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To Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold weather this week, and rainy at times, that hasn't stopped us getting out and about.
We have been very fortunate to have had lots of donations of pots and Spring bulbs which will help to brighten up our outdoor spaces, and the children in Acorns and Cheery class have been extremely busy putting them to good used. They have emptied out the planters and filled them with lovely, new compost, before placing bulbs into little compost holes and covering them back over - we can't wait to see how these look in the Spring.

We are continuing to develop our outside area by zoning off certain sections to make them more purposeful and accessible. The mud kitchen has now been moved so children can use natural resources to make mud pies, leaf cakes and magic potions. The construction area has had a huge sort out which has already encouraged some big builds, road traffic chaos and super imagination. There is still lots more to do. If you know someone who could supply us with lots and lots of wooden, bark chippings, then please do ask them to get in touch with us - we will definitely find a use for them

On Wednesday we had a moment of quiet reflection whilst we observed a two-minute silence in support of Armistice Day. A group of 14 children visited Bradoc Church and stood beside the war memorial to lay a poppy wreath, which was very cleverly made by the pupils in Cherry Class. The children also had the opportunity to go inside the church to look at the Armistice display.
Back at school, we all met in the hall for a short reminder on why we come together each year on the 11th November at 11am and why the poppy is used as the symbol. I was blown away by the children's maturity and the genuine respect they showed, both at the memorial and back in the hall. They were an absolute credit to the school.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to inform you of a few staffing changes.
Firstly, the wonderful news that Miss Renfree is expecting her second child, in April 2027. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and wishing her and her family all the very best for this exciting new chapter ahead. We will be seeking to appoint a teacher to cover Miss Renfree's maternity cover.

We are very excited to be welcoming Mrs Foyle (aka Miss Biggers) back to Braddock School in the New Year as her maternity leave comes to a close. Mrs Foyle not only had a beautiful little girl, whilst away from school, but also got married. We have already started the transition process; with Mrs Foyle visiting the children and working alongside Mrs Medway and our KS1 Phase Leader, to get back into the swing of all things KS1.
With Mrs Foyle returning does of course mean that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Medway at the end of the Autumn Term. Mrs Medway has been a wonderful asset to our school, and we are so very grateful for her hard work, dedication, and kindness to the children since joining our team. We will be very sad to see her leave us but wish her every success in her new role.

Sadly, we are also going to be saying goodbye to Mrs Wadland in a few weeks time. Mrs Wadland has secured a full time TA position in another setting. We are extremely grateful for everything that Mrs Wadland has supported the school with this year and the care she has provided for children across the school. She will be greatly missed by both the staff and the children.

If you have any questions regarding staffing changes then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a wonderful weekend, Carly Passco, Head of School.

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Our week in pictures: courage, creativity and friendship!























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Class News

Cherry

Cherry Class have had a wonderful week so far diving into our new traditional tale in Drawing Club , The Little Red Hen!

We started by getting to know the story, learning all about the hard-working Red Hen and her less-than-helpful farmyard friends. Today, the children have been busy exploring her character and sharing brilliant ideas about what it means to be helpful and kind.

In provision, our little artists have been using step-by-step guides to draw their very own hens, while over in our writing areas, they've been practicing sounding out and writing CVC words like hen, pen, and red!

Ask your child if they can retell the story to you tonight—or teach you how to draw a hen!



Miss Renfree and Mrs Turner

Elm

We've had a jam-packed week in Elm! Science took us on a windy minibeast hunt where we found them hiding out in their microhabitats. One woodlouse had got lost so we drew a dark, damp house beneath a log to help it find a way back to its perfect home.

We carried on our shelter theme in Design Technology designing and making strong and sturdy freestanding structures with wide triangle bases. The children really impressed me with their engineering skills, crafting a shelter from straws and playdough.

The minibeast fun continued in Curious Quests when all manner of bugs were freed from the portal to guide the Faithful Friends through the Whispering Woods.

In Maths the children have been working incredibly hard on their understanding of parts and wholes and writing fact families.

