

CARDINHAM SCHOOL



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Dear Cardinham Families,

This term has been filled with hard work and great progress. It has been fantastic to see your children's commitment to learning. Their hard work is reflected in their achievements, and we look forward to building on this progress in the next half-term.

A quick reminder to parents and carers that teachers are always your first point of call for any classroom-related matters. They are available for quick conversations at the school gate or can be approached at the end of the day.

A special mention to our cross-country runners who will be competing on Wednesday - we wish them the best of luck and are confident they will do us proud.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest over the half-term break.

Best wishes,

Dave Jones
Headteacher

Posters

Take a moment to check out all the exciting posters at the end of this newsletter! Don't miss out on the fantastic half-term activities and events happening in our community. There's something for everyone, so be sure to take a look and make the most of the upcoming break!

Special School Dinner Themes

Don't miss out on our special themed dinner menus featured on page 3! Enjoy a variety of delicious meals tailored to exciting themes throughout the term. Be sure to book your spot in advance through ParentPay to secure your child's meal.

Safer Internet Day

Be sure to check out the attached Safer Internet Day newsletter, where we highlight important tips and resources for keeping children safe online. It's a great way to learn more about creating a positive and secure digital experience for your family.

Please remember to check the **World Book Day** information that was recently sent out. If you didn't receive it or need another copy, feel free to speak with your child's class teacher, who will be happy to assist you. Let's get ready to celebrate the joy of reading on Thursday, 6th March!

Book Fair

Join us for our Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday, February 26th, after school! It's a fantastic opportunity to explore a wide range of books for all ages and support our school library. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sleep



Workshop with Julie

The workshop includes

- Introduction to Neal's Yard Remedies
- Refreshments provided
- A goodie bag to take home
- A selection of items will be available to buy during the evening. A donation of 10% of the proceeds will go to the PTA.

There will be a raffle with a selection of fantastic Neal's Yard prizes to be won!



7pm
13th March
Cardinham
School

Tickets to be bought in advance
via bank transfer or cash

**£7 a
ticket**

Treasurers Account
30-99-08 23033660

FOOD FESTIVAL
POWER HEROES

20th February

**Rescue Mission Cheesy
Bacon & Spring Onion Potato
Cakes**
with Homemade Baked Beans

**Stalks 'n' Cheese Cauliflower
& Broccoli Medley**

And

**Supercharged
Banana Cake
& Custard**



FOOD FESTIVAL
By Asperts

Come and try our

**ST PIRAN'S
MENU**

5th March

**Cornish Steak Pasty
or
Cheese and Onion Pasty**

With Chips & Beans

Hevva Cake



Delicious food every day

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE

BOOK FAIR

AND EARN
FREE
BOOKS
FOR OUR
SCHOOL!

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Diary Dates: Cardinham School 2024/2025	
Weds 12th Feb	St. Wenn Cross Country for Cross Country Club Runners.
Half Term: Mon 17th February to Fri 21st February	
Tues 25th Feb	Power Heroes Special Menu
Weds 26th Feb	Scholastic Book Fair After School
Fri 28th Feb	Little Fawns Toddler Group
Weds 5th March	St Piran's Day - Pasty Celebration!
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Fri 21st March	Landrake Cross Country for Cross Country Club Runners.
Fri 28th March	Little Fawns Toddler Group
Fri 4th April	Spring Term ends. 2pm collection. No ASC.
Mon 21st April	Easter Monday.
Tues 22nd April	Summer Term begins. All pupils return to school.
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday. School Closed.
w/b Mon 12th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Half Term: Mon 26th May to Fri 30th May	
Mon 2nd June	Tempest Whole School Photograph
Fri 6th June	INSET Day. School Closed.
Fri 4th July	Friends of School Quiz. 7pm at Old Inn & Restaurant
Fri 18th July	Summer Term ends. 2pm collection. No ASC.
Mon 21st July, Tues 22nd July & Weds 23rd July are INSET Days. School Closed.	

Attendance Message

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.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

What are the changes?

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.

FAQs

If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards? No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate? Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

Who can be issued with a penalty notice? Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school. In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time? No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time? You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued? No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it? Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance? Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON FEB 2025 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

(Football Roadshow unless stated)

MON, 17 FEBRUARY

Chulmleigh Primary School
St Joseph's Primary School, Launceston
St Joseph's Primary School, Launceston - Multi Skills
Lanivet Community Hub

TUE, 18 FEBRUARY

Dobwalls Football Club
Chulmleigh Primary School - Multi Skills
St Teath Football Club

WED, 19 FEBRUARY

Callington 3G
Holsworthy Youth Football Club

THU, 20 FEBRUARY

Saltmill, Saltash 3G
Tregadillett Primary School

FRI, 21 FEBRUARY

Polperro Football Club
Bude Football Club
Duchy College Sport's Hall - Futsal



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LISKEARD LIBRARY

REAL IDEAS

Half-Term What's On:



Family 360° Filmmaking

Hands-on film making with 360° cameras
for 8-12 year olds and parents/carers

Mon, 17th Feb 2025 10:00am

From £20 for 1adult + 1 child



Junior Lego Robotics –

Step into a world of LEGO magic in our
Lego Robotics taster workshop!

Tue, 18th Feb 2025 10:00am

£15

Children's Creative Writing Workshop; 7-11yrs

Join writer in residence, Nell Turner for a children's
creative writing workshop and explore the magic of
language and writing. 7-11yrs

Wed, 19th Feb 2025 10:00am

£10



Page To Picture Drawing Workshop –

Join Mia at Liskeard Library and take inspiration from
quotes and themes from books, and bring them to life
by drawing, for ages 6 -10yrs

Thu, 20th Feb 2025 11:00am

£7.50

Manga Drawing Workshop – Design a Manga Character

Join Mia for a Manga Drawing Workshop, perfect
for children 10+ who are passionate about
drawing, storytelling or simply love manga!

Fri, 21st Feb 2025 10:00am

£8.50



**Plus daily, free activities
throughout the week!**



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Cardinham School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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November 2025						
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March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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June 2026						
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July 2026						
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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

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

Autumn Term
1st September – 19th Dec 2025
(Half Term 20th – 31st Oct)

Spring Term
5th January – 2nd April 2026
(Half Term 16th - 20th Feb 2026)

Summer Term
20th April – 24th July 2026
(Half Term 25th – 29th May 2026)

Cardinham School INSET Days (highlighted in Yellow) school closed:

- Mon 1st Sept 2025
- Mon 20th – Fri 24th Oct 2025
- Mon 24th Nov 2025
- Fri 5th June 2026