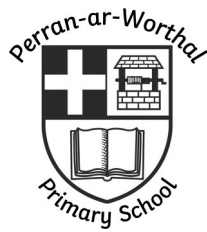


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VERY MOMENT MATTERS!

Cornwall Music Service Trust (CMST) have been developing the musical skills of our youngest pupils. Every Friday for the rest of this term, members of CMST are working with our Puffins.



LOVE OF READING! This term, Mrs Benner and Miss Nadler have decided to share their story time with Mystery Readers. Each week, parents, staff and volunteers are being invited to come in to the Puffins' class to share a favourite book. It has become one of the most popular times of the day when the children never know who will walk in through the door with an exciting story book to share. What a wonderful way to end their day and a great way for our children to see so many adults in our community demonstrating their own love of books and reading. Thank you to all those involved so far and to the many more we have to come.



IT'S ALL DRAMARAMA ON FAB FRIDAYS!

In preparation for the Spring Show later this term, our Starlings have already started working on their mini performance with Mrs Waddington. I wonder what will be in store for us all when our Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 pupils present their miniplays? Watch this space!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLAYING FIELD

Dear Parents

There is a forthcoming consultation on the proposed levelling of the playing field and redevelopment of the village hall. We have been given this link which includes the updated information, which is also available on the village hall website:

<https://perranwellcentre.org/2026/01/12/update-on-forthcoming-public-consultation-on-latest-designs-for-playing-field-and-hall/>

We wish to circulate this to all parents so that you can look at the plans and also attend the consultation. This update is on the Perranwell Village Hall website.



TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS 15th January 2026

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 50 TEAM POINTS

Year 3: Dougie and Jack

Year 6: Sophie and Eleni

SILVER CERTIFICATE – 100 TEAM POINTS

Reception: Otilie B and Godwin

Year 1: Benjamin, Sol, Elijah, Ada, Logan and Finlay

Year 2: Ruben and Isabelle

Year 3: Ruan, Barnaby and Willow

Year 4: Logan and Luca R

Year 5: Lenny and Toby

Year 6: Violet

GOLD CERTIFICATE – 150 TEAM POINTS

Year 3: Hetty

Citizen / Learner of the Week – w/c 12th January 2026

Puffins

Learner – Emily (For always showing a positive attitude towards her learning, even when learning is really tricky!)

Citizen – Eera (For showing fantastic team work skills and always working kindly and cooperatively with others. Eera was helping others to complete models to use in their role play).

Wagtails

Learner – Logan (For excellent understanding of teen numbers)

Citizen – Somhairle (For being a good friend to others)

Robins

Learner – Rafe (For fantastic efforts in English this week, and enhanced use of powerful adjectives and verbs)

Citizen – Joshua (For always being kind, thoughtful and helpful)

Starlings

Learner – Stevie (For her amazing effort in Maths this week)

Citizen – George (For being Mrs Royle's 'right hand man' and offering to help her sort out the tables and pots)

Skylarks

Learner – Sophie (For writing a beautiful Kenning poem in English)

Citizen – Poppy (For demonstrating wonderful patience with others when working as part of a team)

Kingfishers

Learner – Thora and Ned (For their hard work in fractions and excelling in their end of unit quiz)

Citizen – Charlie (For always being polite and respectful)

Swifts

Learner – Jude (For effort and attitude in all subjects)

Citizen – Darcy (For being ready, respectful and safe at all times despite not feeling 100% this week)



The Perran-ar-Worthal 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 School Rules at all times: *Ready, Respectful, Safe*
- 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.

WARNING LETTER! Local Authority Schools have been instructed to send this warning letter to parents who are taking their child out of school during term time for unauthorised absences. Please could we ask you to read this carefully to fully appreciate the implications of unauthorised absences. As a school we have no choice but to follow this procedure and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

Dear Parent/Carer

Here at Perran-ar-Worthal School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under '*exceptional circumstances*'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's '*Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances*' request form.

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.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: 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 with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Perran-ar-Worthal School is committed to enabling every child to reach their full potential and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Heffer

THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN



Mayor Otto of Hamelin has a bit of a rat problem! Could this mysterious stranger solve Otto's problem with his enchanting pipe? Come along to our panto, The Pied Piper of Hamelin, and be enchanted by the Pied Piper's sweet music. See some of our talented PAW pupils perform in this panto.

22nd-25th January at The Perranwell Centre

Tickets available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cddg



Monday, 19th January: Reception Vision Screening

Thursday, 22nd January: Youth Speaks Competition

Friday, 30th January: Starlings Bake Sale

Monday, 2nd February: Reception and Yr6 height and weight checks

Friday, 6th February: Spring Disco

WB 9th February: Children's mental health week theme 'This is My Place'

Tuesday, 10th February: Safer Internet Day

WB 16th February: HALF TERM WEEK

24th February, 3rd and 10th March: EYFS Balanceability lessons with DT sports

Friday, 27th February: Robins Bake Sale

Monday, 2nd March: National Offer Day for Secondary School Places

Thursday, 5th March: World Book Day/St Piran's Day (Come dressed as your favourite book character or character from a Cornish Tale). Cornish themed school lunch (don't forget to book)

WB 9th March: Cornwall Music Festival for those taking part

Thursday, 12th March: Lego League Final

WB 16th and 23rd March: Spring Term Progress Review Meetings

WB 16th March: Scholastic Book Fair

19th March: Non-Uniform Day for the Spring Concert Raffle

17th, 24th and 31st March: Yr2 Balanceability/Learn2Ride lessons with DT sports

12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th March: Yr4 Learn2Ride lessons with DT sports

Thursday, 26th March: KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade, Spring Competition and Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 Spring Show including the KS2 choir (more details to follow)

Dates to be confirmed: Yr6 Bikeability will take place after SATS

Tuesday, 31st March: Songfest for Yr6 singers at Hall for Cornwall

Thursday, 2nd April: Last day of term

Friday, 3rd to Monday to Friday, 17th April 7th April: EASTER BREAK

Monday, 20th April: First day of Summer Term

WB 20th and 27th April: Yr3 Swimming lessons

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.

Cornwall Council

2026/27 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



Together  for Families

September 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

October 2026						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

November 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day	28 December 2026
New Years Day	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

3 September - 18 December 2026
(HALF TERM 26 - 30 October 2026)

SPRING TERM (54 days)

4 January - 25 March 2027
(HALF TERM 15 - 19 February 2027)

SUMMER TERM (69 days)

12 April - 23 July 2027
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2027)

December 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

2026 to 2027 Term Dates:

We are providing term time dates as far in advance as possible to give families time to plan holidays out of term time. Please take note of these dates to avoid taking holiday during term time, as this cannot be authorised and is likely to incur a fine.

INSET DAYS:

Thursday, 3rd September 2026

Friday, 28th May 2027

Monday, 7th June 2027

Thursday, 22nd July 2027

Friday, 23rd July 2027



January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm