



Date: 19th July

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday wishes this week go to:

Ruan Y and Bella W

And in the holidays to:

Reuben WC, Cooper, Busby, Verity, Mia, Connie, Rhylee, Cameron, Bonnie and Mrs Barrows, Mrs Buckingham, Mrs Golder, Miss Robins and Miss Stephens

## OFSTED

A big thank you to all parents who filled in a questionnaire this week. We are unable to share any feedback until the report is published. However thank you all for your continued support. We are extremely proud of our school, staff, pupils and school community.



Congratulations to all the children who took part in the performances of Matilda this week—it was amazing and I think that many of you have successful careers on the stage in your futures!! The professionalism you showed throughout was impressive and as Mr Coleman pointed out, we could have been watching a West End Production. Alongside the amazing acting and super singing were some spectacular sets and very professional props!! Huge thanks therefore needs to go to all the team involved with special mentions to Mrs Murgatroyd and Heidi. The time and effort that goes into producing a show of this calibre must be huge—Well done and thank-you to everyone who took part or helped. It was a perfect end of term treat for us all!



## Goodbye Year 6

We had a wonderful and emotional leavers service on Thursday. The children shared some great memories from their time here. There were both tears and laughter! What a magnificent group of children they have been! They have been excellent role models to all the other children in the school in the way they have conducted themselves and will be missed by all the staff and children. They have been a real credit to their families. We wish them all the best in their new secondary schools next year!

### **Goodbye to Ethan**

Ethan has been an integral part of the school during his time here—his patience and enthusiasm benefiting all our pupils. We wish him all the best for the future.

### **Goodbye to Governors**

We are sad to be saying goodbye to two of our long standing governors. Phoebe Sampson and Sandra Page are both stepping down after 6 years of service to the school. Through this time their input has been invaluable. Seeing us through Ofsted and Covid amongst many other challenges. We would like to thank them both for their dedication and support of the school.

### **Attendance**

Please see below the very important information on penalty notices for absence, issued by the DFE. These will be in force from September 2024. The criteria has been narrowed and fines must now be considered statutorily in numerous circumstances. Please take the time to read the information and consider its impact upon your child's attendance. Term time holidays of 5 days or more will result in notice to improve letters. Please note that where children are reported ill to school and school have reason to believe that the absence was in fact a holiday, this can result in the issuing of a notice to improve letter before a fine being issued. Attached to the newsletter is further information. The school will update its policy and procedure to be in line with these regulations from September 2024. The changes are:

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.
3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

### **Parent Pay Debts**

**Please don't forget to log into ParentPay and clear any outstanding debts before September. Thanks so much.**

## SCHOOL MEALS

The new menu is now on our website and will start on our return in September.

Meals will continue to be charged at £2.65 each. Children in Treen and Mousehole classes received Universal Infant free school meals. If you think you might be entitled to income-related free school meals please go to the Cornwall Council website to apply. Do not delay your application until your child enters Year 3 and the entitlement also attracts additional funding for school. <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th September - First day of the Autumn Term for Children

### INSET DAYS for 2024/2025 Academic Year

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 4th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

**Additional items attached:** With the newsletter, in the email & on the website:

Changes to Penalty Notices document

Online Safety Newsletter July 24

Online Safety Booklet

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