



Friday 25th April 2025

Halwin Headlines

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine. I have been really impressed to see how quickly the children have settled back into their learning and it has been great to hear them speak enthusiastically about their new class texts and topics. We have welcomed Mrs Ash this term and today we enjoyed our first school dog visit. The children certainly enjoyed Nyx joining them in the playground today! This week, Robins have enjoyed reading 'Pigs Might Fly', a funny book inspired by The Three Little Pigs story. They have also been busy labelling parts of the body in Science and learning about moving mechanisms in DT! Owls class have begun reading 'The Wild Robot' in English and are excited to be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons in History this term. In DT, they began exploring structures and had a go at creating their own using toothpicks and marshmallows whilst in French, they have been learning to name vegetables! Kingfishers class have started their new class text: 'Kick' set in Jakarta, Indonesia. They have begun to explore the main theme of child labour alongside cultural differences and language.

Thank you for the great response to the Y1-4 Ball Skills club we have organised for the summer term. This club will start on Monday. If you have expressed interest, we have allocated your child(ren) a place. If you are no longer interested, please let us know. There are still some places remaining so do please let us know if you would like your child(ren) to join. We are happy for children to attend the first session as a trial if they are unsure. The school will cover the cost of this club.

As you know, we have a legal responsibility to inform you about your children's attendance. Letters and attendance certificates have been sent out today. We understand that we have had several bouts of illness over the last term that have affected many and appreciate you continuing to communicate daily with the school regarding absences.

This term, our Family Hive session will be next Tuesday 29th April and Parent Assembly will be Friday 23rd May. We hope you can join us for both. Don't forget we have a scheduled IN-SET day to coincide with Flora Day on the 8th May. Please do check the diary dates later in the newsletter as we have made some updates and additions.

We are currently finalising the children's annual written reports and will be sending these out by the end of Friday next week (2nd May). After the success of sending reports this time last year, we are using the same format with children's current assessments included. By sending out reports now, there is time for children to work towards their targets during the summer term. A short summary report will additionally be sent out in July.

Have a lovely weekend.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/fneRkacxDReptWDN6>

Or email Mrs Gee to book

Attendance

We aim for all our children to have at least 97% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for this week was 88.31%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 94.06%

Owls: 92.97%

Kingfishers: 78.42%



Next weeks lunch is **week 2 NEW MENU**




Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Harper
Owls	Amber
Kingfishers	Kai

Confidence	Rupert H-M
Aspiration	Alfie M
Resilience	Penny
Enjoyment	Ella

Team Points

Blue—99

Red—44

Green—52

Yellow—67



Maths-**Whizz**®

Hall of Fame

Owls: Rupert H-M, Poppy, Marley, Lukas, Amber

Kingfishers: Penny, Amelia



Notices and Events

School uniform

- School logo navy blue sweatshirt, hoodie or cardigan
- Plain white polo shirt (White shirts for Year 6, tie provided)
- Charcoal grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt (or pinafore dress KS1)
- Socks – plain white, grey or navy
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers
- Blue checked cotton dresses may be worn in the Summer term.

PE kit – School logo navy blue t-shirt, school logo hoodie, navy or black shorts or jogging bottoms, socks, trainers.

Hair below the shoulders should be tied back.

Jewellery should not be worn other than watches and plain stud earrings. Please remove for PE.

Please clearly name your child's uniform.

Second hand uniform is available in the school reception area.

Homework

The partnership between home and school is very important to us. We recognize that children have spent a busy structured day at school and need time to relax and play. We are also mindful of children's out-of-school activities e.g. swimming, gymnastics, football etc. and we believe that homework activities should not cause conflict or resentment. Our homework approach has therefore been designed to focus on the benefits of reading with your child and developing a love of reading. Reading is our focus, and we ask that parents and carers prioritise and support this essential skill.

A breakdown of suggested homework is provided below:

Robins: 10-15 minutes of reading a day, record in reading diary

Owls & Kingfishers: 10-15 minutes of reading at least 5 times a week

3 blue gems & 3 red gems per week on Maths Whizz (approx. 20 mins)

Times Tables Rockstars 15 minutes x2 a week

Spellings (optional use of Spelling Shed)

You are valuable partners in your children's education and we thank you for your continued support.

