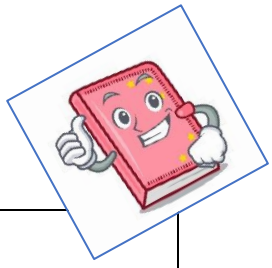
If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) you do not need to fill out an application. For further information about transitions for children and young people with an EHC plan, please visit Cornwall Council's website and scroll down to the 'Phase Transfer' section. You can also email 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/

Clubs

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



Dates For Your Diary	
Week Beginning 1.12.25	Last week for after school clubs.
6.12.25	PTA Christmas Fayre – Village Hall
10.12.25	Christmas lunch
12.12.25	Whole School Christmas Panto
16.12.25	Seedlings & 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

September 2025

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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August 2026

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CORNWALL COUNCIL — Together for Families

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 26th January 2026
- Fri 24th July 2026

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Ayva & Ivy-Wren
SEEDLINGS	Charlotte & James
BUDS	Jude & Mia
YOUNG OAKS	Alivia & Jess
BUR OAKS	Olivia & Mia
RED OAKS	Jake & Caleb
MIGHTY OAKS	Alfie & Honey

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

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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