



20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Yet another busy week has passed by at Chacewater and we are now well into this half term.

Already there has been lots of incredible learning taking place, far too much to fit into this newsletter but here is a snapshot of some of the things that have been happening:

- Acorns – have been getting to grips with phonics – g . . g . . g . . girl'
- Seedlings – have been counting forwards and backward up to 10. Fab mathematics!
- Buds – have been learning then names of our 7 continents and reinforcing this with a special song.
- Young Oaks – have been learning all about different foods, where they come from and the impact of food miles on our environment.
- Bur Oaks – have been asking the question 'Where does my food go?', lots of learning about poo!
- Red Oaks – investigated the circle of life - exploring different life cycles.
- Mighty Oaks – have been learning about our key engine, the heart, and how our circulatory system works. Phenomenal!

Looking ahead to the next few weeks, we are hoping to welcome many of you to are harvest celebrations at the church on the 15th October. We have decided to change the times for these slightly and key stage 2 will now be at 1.30pm, followed by reception and key stage 1 at 2.15pm. More details can be found below.

I have included information from again about attendance in this week's newsletter, this is really important, please make sure that you have read it.

Thank you for everyone's efforts in improving parking around the school – it is better but we are quite there yet! Please ensure that you continue to be considerate.

I hope you have all have a great weekend!

Mr Hick



READING

Can we all have a push on reading at home. This is an essential part of homework each week. We see a huge difference in those children that read regularly at home!

Special Menu Day – Thursday 3rd October

We have an exciting change to the school meal menu on Thursday as part of our harvest celebrations. If your child hasn't tried school dinners then now is the time to try them. The menu hasn't been updated on ParentPay yet but if you have booked or do book then it will be below:



MAINS

Southern Fried Chicken
Crispy Quorn Nuggets

SIDES

Chips
Peas
Baked Beans

DESSERT

Sticky Apple Slice with
Vanilla Ice Cream or Custard

**Menus may be subject to change*

Five tips to support the after-school 'meltdown'

Picture the scene: your child comes out of school and the teacher says they've behaved like the perfect child all day, but the moment you get home they have a complete meltdown. Your child screams, shouts, lashes out, sulks or generally acts in an unruly manner.

If that scene is familiar to you, you're not alone. This type of behaviour is what some psychologists refer to as 'after-school restraint collapse' and it's not unusual. It happens because your child has been busy managing their emotions all day as they navigate the complexities of school life.

When they get home, that's their safe space to let it all out!

So, now you know what it is, what can you actually do about it? Parents' Toolkit has been speaking to educational and child psychologist Dr Anisa-Ree Moses, for some tips on how to support these outbursts of emotions after-school. Follow the link [HERE](#) for more information.

Also check out our website for more useful information – [HERE](#).

Family/Parenting Worker Drop In **Chacewater Primary School**

These sessions will be run by Annie Fearn, Family Worker, from the Early Help Team.

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary on following dates throughout the year.

Wednesday 25/9/24 1:30- 3:30

Wednesday 4/12/24 1:30-3:30

Wednesday 12/2/25 1:30-3:30

Wednesday 2/4/25 1:30-3:30

Wednesday 2/5/25 1:30-3:30

Wednesday 16/7/25 1:30-3:30

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: carrickfamilyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 322661

Relationship and Positive Behaviour Policy

We have updated our Relationship and Positive Behaviour Policy and this can be found on our website [HERE](#).



Starting School in September 2025

The application window is now open to apply for a school place for September 2025. Details below. Watch this space for details of our upcoming open morning/afternoon.

CORNWALL COUNCIL
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Together for Families

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2025**

Starting school September 2025

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Applying for a **reception class** place for **September 2025**

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: **01872 324242** Email: **statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk**

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to **www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport** for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by **15 January 2025**

Apply online at **www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions**

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2025.** **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

Online Safety

In today's digital world it can be very challenging to help support your children to stay safe online. We have noticed a rise in a number of our children not keeping themselves as safe online as they need to. We have been doing work in school on this but can I please encourage you all to take an interest in your child's online presence and their use of social media. The following age restrictions apply to social media for good reason:



APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+		16+	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter		
TikTok	Kik		
YouNow	Yubo		
House Party	Monkey		
		17+	18+
		Sarahah	MeetMe
		YOLO	LiveMe

On Wednesday 2nd October (4pm to 4.45pm) there is parent/carer session hosted by Knowsley Online Safety. This is free to attend and will be very informative/useful. The link can be found [HERE](#).

Smartphone Free – this has been on the news recently and is an interesting read. [HERE](#).

Transfer to Secondary School

Please note that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is fast approaching.



Together 
for Families

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applications is
31 October
2024

Transfer to secondary school

September 2025

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



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Telephone: **0300 1234 101**



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2025**

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2 Submit your application by **31 October 2024**

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If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 3 March 2025. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

Attendance

I have been asked a lot of questions about attendance recently and I would like to 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.

Pupil Premium form etc.

As a school we are required to complete a census on Thursday 3rd October, this census drives our pupil funding.

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding that offers significant benefits to our students. As you may know, this funding is intended to help improve the educational outcomes of children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Pupil Premium is an additional sum of money given to schools for each child eligible for free school meals, those who have been in care, or children whose parents are in the armed forces. This funding is used to provide essential support and resources that can enhance your child's learning experience and overall development.

We need to conduct a search via the local authority on our pupils to establish eligibility for PPG.

Data will be treated with the strictest confidence and stored in line with GDPR regulations.

We appreciate your co-operation with this and would appreciate if you could complete this short form [HERE](#) by Friday 20th September at the latest.

Clubs



We have allocated places to both our key stage 1 and key stage 2 clubs. Wherever possible we have tried to ensure that every child has at least their first-choice of clubs. Clubs will begin next week. **Please note that for football club the children do need football boots and shin pads.** If you have any difficulty with this then please do let us know. If you do have old unwanted boots or shin pads at home then we would welcome them as we try to keep some spares which we can lend out.

Harvest Festival – Please note the change in times



On the 15th October we will be holding two short harvest celebrations in Chacewater Church. One for reception and **key stage 2** at 1.30pm and one for **key stage 1** at 2.15pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these but please be mindful of available space in the church. During this week we will be taking a collection of goods for Truro Foodbank.

Play Trail

Unfortunately, this cannot be used at the end of day. Thank you for your understanding and not letting your children play on it.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Details of these have been sent out via email this week. Please note that these are taking place on Tuesday 8th October.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

**Chacewater Community Primary School
EE142789**

Cornwall and Devon
School-Age Immunisation Service
Cornwall
Tel: 01872 221 105
Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net
Devon
Tel: 01392 342678
Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net
Website: www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due

Kernow Health's School Age Immunisation Service is delivering the nasal flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2024/25 all children in Primary Schools from **Reception to year 6 (inclusive)** will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link, [FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine \(live attenuated, nasal\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](https://www.medicines.org.uk/FLUENZ_Tetra_INN-influenza_vaccine_(live_attenuated,_nasal))

We are due to visit your child's school on **Tuesday 8th October 2024**. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: EE142789

Please submit your consent form by **midday on Friday 4th October 2024** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please **telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools** and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years **you must opt into the programme**. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact us on the numbers above.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it will help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully



Dr Paul Cook
Chief Medical Officer
Kernow Health

From the PTA

AGM UPDATE

At our Annual General Meeting last week we reported a fantastic year last year with an overall income of £10,130.10, closing balance of £4367 and a total of **£12,937.20 that** went back into the school on items including the new front playground markings, lots of new sports equipment plus the new extension to the play trail in the back playground.

We are pleased to announce that our committee was voted in as:

Charlotte Bearham, Chair

Karen Topping, Treasurer

Chrissi Martin, Secretary

A huge thankyou to EVERYONE who worked so hard last year to help fundraise for our school!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October Disco - Date TBC

Christmas Fayre - Sat 23rd November

Wreath Making Evening - Sat 7th December (Tickets on sale soon)

PLUS Lots more to be announced!

ASDA - CASH POTS FOR SCHOOLS

Got the Asda Rewards App?

YES then please add the Chacewater School to your rewards for school .

If you are a regular (or occasional) shopper at Asda then sign up to the rewards scheme NOW both you and our school will benefit

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

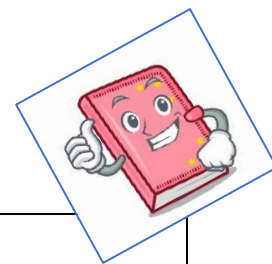
NEW CLOTHING BANK

Thankyou so much to everyone who has been using our new charity clothing bank in the main car park in Chacewater.

We are delighted how many people have utilised it and have already had to have it emptied 3 times since it was installed just over a month ago which equates to over £100 of money that goes straight back into the school.

THANKYOU for your continued support!!

From The PTA Team x



<u>Dates For Your Diary</u>	
8.10.24	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
w/b 14.10.24	Parent Face 2 Face Meetings
15.10.24	Harvest – Chacewater Church
25.10.24	Inset Day – School Closed to Children
28.10.24 – 1.11.24	Half Term
4.11.24	Inset Day – School Closed to Children
15.11.24	Tempest Class Photos
20.12.24	End of Term – 1pm Finish



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Sennen & Enzo
SEEDLINGS	Isla & Ben
BUDS	Locryn & Adelie
YOUNG OAKS	Mia & Charlie
BUR OAKS	Oscar & Riley
RED OAKS	Evelyn & Lauren
MIGHTY OAKS	Olly & Freya