Nyx's Words of the Week



This term we are focusing on developing vocabulary and with the help of Nyx, we are introducing Words of the Week. Starting next week, the children will be introduced to 4 words each week and are encouraged to spot them in texts, use them in their speech and also in their writing. It would be great if you can celebrate when they use them at home as well!

brief

Definition: of short duration

Synonym: short

influence

Definition: the power to have an effect on something

Synonym: effect

quantity

Definition: the amount or number of something

Synonym: amount

refer

Definition: to mention or pass a matter to

Synonym: involve



Ready, Respectful, Safe



Following the Crofty training day in February about Relational Practice (Paul Dix), we have been working on ensuring our language for behaviour is clear and concise. This week we have introduced to the children our commitment that all Halwin adults and children are Ready, Respectful and Safe. Our Stars of the Week will be chosen for showing that they are Ready, Respectful and Safe, when we reflect with children about behaviour or choices, we will use the language of Ready, Respectful, Safe and, if you wish, this will give you consistent language for home use as well.

The Halwin Way



Ready



Respectful



Safe

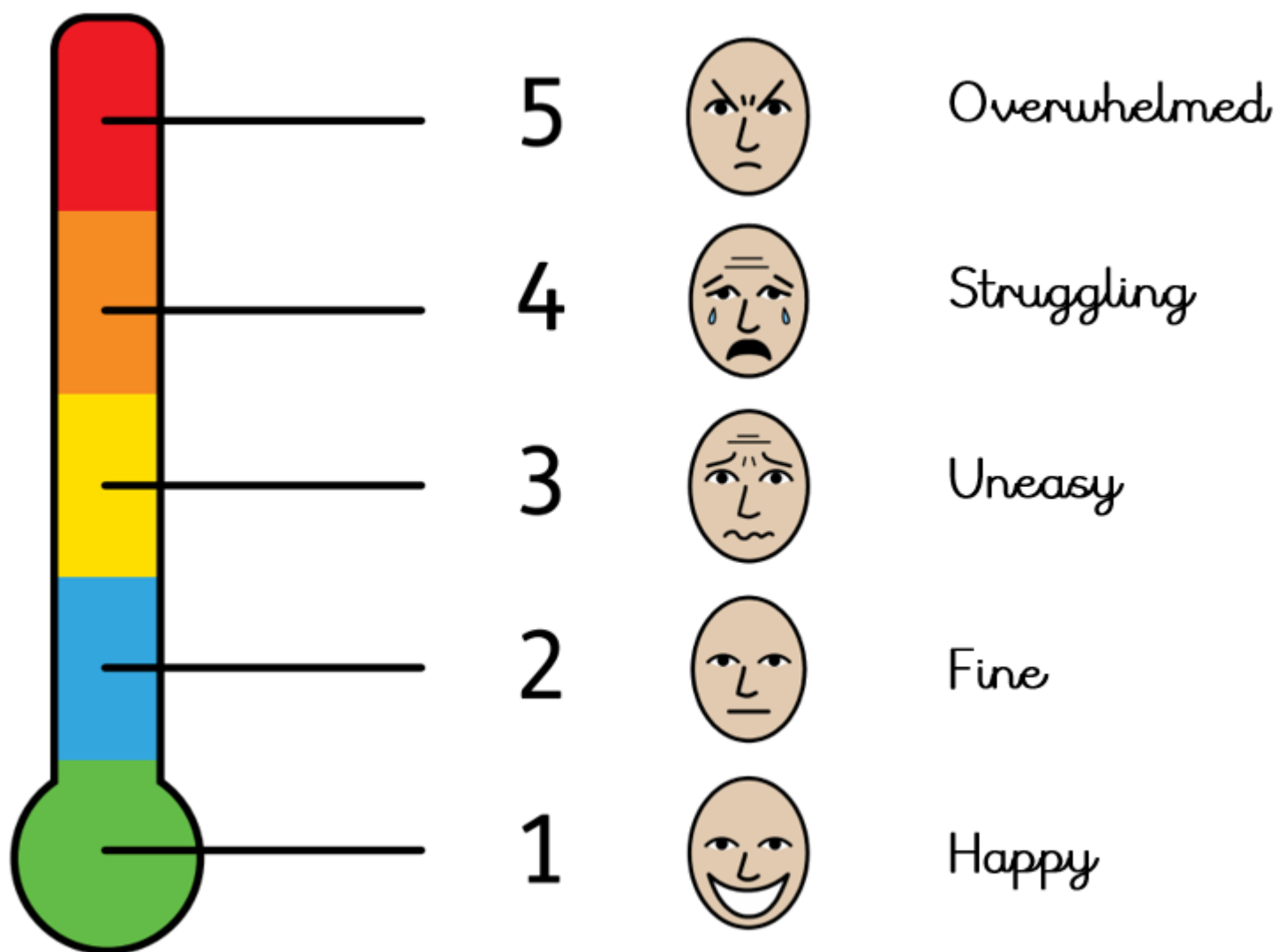


Notices and Events



We have recently introduced The Incredible 5 Point Scale across the school. You may hear your children talking about it and you can even use it at home as well. The Incredible 5 point scale can help children learn how to identify and manage their own emotions and responses. At each level your child will identify what each rating may look like, feel like, and possible solutions to help them self-regulate. We used this video to introduce it: [Size of Feelings - SEL Sketches](#) which you may want to watch together at home.

How do you feel?



Diary Dates



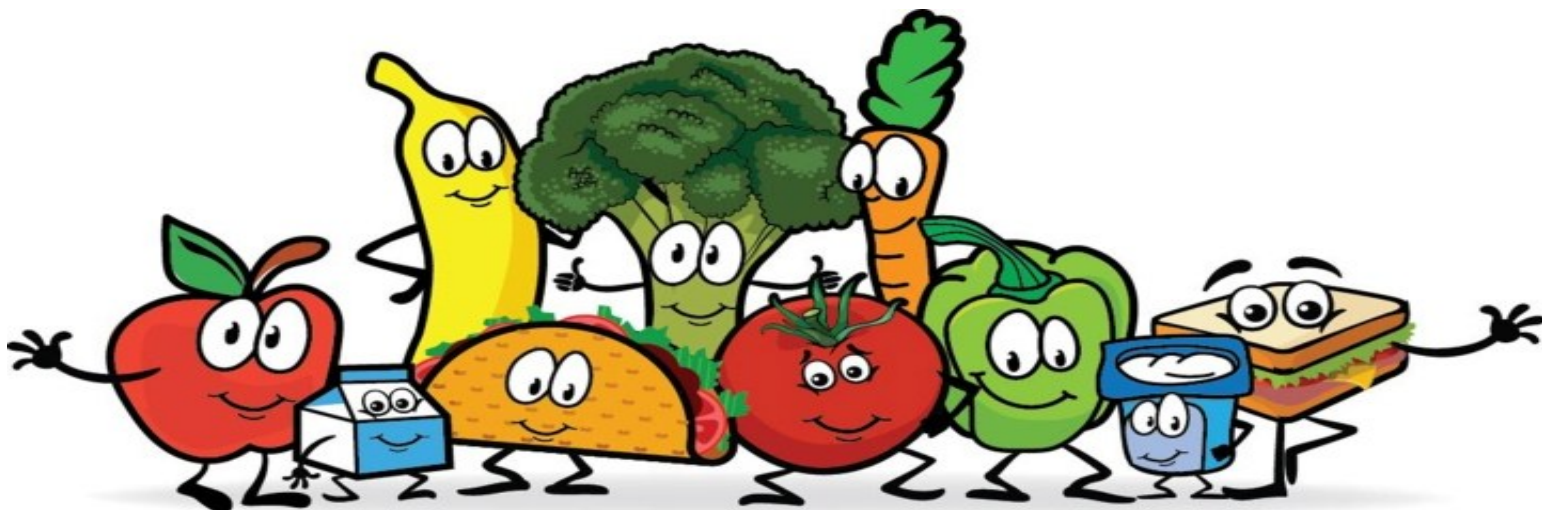
Thursday 8th May	INSET day—school closed to pupils
w/c 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 23rd May	Parent Assembly
w/c 26th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	INSET day—school closed to pupils
w/c 9th June	Sustainability Week
Tuesday 10th June	Family Hive 3.15-4pm
Thursday 12th June	Robins Beach Visit
w/c 16th June	Y5/6 Isles of Scilly Residential
Monday 23rd June & Friday 27th June	Bikeability
Wednesday 25th June	Elemental—Owls and Kingfishers
Thursday 26th June	Class Photos
Friday 27th June	Parent Assembly

Diary Dates



Tuesday 1st July & Wednesday 2nd July	Helston Transition Days
Thursday 3rd July	Sports Day
Friday 4th July	Eco Council Summit
Tuesday 8th July	Family Hive
Thursday 10th July	Open Morning
Friday 11th July	Coastal Crew Summit
Wednesday 16th July	Fairview Farm visit—EYFS (am) and Year 6 (pm)
Friday 18th July	End of Year Celebration Assembly—Parents welcome
Monday 21st July	Y6 Leavers Evening 6pm
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of Term
Wednesday 23rd July	INSET day—school closed to pupils

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU		Week 2				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese V	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Potato Wedges OR	Roast Gammon with Mashed Potato and Gravy OR	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta OR	Fish Fingers with Chips OR
	OPTION 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Wholegrain Rice V	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza with Potato Wedges V	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Gravy V	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap with Wholegrain Rice V	Cheesy Bean Tortilla Toastie with Chips V
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Panini V	Tuna and Cheese Panini Melt OR	Roast Gammon Pitta Pocket OR	Cheese and Tomato Toastie V	Tuna and Cheese Panini Melt OR
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich V	Ham Baguette	Cheese, Carrot and Apple Slaw Wrap V	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap V
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Strawberry Jelly V	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Flapjack with Fruit V	Lemon Emerald Cake	Chocolate Ice Cream
BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY With a choice of toppings		AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water			Chartwells Schools	
V Vegetarian V Vegan F Fruity! O Oily Fish N Nutritionist's Choice W Wholegrain H Halal Available						
Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.						





