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VERY MOMENT MATTERS!

WE SIMPLY LOVE OUR FABULOUS NEW SHELTER!



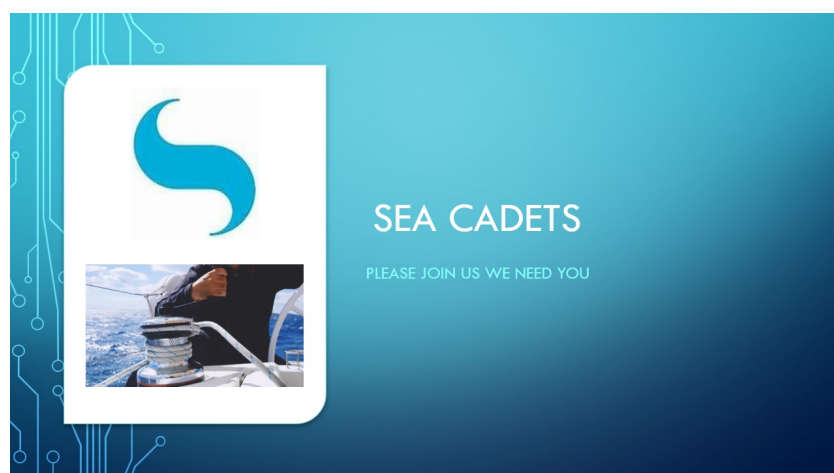
We have also been having lots of fun using our new equipment which Viv has helped us build! Thank you, Viv!



A FUTURE CAREER IN THE MAKING!

Last week, we had a presentation in assembly by one of our Yr6 pupils who is passionate about Sea Cadets and keen to possibly use this as a stepping stone to join the Navy in the future. As part of his presentation he also prepared a very comprehensive power point to share with a hall full of KS1 and KS2 pupils. The children listened attentively and asked many thoughtful questions, which our Sea Cadet enthusiast answered with confidence. But the presentation didn't stop there, as this same pupil went live on air that same week to be interviewed about Sea Cadets on Rewind Radio. A big week all round for this young chap! Well done! If your child is interested in joining the Sea Cadets then you can use this link below to find out more:

<https://www.sea-cadets.org/falmouth>



A BIG THANK YOU! If you have visited the school recently, you may have noticed that we now have two beautiful covers for our music trolleys. These fabulous additions were created by the very talented Mrs Treneur (AKA Mrs Arthur's mum) and we were so delighted with the end result we wanted to share them with you!

12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



Swift's Pupil Voice 'Make and bake' sale. October 4th 2024



Fresh fruit!



Delicious crumble!



Second hand books.

Chocolate strawberries!



Green smoothies.



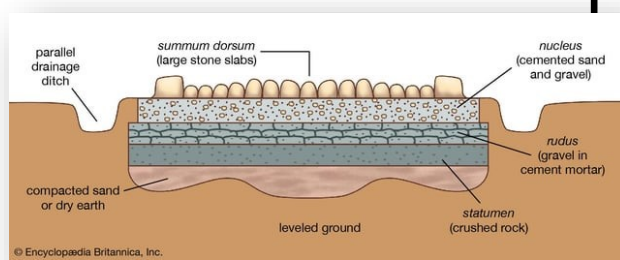
Swifts held a Global Goal 12 fundraiser on Friday. The class has been incredibly enthusiastic about the project. We have been considering the various rubbish that is thrown into bins inside and outside the school and its environmental implications. They are concerned with the amount of wrappers going in the bins and the organic matter thrown away that could be used for composting. They are also concerned about the integrity of recycling throughout the school. As a result, they wanted to hold a fundraiser to raise money to buy recycling bins for the playground and small organic matter bins that could be emptied in the Grow zone compost bin. Their ideas as to how to raise money were great—healthier baking ideas, nude food ideas (snacks for lunchboxes requiring no wrappers) green smoothies, fruit smoothies, selling second hand books and a lucky dip. The class worked brilliantly together. Their patience and organisational skills on Friday afternoon were very much appreciated. The first count of money collected was t £168.00—which is incredible!

I would like to thank all the parents who helped their son / daughter bake / make.

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to all the families that supported the fundraiser on Friday. The children are determined to help all our school children be environmentally friendly and responsible. Miss Davies.

LESSONS WE LOVE TO REMEMBER! Ever wondered how the Roman roads were built? Well, Miss Hodges certainly knows but has a crafty way of making sure her class will always remember, with a very yummy edible version to show the various layers of how a Roman road would have been constructed. History was never this exciting when I was in school! Thank you, Miss Hodges!



Multi-skills 27:09:2024 Starlings



Starlings shone on Friday with their balancing, throwing, hockey and football skills. They supported each other enormously and encouraged each other throughout. Well done all of you!!



Thank you so much to Lucy, Ella and Jacey for your enormous help.

Thank you to all families for your support with this event.



Football and Netball leagues continue! Our teams are showing incredible adaptability and their skill levels are improving each week.



REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR PLACES ASAP TO AVOID MISSING OUT ON OUR NEW HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!

New! OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUB
AT PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL C.P. SCHOOL



We are delighted to announce that DT Sports will be running a full week of holiday clubs during the October 2024 Half Term week, exclusively for students of Perran-ar-Worthal C.P School!

ABOUT DT SPORTS

DT Sports has worked with many schools, clubs and organisations across Cornwall for over 15 years, engage children and young people of all ages and abilities in physical activity, by offering fun, inclusive and safe activities both in and outside of school.

The DT Team has a wealth of experience in delivering everything from in-school PE lessons and after school clubs, to community sports events and holiday clubs. With their ability to offer a vast array of traditional and alternative sporting activities, this gives children the opportunity to fulfil their potential whilst partaking in activities they enjoy the most.



Club Information:

Club activities your child may get the opportunity to participate in includes:

- ☆ **Laser Tag**
- ☆ **Archery & Crossbow**
- ☆ **Basketball**
- ☆ **Kin Ball**
- ☆ **Dodgeball**
- ☆ **Ultimate Frisbee**
- ☆ **Junior Golf**
- ☆ **Nerf Battles**

As always, every club provided by DT Sports will be led by a team of highly & fully qualified sports coaches, with all the required and necessary DBS checks and safeguarding/first aid qualifications.

Club Dates: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

Club Times: Short Day Session: 8.30am – 3.30pm
Full Day Session: 8.00am – 5.00pm

Cost: The following costs will apply to the Club sessions. Payment will be taken via Stripe upon booking online:

Short Day Session: **£30.00 per child**
Full Day Session: **£40.00 per child**

How to Book: Bookings will open on **Tuesday 17th September 2024**. Bookings can be made online by visiting: www.dtcoaching.co.uk/clubs. This will take you through to the online booking system, Playwaze. Bookings will close 24 hours beforehand.

Contact Details: If you have any queries or questions about the Half Term Clubs, please do not hesitate to get in contact with DT Sports on:

Email: clubs@dtcoaching.co.uk

Telephone: 01872 306730

Diary Dates



WB 1st October: Black History Month Begins

WB 7th October: Dyslexia Awareness Week

WB 14th October: National Braille Week

Tuesday, 22nd October: Individual Pupil Photos

Thursday, 24th October: Harvest Festival at the Village Hall. KS1: 1.15pm; KS2: 2.15pm.

Friday, 25th October: INSET Day—School Closed

WB 28th October: HALF TERM WEEK

Friday, 4th November: November School Disco at the Village Hall

WB 11th November: Autumn Term Progress Review Meetings; Remembrance Day; Anti-Bullying Week; Mini Police Yr6 Programme

Thursday, 14th November: World Diabetes Day

Friday, 15th November: Children in Need Day

WB 25th November: Whole School lantern making workshops

Friday, 29th November: Tree Decorating Service outdoors (weather permitting) KS1: 1.30pm to 2pm; KS2: 2.15pm to 2.45pm.

Tuesday, 3rd December: International Day for People with Disabilities

Tuesday, 10th December: Human Rights Day

Wednesday, 11th December: Xmas Dinner—Wear your favourite Christmas Jumper or Christmas outfit on this day

Friday, 13th December: Festive Film Night at the school

Tuesday, 17th December: KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm and KS2 Christmas Concert at 5.30pm

Thursday, 19th December: Last day of term – Christmas Party Day (Wear your favourite Christmas Outfit)

Friday, 20th December: INSET Day—School Closed

Monday, 23rd December to Friday 3rd January: CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please note that there will be further dates added as the year progresses. If any dates need changing due to unforeseen circumstances, then we will give you as much notice as possible. We will keep you informed of any changes and additions on our weekly newsletter and via dojo.

Diary Dates



Monday, 6th January: First day of Spring term—School open to all pupils

Friday, 10th January: PAW School Building Birthday (Opened in 1879)

WB 3rd February: Children's mental health week

Friday, 7th February: February School Disco at the Village Hall

Tuesday, 11th February: Safer Internet Day

WB 17th February: HALF TERM WEEK

WB 3rd March: Spring Term Progress Review Meetings

Monday, 3rd March: National Offer Day for Secondary School Places

Wednesday, 5th March: St Piran's Day

Thursday, 6th March: World Book Day (Come dressed as your favourite book character)

WB 10th March: Cornwall Music Festival for those taking part

Wednesday, 16th March: Songfest at Truro Cathedral for Yr6 singers

Friday, 21st March: World Poetry Day

Friday, 28th March: Yr3, 4 and 5 Spring Play and KS2 Spring Concert at the Village Hall. More information about arrangements to be confirmed closer to the date.