Finally we wrote postcards from Cornwall celebrating its wonderful physical features such as beautiful beaches, rugged moors and dramatic cliffs. We then explored the human features in Cornwall including the railway, the mines and the bridges.

Mrs Medway

Attendance 96%

Attendance 93%

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Willow

What a busy week it has been in Willow Class! The children started the week by looking at the features of a non-fiction information text. They then planned their own set of instructions explaining how to programme a robot, linking back to our previous shared reading book, *The Wild Robot*.

In maths, the children completed their addition and subtraction unit. It has been a fantastic unit, and the children's determination to grasp the key concepts has been amazing. They have worked hard and shown great perseverance throughout their learning.

The children have also started their new topics. In Geography, they have been looking at the highest summits, while in Science, they have begun our topic on rocks by exploring how rocks are useful.

In PE, the children have been focusing on gymnastics and developing their movement, balance and coordination.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Passco & Mrs Tanner

Attendance 94%

Oak

This week has been jam packed with amazing learning! We have been exploring our news report text in writing, interviewing each character and writing some fantastic diary entries all about Goliath the seagull, Mr Pengelly and Jago Pascoe.

We have been furthering our knowledge of common multiples and factors as well as the "rules of divisibility" to help us solve maths problems.

In Geography, we are starting to explore rainforests, we started this week by focussing on biomes and climate zones.

In PSHE, the children have been discussing how to manage distractions in order to support their learning and progress within the classroom.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Ayrton

Attendance 96%

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Let's Celebrate!

	Cherry	Elm	Willow	Oak
	Theo For fantastic effort in Drawing Club lessons. Theo has been working hard on his pencil grip and pre letter shapes.	Aksel For working hard everyday in Morning Maths and really impressing Mrs Wadland on their phonics treasure hunt!	George For your brilliant determination with your handwriting and working so hard to present your work neatly every day!	Harley For challenging yourself in your maths learning, pushing yourself to answer more challenging reason and problem solving questions.
	Bertie For fantastic behaviour on our school trip last week and for showing a big improvement in listening and following instructions in the classroom. Keep it up Bertie!	Noah For being a fantastic role model in our class, taking responsibility for daily tasks and always finding ways to help whenever he can.	Libby For consistently championing our school rules with pride and demonstrating resilience in everything you do. Thank you for being such an outstanding role model for your peers!	Hugo For continuously showcasing what it means to bring behaviour at Braddock and being an amazing role model for the younger children in our school.

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Christian Values!

	Cherry	Elm	Willow	Oak
	Louie For bringing such creativity to Drawing Club lessons. Louie has wonderfully wacky and imaginative ideas, we love hearing about what is going to happen in his stories!	George For being such a kind and caring friend and always trying his best during our carpet time. Thank you George, your beautiful manners are so appreciated.	Max For showing brilliant resilience in all aspects of school life and being a super role model for everyone at Braddock School!	Talan For showing courage by pushing yourself in your writing even when it can be quite challenging! Well done.

This half term, we are bringing ...

Courage

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Creativity

This half term, we are bringing ...

Friendship

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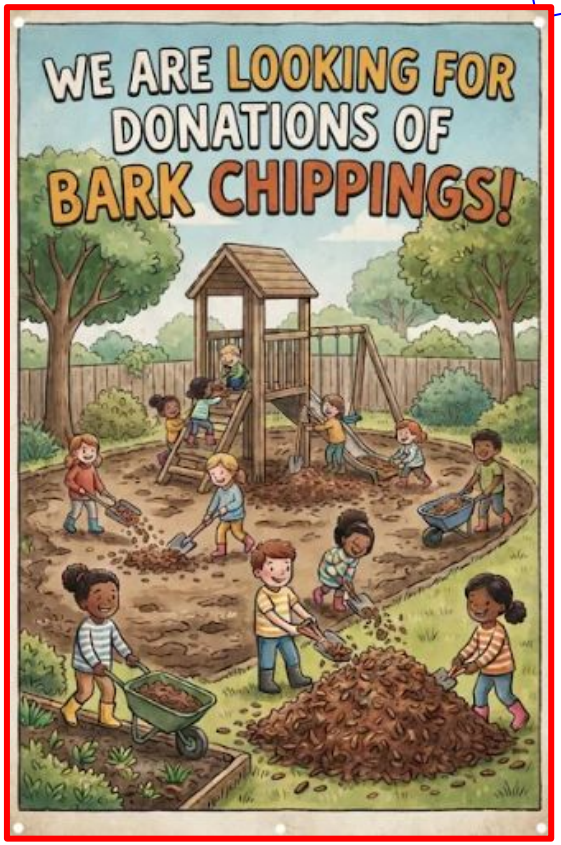
Dates for the Diary

