



18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic week it has been at school! Our classrooms have been buzzing with learning, enthusiasm and determination, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling so confidently into the new academic year.

This week, we have been taking a particularly close look at some of the key foundations of learning across the school: **phonics, reading, handwriting and writing**. Mrs Morgan and Mrs Law have been busy visiting classes, looking at children's work and exploring how effectively these important areas are being taught. Their focus has been on ensuring that we are getting the fundamentals absolutely right for every child. Although it is still very early in the term, we have been incredibly pleased with what we have seen so far. Of course, we are always on a journey of continual refinement and improvement, but the quality of the children's work and their effort are already blowing our socks off!

I have also been delighted to see a growing number of children visiting me for a coveted Headteacher's Sticker. These awards have not only been for incredible learning, but also for demonstrating outstanding attitudes towards learning. It has been lovely to celebrate children showing that they can be **resourceful, reflective, reciprocal and resilient** in everything they do. Well done, everyone. Keep it up!

Next week sees the start of our extra-curricular clubs, and we are thrilled to be able to offer such a wide range of opportunities for our pupils. We always work hard to allocate places fairly, but inevitably some clubs are oversubscribed and not every child will receive their first choice. Thank you for your understanding and support. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our dedicated staff who generously volunteer their time to make these opportunities possible for our children.

On Tuesday, we held our first fire drill of the school year. I am pleased to report that we evacuated the building in an impressive 3 minutes and 15 seconds. A great start to the year, although we will, of course, be aiming to shave a few more seconds off that time next time!

Looking ahead to next week, please remember that Flu Immunisations will take place on Thursday. On Friday, we will celebrate National Teaching Assistant Day, providing a wonderful opportunity for us all to recognise and thank our amazing team of support staff. Their dedication, care and commitment make a huge difference to the lives of our children every single day. .

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Hick

Get Involved with The PTA

We are so lucky to have an amazing PTA group that do fantastic things to raise funds for the children, if you can spare any time please pop along to their meeting to find out more.....

From the PTA

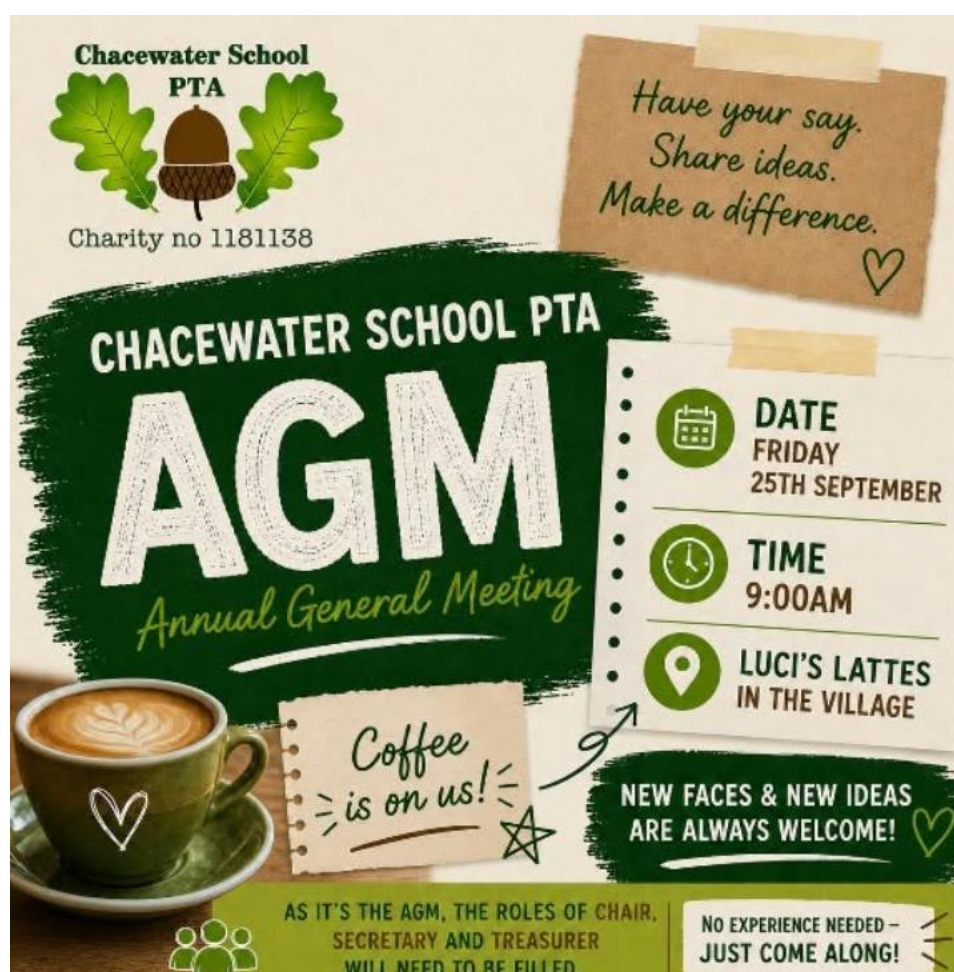
Reminder - PTA AGM next week

Friday 25th September

Our AGM is coming up and **we really do need your support**. We'll be electing a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as chatting about plans, fundraising ideas and what we'd like to help fund for the children this year. The PTA can only keep doing what it does with parents getting involved, so whether you're interested in taking on a role, can help occasionally or simply have some ideas to share, **please come along**. It's relaxed and informal, everyone is welcome – and coffee is on us! ☕

If you would like to join the [PTA Volunteer whatsapp group](https://chat.whatsapp.com/J2miP6Fm9zIJ1M1lg2lDge) - please follow this link
- <https://chat.whatsapp.com/J2miP6Fm9zIJ1M1lg2lDge>

Link to FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/144337382865554>



Safe in Side



Next week, we will be holding a 'Safe Inside' drill as part of our safety procedures. This will be a practice session in case we ever need to react to a critical incident in our area. For this drill, we will be imagining a scenario where the school needs to stay inside due to a swarm of wasps.

Please be assured that this is purely a practice exercise, and the likelihood of such an event occurring is extremely low. We will explain the situation to the children in a calm and reassuring manner, emphasising that this is just a precautionary measure to ensure their safety in all potential scenarios.

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.



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.

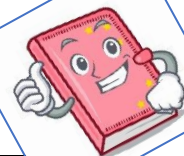
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.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

w/b 7.9.26	New class/teacher meetings
w/b 21.9.26	Clubs begin
24.9.26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
28.9.26	Safe Inside Drill
W/b 12.10.26	Parent Face to Face Meetings (booking details to follow)
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
16.11.26	Odd Sock Day Anti – Bullying Week
18.12.26	End of Term – 1pm Finish

Chacewater School Calendar 2026/27

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CORNWALL COUNCIL the council of Cornwall	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	Everyone for their 1 st full week
SEEDLINGS	Juliet & Tyler-James
BUDS	Lilly & Tommy
YOUNG OAKS	Samuel & Blake
BUR OAKS	Charlie & Delilah-Rose
RED OAKS	Zayed & Miya-Rose
MIGHTY OAKS	Amy & Jenny





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.

www.redruth.cornwall.sch.uk

Super SATURDAYS

9AM - 12PM

for students starting secondary school
in September 2027!



BOOK ONLINE
WWW.REDRUTH.CORNWALL.SCH.UK
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