Wednesday, 2nd April: World Autism Awareness Day

Friday, 4th April: Last day of term

Monday, 7th April to Monday, 21st April: EASTER BREAK

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Diary Dates



Monday, 16th April: National Offer Day for Primary School Places

Tuesday, 22nd April: First day of Summer term—School open to all pupils

Thursday, 24th April: Non-Uniform Day for Choccy Bingo

Friday, 25th April: Choccy Bingo at Village Hall. More information about arrangements to be confirmed closer to the date.

Monday, 5th May: BANK HOLIDAY—School Closed

Thursday, 8th May: Victory in Europe Day

WB: Monday 12th May: KS2 SATS week

Tuesday, 20th May: Class photos (TBC)

WB 26th May: HALF TERM WEEK

Thursday, 5th June: World Environment Day

WB 9th June: Final Term Progress Review Meetings

Thursday, 12th June: Science Day

WB 23rd June: Yr6 camp at Porthpean (TBC)

17th June, 24th June, 1st July 2pm to 2.45pm: Learning Together sessions

Thursday, 3rd July: Yr3 Seal Sanctuary and Tea (TBC)

Wednesday 9th July to Friday 11th July: Yr5 Camp at CampKernow

Thursday, 10th July: Yr4 Surf and Sleep (TBC)

Tuesday, 15th July: Yr6 Production Matinee and Evening performance

Thursday, 17th July: Sports Day

Monday, 21st July: Back up Sports Day

Tuesday, 22nd July: Yr6 leavers assembly 9.30am to 11am and last day of term

Wednesday, 23rd July: INSET day—School Closed

Thursday, 24th July to Tuesday, 2nd September: SUMMER BREAK

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August 2026								
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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

AUTUMN TERM (73 days)

3 September - 19 December 2025
(HALF TERM 27 - 31 October 2025)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

5 January - 2 April 2026
(HALF TERM 16 - 20 February 2026)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)

20 April - 22 July 2026
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

Academy, trust and voluntary-aided schools set their own term dates and INSET days.

Above are the dates for the Academic Year 2025 to 2026. Please note we have tried to provide an option for Spring time holiday travel by closing the day before and the day after the May half term. Due to the new regulations on attendance, we ask you to avoid taking holidays during term time as this cannot be authorised. Holidays taken during term time coupled with illness can seriously affect your child's overall attendance, academic progress and friendships. We feel it is important to make parents aware of the new expectations of schools. Please see an extract from the Children's Commissioner document —A Guide for Parents on School Attendance.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE NEW RULES REGARDING ATTENDANCE.

When can I be given a penalty notice (fine) if my child misses school?

From the 2024-25 school year, there will be new national rules on how penalty notices for school absence are used. The new rules mean that all schools must consider giving a penalty notice to a parent when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons within a 10 school week period, and support to help your child be in school is not appropriate. If support would help improve attendance, that should be provided by the school or local council rather than a penalty notice. You cannot be given a penalty notice for absence that is authorised by the school (such as illness). A penalty notice will usually only be issued in cases of holidays taken in school time, or for other reasons where the school or council is trying to help attendance to improve and you are not engaging in that support or it is not working and they believe that a penalty notice would improve attendance. Your school or council can still decide to issue a penalty notice or proceed to prosecution for less amounts of absence than 10 sessions (5 days) if support is not appropriate and they think it would improve attendance. For example, if parents are often taking shorter holidays in school time to deliberately avoid a fine.

How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 324201. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. If the 21st/ 28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

If a Penalty Notice is not paid within the 28 days of issue (as per the dates listed on the Penalty Notice), Cornwall Council will progress the matter to the Magistrates' Court, for the offence of failing to ensure regular attendance, NOT for failure to pay the fine.

If found guilty:

- under section 444(1), it can result in the parent being fined up to £1000
- under section 444(1A), it can result in the parent being fined up to £2,500 and/or receiving a custodial sentence of up to 3 months

Cornwall Council may also apply for costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Contact us

Education Welfare Service, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

01872 324298

If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

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Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk

t: 0300 1234 100



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Together  for Families

Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers



 www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies

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).