16th November - Odd Sock Day for Anti Bullying week
17-18th November - Year 2 Residential
19th November - Gymnastics competition- selected children
20th November - Cross Country Race 2 - Lanhydrock House
23rd November - Pick Christmas Tree - selected children
27th November - Year 5/6 Mountain Bike trip
2nd December - EYFS Theatre trip
3rd December - Reception & Year 6 measurement screening
7th December - Carols at a care home - selected children
9th December - Christmas Dinner, Christmas Craft and Christmas Jumper day
10th December - KS2 Netball - selected children
13th December - Exeter Chiefs Trip - selected children
15th December - Christmas Rocksteady Concert - 10am
16th December - Christingle and Christmas Carols
17th December - Christmas Nativity Performance 1:30 and 4pm



We are looking for donations of bark chippings to help develop an area of our playground. If you are able to help, or know someone who can, then please get in touch. Thank you!

Weekly Whole School Attendance

94%



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School Events







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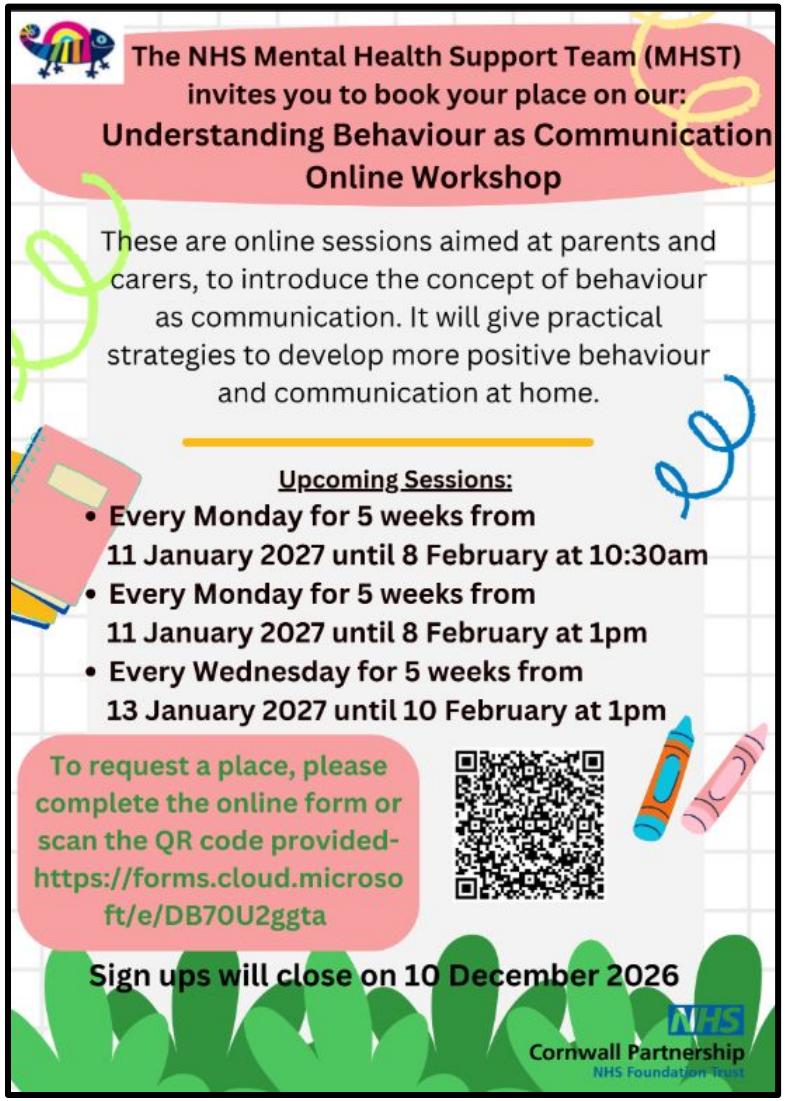
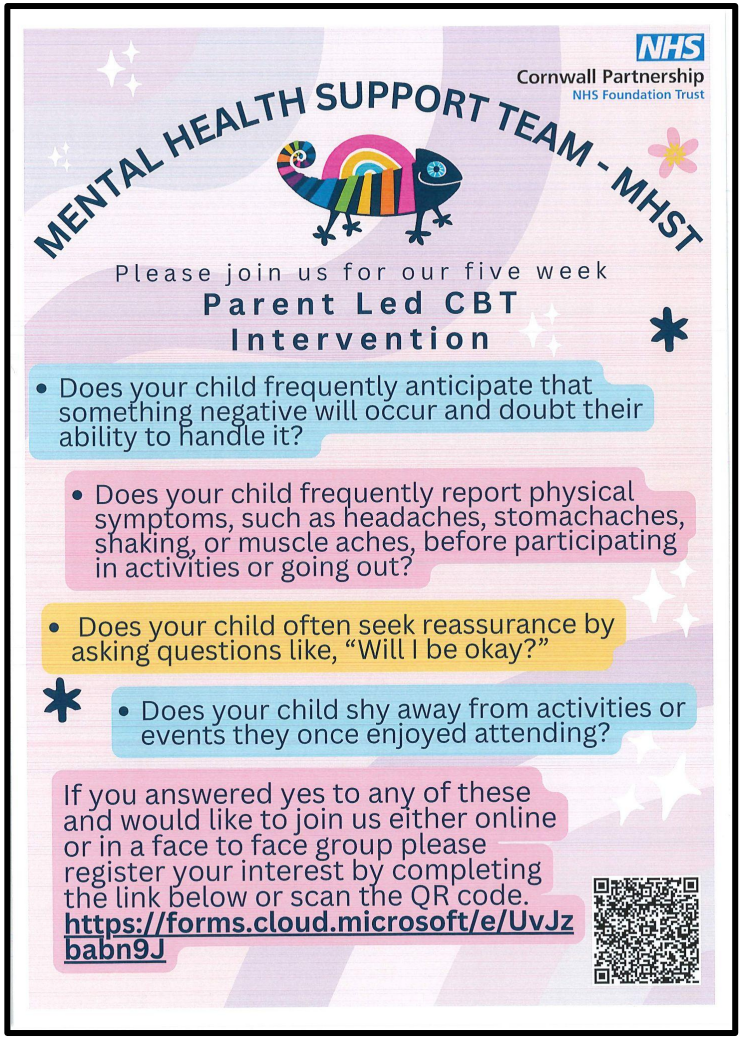
Family Support





