



Friday 6th February 2026

Halwin Headlines

It has been another fantastic week at Halwin, with children continuing to follow *The Halwin Way*. I have been particularly impressed with their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes, and strong focus on learning across the school. It is always a pleasure to see our values lived out so consistently. Wednesday was our much-anticipated Wellbeing Wednesday, one of our termly events, and once again it was a huge success. The day focused on our school values of Confidence, Aspiration, Resilience and Enjoyment and, despite being unable to use our forest school area due to storm damage, we made excellent use of our indoor spaces. Children across the school took part in a wide range of engaging activities. Years 3 and 4 worked with micro:bits, developing problem-solving skills and confidence with technology, while Years 5 and 6 enjoyed Lego League preparation, using Tinkercad to design archaeological dig sites and coding the Lego robot for a series of challenges. Robins class enjoyed a very exciting swimming session at Carn Brea, and we were incredibly impressed with our youngest children. Their enthusiasm and confidence in the pool were wonderful to see — and a special well done to everyone for getting themselves changed and dressed independently and so quickly! I know they will already be looking forward to swimming again at our next Wellbeing Wednesday. The whole school also enjoyed smoothie making, designing flavour combinations, tasting new fruits, practising safe cutting skills, and creating their own personalised smoothies. Alongside this, children created exploding books titled "*My Little Bit of Happy*", using drawings, doodles and colour to represent what makes them happy. It was lovely to hear the thoughtful conversations taking place throughout the school. In the afternoon, children enjoyed sports with Mr Riches and bird feeder making with Mrs Ash. All staff were extremely impressed with the children's attitudes and effort throughout this action-packed day, and it was especially heart-warming to see how well they worked together, including supporting siblings.

Thank you to all the parents who attended Star Plan reviews today — working together is so important, and we really value these opportunities. Thank you also to those who joined us for Celebration Assembly. A huge thank you to the Friends of Halwin for organising another successful (and delicious!) cake sale, raising over £65. Your support makes a real difference. Finally, a few reminders: St Piran's Day lunch pasty orders need to be placed by Monday using this link: <https://forms.gle/4iwyCfEvT8YxuDmb8>; this year's Online Safety Parent Workshop will take place on Tuesday with Mr Riches, after drop-off, in the hall, as part of Safer Internet Day; NHS Height and Weight Checks will take place on Tuesday morning for Reception and Year 6; and finally, our whole school trip to Trebah Gardens takes place next Friday. We are very grateful to the Friends of Halwin for funding this trip. If you are able to drop off and collect your child from Trebah, please let us know.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really does make such a positive difference to our school community.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/BqXVWXfKz6FqU6KZ9>

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was 92.97%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 92.67%

Kingfishers: 93.18%



Next weeks lunch is **week 3**



Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Arlo
Kingfishers	Ethan

Confidence	Eleanor
Aspiration	Harrison
Resilience	Harry
Enjoyment	Sophie

Team Points

144	Blue	587
89	Red	424
186	Green	595
112	Yellow	458



Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée, Carter

Kingfishers: Amelia, Mason, Nicholas, Eli, Luna, Kai, Marley, Maddison, Rupert, Ina

Whizz of the Week

Maddison

Congratulations to our newly appointed Reading Ambassadors

The children have waited very patiently all week to hear who would be selected as **Reading Ambassadors** for *The Year of Reading at Halwin*. We absolutely loved hearing the children's thoughtful and creative reasons for wanting to take on this role, and the different ways they chose to share their ideas.

We are delighted to announce that **all 12 children who applied have been successful**. Mrs Ellis is very much looking forward to meeting with you for the first time on **Thursday 12th February**, where you will begin sharing ideas and plans for the Year of Reading.



Wellbeing Wednesday

Wednesday 4th February 2026



CERTIFICATE **OF RECOGNITION**

THE FOLLOWING AWARD IS GIVEN TO

**Zephyr, Nicholas, Marley,
Sophie, Carter, Aimée,
Chari, Valencia**

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



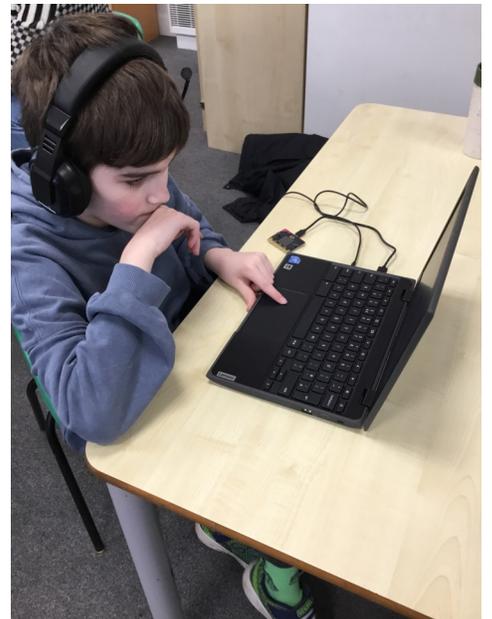
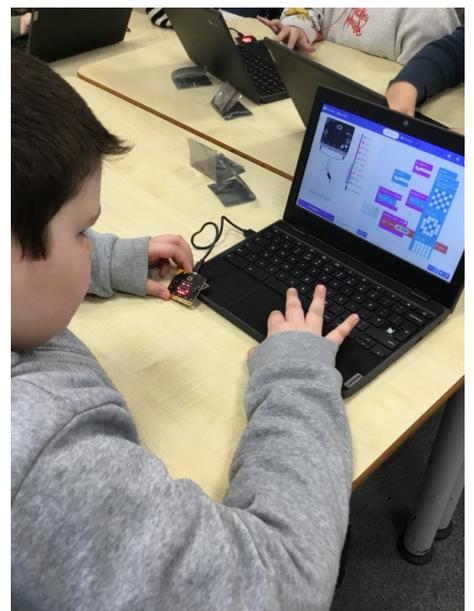
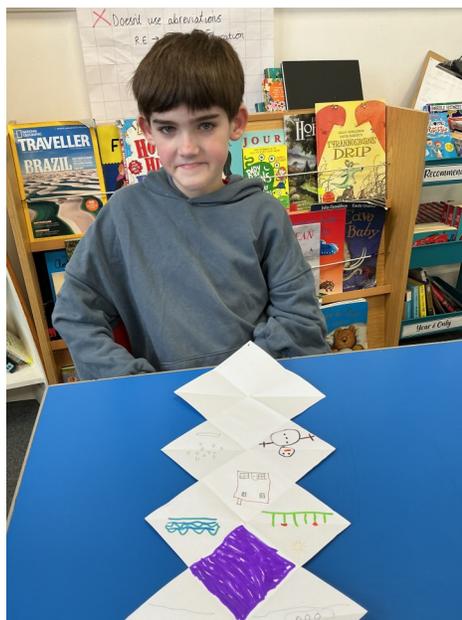
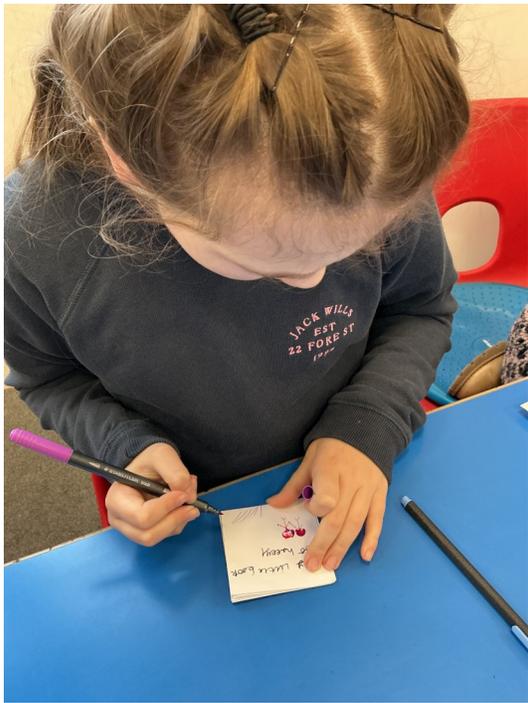
Tuesday 10th Feb	Safer Internet Day—Parent Workshop gam Height & Weight checks for EYFS and Year 6
Thursday 12th Feb	Farm and Country Roadshow
Friday 13th Feb	Whole School visit to Trebah Gardens
w/c 16th Feb	Half Term
Monday 23rd Feb	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24th Feb	Return to School
Wednesday 25th Feb	Swimming starts for Y3/4 (5 sessions during Spring 2)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	Y5/6 Careers Event @ Helston CC
Wednesday 11th March	First Lego League @Culdrose (Y5/6 team)
w/c 23rd March	Parents Evenings
Wednesday 25th March	Wellbeing Wednesday Swimming - Robins fun session
Tuesday 31st March	Songfest 2026—Kingfishers
Thursday 2nd April	End of Term
Monday 20th April	Return to School
Wednesday 22nd April	KS2 trip to King Edward Mine
Wednesday 29th April	KS2 Hall for Cornwall theatre show



Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 8th May	Inset Day (Flora Day)
Friday 15th May	Whole School Trip Geevor Mine
Friday 22nd May	End of Term
Monday 1st June	Return to School
Friday 19th June	School Group Photographs
Monday 22nd June	Inset Day
Wednesday 1st July	Wellbeing Wednesday Elemental—Swanpool Beach
Wednesday 22nd July	End of School Year
Thursday 23rd July	Inset Day—school closed

Wellbeing Wednesday





WEEK 3

W/C: 17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 02/03/2026, 23/03/2026



		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 	Roast Gammon with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Battered Pollock with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Pasta  	Quorn Roast with Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese 	Veggie Fingers with Chips  
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  

HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Wrap 	Tuna Wrap	Ham Wrap	Cheese and Tomato Wrap 	Ham Wrap
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich 	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich 	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich 

DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD

DESSERT	Chocolate Marble Cake 	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard 	Lemon Cookie 	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Fruits of the Forest Jelly 
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BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings  



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

 Vegetarian  Vegan  Oily Fish  Wholegrain  Fruity!  Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

COOSE TRANNACK CROSS COUNTRY RACES

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Registered charity: 1077109

Trannack C.P. School, Trannack, Helston, Cornwall, TR13 0DQ

COOSE TRANNACK — Saturday, 21st March 2026

GENERAL

Coose Trannack is a Millennium Woodland planted by the Woodland Trust in 2000 in conjunction with Trannack School. The woodland is open all year round to the public.

The event is open to ALL children of school age from Yr R through to U16 and we will again be running our Adult Race (4800m) for ages 16 and over.

Hot food and drinks will be served from 08:30.

The Registration Office will be in the school hall, within the main school building and will be open from 08:30 to 11:00.

From 08:30 until the start of the races all competitors are invited to walk the course.

The event will start @ **09:35** and will end around 1pm. There will be a presentation ceremony in the playground for Primary Schools. U13 and U16 Medals will be handed out at the finish line but competitors are welcome to stay until completion of the event. The Adult Race will commence after the Yr6 race.

Competitors are advised to come already changed as there are no indoor changing facilities.

The Local Press are invited to attend. The FTS cannot accept liability for children's pictures appearing in the press. The responsibility is that of the visiting schools/clubs and/or parents. If parents have any concerns prior to the event please contact the event email.

For event enquiries and to submit your School/Club Registration Form email: coosetrannack@gmail.com or post to: Trannack School, Trannack, Helston, TR13 0DQ

PARKING

Please arrive early giving yourself plenty of time to park and register (and to walk the course if you wish). **Please car share where possible.**

DIRECTIONS

Trannack School is approximately 2 miles north of Helston. Follow the B3297 from Helston towards Redruth, turn left where the school is signposted just past Wheel Dream Golf and Restaurant. Dependant on the weather prior to the event parking will be on fields below Trannack School. There is disabled parking in the school car park. All cars are parked at their own risk.

ENTRY FORM & REGISTRATION

Entry can either be done collectively through their school/club organiser by returning the registration form back to coosetrannack@gmail.com or signing up on the day as an individual entry.
To help with the smooth running of the event, the Coose Trannack committee would be grateful if each school or club could have a representative to act as a contact, to pre-register their team before the closing date and be responsible for their team on the day.

For clubs and schools the entry form should be completed and returned **BEFORE** the event (**by Saturday, 14th March**), however if this is not possible, entries can be made on the day. Please report to Registration **at least 1 hour** before the scheduled time of the race.

To reduce the amount of footfall through the registration area please can you ensure that only **ONE** club representative, or one school year group representative collects running numbers for the whole team/ year group.

The entry fee is **£4.00** per child (**£6.00** for the Adult Race - age 16 and over). Cheques should be made payable to the "FTS". As part of the entry fee competitors will receive a drink and a snack bar. They will also receive a certificate showing their finishing position and can keep their race number as a memento of the occasion.
Please ensure all registration forms are returned by Saturday 14th March.

All competitors should wear their race number on the front of their tops.

RACE DISTANCES, TIMINGS, RESULTS, MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Secondary School Event

U13 & U16 2400m 09:35am (staggered start for each age group)

Medals will be handed out at the finish line for Secondary School races

Primary School Event

Yr. R	300m	10:00am
Yr.1	500m	10:15am
Yr.2	500m	10:30am
Yr.3	900m	10:45am
Yr.4	1200m	11:00am
Yr.5	1500m	11:15am
Yr.6	1800m	11:30am

Adult Race 4800m 11:45am
£6 entry, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Medals

Medals & Trophies 12.45pm (Or on completion of the adult race in the playground)

Please bring your own sports bottles, there will be refillable water stations.



COOSE TRANNACK CROSS COUNTRY RACES

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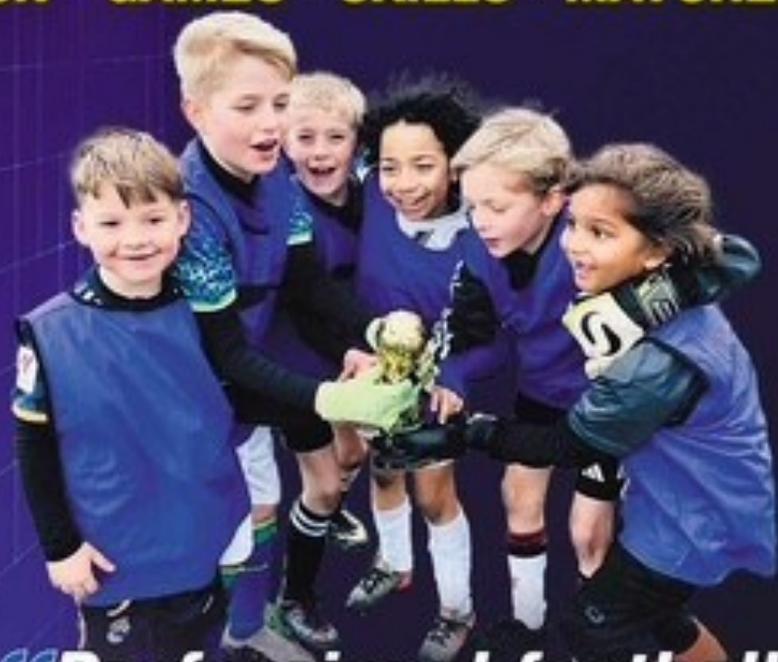
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Attendance

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	47 days absence 143 days in school
	190 days for your child's education				If it 85% each year, your child is missing the equivalent of a year of education over their time at primary school	
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	



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

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educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk
01872 324298

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

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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