Your ref:

My ref: Infra24-272-HSK

Date: 25/04/2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Countrywide 20mph Speed Limits – Phase 4 – Helston & South Kerrier

Thank you for responding to our consultation on the above proposals. I am writing to let you know the outcome.

A high proportion of the responses received were in support of the proposals to reduce the speed limit within residential areas, with many requests for extensions. Some objections were received from respondents who were concerned about extended journey times, driver frustration and the belief that any benefits to safety and air quality remained unproven.

After consideration of the responses received, it has been decided that the proposals in the following locations will be implemented as advertised:

SN102 Lowertown, SN103 Trannack, SN104 Wendron, SN106 Carnkie, SN107 Rame Cross, SN108 Boskenwyn, SN109 Gweek, SN110 Mawgan & Garras, SN111 St Keverne, SN112 Coverack, SN113 Kuggar, SN114 Ruan Minor, SN115 The Lizard, SN116 Mullion, SN117 Cury, SN118 Gunwalloe & Berepper, SN119 Porthleven, SN120 Breage, SN121 Ashton, SN122 Praa Sands & Pengersick, SN123 Townshend, SN124 Godolphin Cross, SN125 Carleen & Trew, SN126 Sithney, SN127 Nancegollan, SN128 Praze-an-Beeble, SN128 Leedstown and SN130 Penmarth.

The following settlements will be implemented in an amended form:

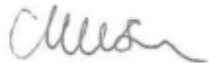
SN101 Helston – Due to the close proximity to St Michael's School, it has been agreed to implement a part-time advisory 20mph limit on Trengrouse Way. Please refer to Infra24-272_SN101_Helston Rev A for details.

SN105 Porkellis – Based on all comments received, it is clear that the main concern is the safety of residents and school children, who need to feel safe when walking/cycling to/from Halwin. Therefore, it was agreed that the length of carriageway between Porkellis and Halwin will remain at 30mph.

Our works programme indicates that construction will start on site in August 2025. Please note that any new speed restrictions will not come into effect until all the necessary works have been carried out on site.

Further information regarding speed limits within Cornwall can be viewed at <https://streets.appyway.com/cornwall>

Yours faithfully,



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Notices and Events



Attendance

The updated attendance policy is available on the school website: <https://halwin.croftymat.org/>

There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.						
Absence in terms of days	190 school days in each year	7 days absence 183 days in school	10 days absence 180 days in school	19 days absence 171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	28 days absence 162 days in school If it 85% each year, your child is missing the equivalent of a year of education over their time at primary school	47 days absence 143 days in school
	190 days for your child's education					
percentage	100%	96%	95%	90%	85%	75%
	Good -Best chance of success -Gets your child off to a flying start -Helps their confidence, social development as well as their academic progress -Over 97% is considered excellent attendance		Some Concern -Harder for your child to make progress -School starts tracking your child's attendance closely, <u>Medical</u> evidence may be required to authorise further absences linked to illness	Worrying -Your child is now classified as a 'persistent absentee' - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely	Serious Concern -Having a significant impact on your child's education and well-being -Legal Action may be taken	

Attendance



School doors open at 8.40am and registration is taken at 8.45am. Children who arrive after the registration period has closed (9.05am) may be recorded with an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session.

The Government does not support parents taking children out of school, unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. The DfE does not consider a need/desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure/recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form. Letters will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the school office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. There is now a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered. Under the new rules, taking your child out of school for a one-week holiday will now mean that a penalty notice must be considered. Please note the legal information below:

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.

How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 324201. 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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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 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

Adventure childcare and family days out at Via Ferrata Cornwall!



Are your children aged 6-13, up for fun outdoor adventures and ready to learn new skills and make friends? Check out our [Adventure Holiday Club](#)! This is available for the next school holiday.

Choose from **climbing, archery, watersports, adventure quarry games, giant catapults, raft-building, zip-lining, coasteering in the quarry and more!** You can simply drop your children off and leave them with us for an epic adventure to remember! We offer flexible options to fit around your working day, so you can treat your child to half a day or a full day with us.

We also offer family days out: there's the chance to take on the [Via Ferrata](#), the ultimate high wire adventure with zip wire, as well as the [Zip Wire Safari](#)! There's also a Cafe, free nature trails and a wild play area for under 10's. Check out our [website](#) (www.viaferratacornwall.co.uk) for more details