Or when

- A pupil is observed in a public place during school hours in the first five school days of a period of exclusion from school, without reasonable justification.

* a school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

Parents and carers of a child can be issued with a Penalty Notice. The definition of a 'parent' as set out in section 576 of the Education Act 1996: By virtue of this section 'parent' includes: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person who lives with and looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

How much is a Penalty Notice fine?

As of the 19th of August 2024, a penalty notice is £80 if paid within 21 days. If the fine is not paid in 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a three-year rolling period, Cornwall Council will need to consider other enforcement optional options available. This could include prosecution under section 444(1) or section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996. If found guilty a parent would receive a criminal record and substantial fine.

Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £320 if paid within 21 days or £640 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days (or for a second offence).

Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

No. Penalty Notices must be paid in full, within the designated dates. However, if a parent has more than one child and is therefore issued with more than one fine, they can pay the fines separately if they wish.

Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

It is a Headteacher's decision whether or not to authorise an absence and, if their decision is not to authorise, they have the right to request a Penalty Notice in line with their attendance policy process. Cornwall Council's role is to check that the evidence submitted is compliant with Cornwall Council's Code of Conduct for Education Related Penalty Notices and, if so, to issue as appropriate.

Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on 01872 324298, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The school will:

- Promote each child's health, safety and happiness and encourage each child to do their best at all times
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum, including extra-curricular opportunities, and meet the individual needs of each child
- Inform parents of any concerns or problems that affect their child's work, behaviour, attendance and punctuality
- Keep parents informed about general school matters and, in particular, their child's progress and arrange parental consultation evenings during which progress and targets will be discussed
- Be open, welcoming and responsive at all times and offer opportunities for parents to become involved in the life of the school
- Encourage each child to take care of everyone and everything

Pupils will be expected to:

- Attend school regularly and on time
- Follow the Diamond Rules: *Show good manners at all times; Follow instructions with thought and care; Care for everyone and everything*
- Complete all tasks to the best of their ability
- Wear the correct school uniform and be tidy in appearance
- Be a good representative for the school
- Keep the school free from litter and graffiti and take care of school property

Parents will be expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school regularly, is on time and wearing the correct uniform
- Ensure their child is equipped for curriculum activities i.e. PE kit, reading book
- Provide a timely explanation if their child is absent
- Avoid taking holidays in term time
- Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect their child's work or behaviour
- Support the school to ensure their child conforms to the high expectations of appropriate behaviour
- Support the school's policies and guidelines
- Support their child with Home Learning
- Attend parental consultations to ensure that they remain informed of their child's progress

If any pupil or parent does not consent to the terms of this agreement, they should put their concerns in writing to the headteacher.

SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS Supporting Kids with School Anxiety Introduction to Facing Defiance	26 SEP 24 OCT
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

Fantastic 2023/24

Fundraising total:

£12,027.36

Only possible with all the support from families



A WARM WELCOME TO FRIENDS OF PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL SCHOOL (FOPS)

Who are we?

FOPS are a group of ordinary parents with an extraordinary mission to make our fantastic little school a better place for all the children to thrive and learn.

What do we do?

We plan lots of fundraising activities throughout the year including quizzes, discos, bingos and raffles, Christmas and Summer events which all the family can enjoy and which help raise money to buy equipment and pay for school trips.

The children benefit from every penny we raise.

What have we recently provided?

The money we have raised so far has provided for the children:

- Outdoor learning shelter
- Forest School upgrades
- Outdoor play equipment
- School trips & camps
- Topic Library books
- Sensory area
- Cooking equipment
- Outdoor picnic benches
- The Minibus!

How often do we meet?

We usually get together every 6-8 weeks for a couple of hours to plan events and activities.

Next meeting: Monday 14th October – 730pm – PAW Cricket Club

How to get involved?

We are always looking for new faces to get involved and bring fresh ideas so if you can help out even in just a small way we would love to hear from you.

You can contact us by email on FOPS@perran-ar-worthal@cornwall.sch.uk or on our Facebook group, Friends of Perran-ar-worthal School (FOPS) or just meet us in the playground!

Shop, shop, shop!

FOPS is also a registered charity (charity number 1196855) and we raise money through easyfundraising. Please support us and sign up here:

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foperranarworthal/

THANK YOU!

U11 Girls Football

SCHOOL YEARS 5 AND 6

ST DAY AFC



**PLAYERS NEEDED FOR NEW U11 TEAM
INCLUDING GOALKEEPER POSITION**

**Training every
Saturday at**

**Redruth School
at 11a.m.**

CONTACT MEL CLARKE

@ melclarke703@gmail.com



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From 3years

SATURDAY MORNINGS

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