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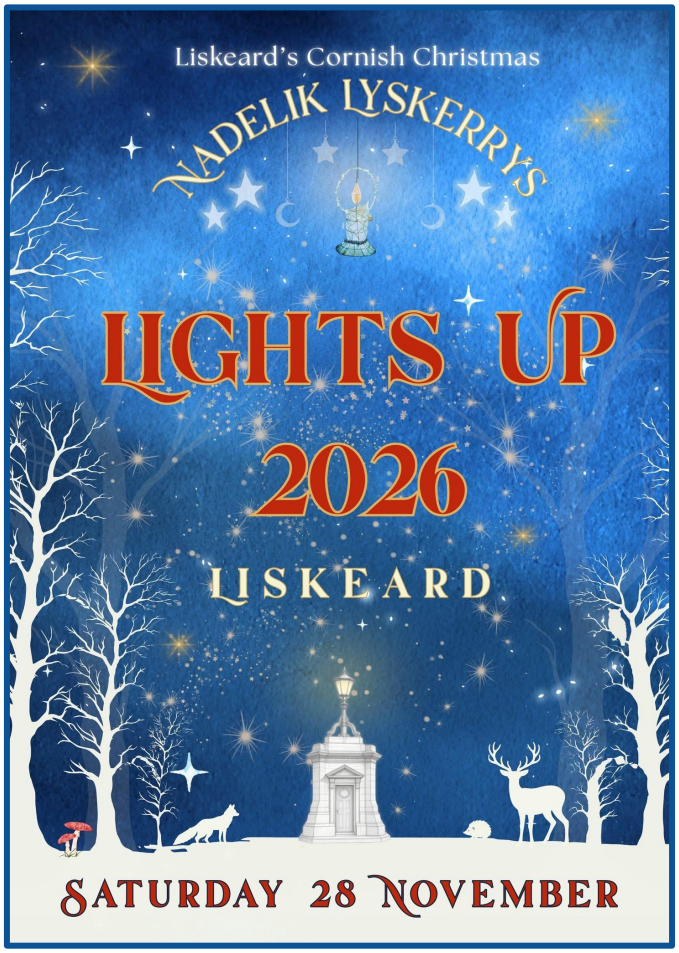
Community Events







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Term Dates

St Barnabas Trust Term Dates 2026-2027

	SEPTEMBER 2026					OCTOBER 2026					NOVEMBER 2026					DECEMBER 2026				
Monday	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	
	JANUARY 2027					**FEBRUARY 2027**					**MARCH 2027**					**APRIL 2027**				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
	MAY 2027					**JUNE 2027**					**JULY 2027**					**AUGUST 2027**				
Monday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Thursday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Friday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		

Staff training (INSET) Public holidays School holidays

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Bank and Public Holidays 2026-2027

- Friday 25 December 2026 Christmas Day
- Monday 28 December 2026 Boxing Day
- Friday 1 January 2027 New Years Day
- Friday 26 March 2027 Good Friday
- Monday 29 March 2027 Easter Monday
- Monday 3 May 2027 Early May Bank Holiday
- Monday 31 May 2027 Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 30 August 2027 Summer Bank Holiday

Autumn term: 3rd September 2026 to 18th December October 2026 (67 days)
Half term: Friday 19th October – Friday 30th October 2025

Spring term: 4th January 2026 – 25th March 2027 (54 days)
Half term: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027

Summer term: 12th April 2027 – 23rd July 2027 (69 days)
Half-term: 31st May 2027 – 4th June 2027

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Term Dates 2027 - 2028

September 2027					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

October 2027					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

November 2027					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

December 2027					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

January 2028						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

February 2028					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	
Thur	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

March 2028					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

April 2028					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thur		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

May 2028					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

June 2028					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

July 2028						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

August 2028					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thur	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

Autumn Term

1 September 2027-INSET Day for teachers

2nd September 2027- 22nd December 2027

Half Term 18th-29th October 2027

Christmas 23rd December 2027 - 5th January 2028

Spring Term

6 January - 31st March 2028

Half Term 14th - 18th February 2028

Easter Holiday 3rd - 17 April 2028

Summer Term

18th April - 21st July 2028

Half Term 29th May - 2nd June 2028

Summer Holidays from 24th July 2027

School Holidays/ Weekends

Bank Holidays

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2027
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2027
New Years Day	3 January 2028
Good Friday	14 April 2028
Easter Monday	17 April 2028
May Bank Holiday	1 May 2028
Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2028
Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2028

Inset Days

1st September 2027

18-22nd October 2027

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Statutory Attendance Notice

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR PENALTY NOTICE CHANGES FROM AUGUST 2024

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 actions 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.