

CARDINHAM SCHOOL



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Monday 18th November 2024

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Dear Cardinham Families,

We are delighted to invite you to a **Christmas Craft Event** for children and parents next Tuesday 26th November after school. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get creative together and enjoy the festive season. More details about how to sign up will be shared tomorrow, so please save the date. You'll have to be quick as places will be limited.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible efforts with attendance so far this year. We've achieved an impressive **96% attendance** average, which is a fantastic reflection of your commitment to your child's education. We do understand, however, that this time of year brings challenges with seasonal sickness. Please remember that the NHS website has helpful information under [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) should your child(ren) be unwell.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers who have signed up to attend Parents' Evening. We hope that you find the conversations useful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dave Jones
Headteacher

Reception 2025 Starters Open Afternoon

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a poster about an open afternoon that we have booked for parents of Reception 2025 starters. Please spread the word.

Bag 2 School Fundraiser

REVISED
collection date is
Tuesday 17th
December 2024.



No ASC

There is essential staff training that is taking place after school on **Monday 25th November** and **Monday 2nd December**. Please make a note that there will be no after school club available on these days.

Christmas Information

We're excited to let you know that the dates for our Christmas events have now been set! Please see the end of the newsletter for details. Further information will be shared closer to the time, but for now, we encourage you to save the dates. We look forward to celebrating this festive season together!



Posters

A reminder that our newsletter always contains posters at the end. Please read right to the end to make sure you don't miss anything.

School Uniform and PE Kit

We would like to remind of the importance of adhering to the school's uniform and PE kit expectations. Some Year 7 pupils who previously attended Cardinham, have shared that they've found it challenging to adapt to the new PE kit requirements at Bodmin College. To support pupils in establishing good habits early on, we encourage families to ensure their children are fully prepared for PE. Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter. A copy of our school uniform policy can be found by clicking this link: [24 - 25 Uniform Policy.pdf](#).



Reception Starters

It's that time of year again when parents are deciding which school to send their child to. We do rely heavily on word of mouth so please do encourage friends and family to book a tour if they have a child starting school in September 2025.



Parent Pay Lunches

Please ensure you are selecting your child's lunch on Parent Pay before they arrive at school. This saves a large amount of time within the classroom each morning. Thank you.



Friends of School News

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or attended the Pre-Loved Clothing Sale which raised £83.55 towards the School Pantomime trip. Also, a huge thank you for those who attended the School Disco and the Wellbeing Workshop. Both events were very well attended. Next up, Bingo on Friday 6th December.



Diary Dates: Cardinham School 2024/2025

Mon 25th Nov	Staff Training - No After School Club
Tues 26th Nov	Christmas Crafts - SAVE THE DATE
Mon 2nd Dec	Staff Training - No After School Club
Weds 4th Dec	St. Petroc's Christmas Tree Festival (singing club only)
Fri 6th Dec	Friends of School Bingo (see leaflet below)
Tues 10th Dec	Christingle Service at 2:30pm in St. Meubred's Church
Mon 16th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity
Tues 17th Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Weds 18th Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas Parties
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Fun Run and 2pm Collection

INSET Days 2024/25

- Friday 6th June 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025

* Term Dates for next academic year can be found below.



September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		5	12	19	26		Thurs		3	10	17	24	31	Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		4	11	18	25		Fri		1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		5	12	19	26		Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun		8	15	22	29		Sun		6	13	20	27		Sun		3	10	17	24	28

December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24		
Tue		3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		4	11	18	25		
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		1	8	15	22	29	Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		5	12	19	26		Thurs		2	9	16	23	30	Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		3	10	17	24	31	Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		4	11	18	25		Sat		1	8	15	22	29
Sun		8	15	22	29		Sun		5	12	19	26		Sun		2	9	16	23	30

March 2025							April 2025							May 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26		
Tue		4	11	18	25		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs		6	13	20	27		Thurs		3	10	17	24	31	Thurs		1	8	15	22	29
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Sat		8	15	22	29		Sat		5	12	19	26		Sat		3	10	17	24	31
Sun		9	16	23	30		Sun		6	13	20	27		Sun		4	11	18	25	26

June 2025							July 2025							August 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26	
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Sun		8	15	22	29		Sun		6	13	20	27		Sun		3	10	17	24	25

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024
(HALF TERM 28 October - 1 November 2024)

SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

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.

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.

Is your child starting Primary School in September 2025?



Families are warmly invited to our open evening to stay and play, meet staff and enjoy a tour of our friendly and nurturing school.

Friday 29th November 4.30-6pm

Come along and let your little ones explore our Early Years space, ask questions and enjoy some tea and cake.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 01208 821326
EMAIL: CARDINHAM@TPACADEMYTRUST.ORG**



Beautiful Bodmin's
Fabulous Flags!

Thank you Cardinham Primary
School for creating an incredible
flag for Bodmin!

Bye bye! old flags...



We will keep you updated on when
they will be going up!

It still needs to be
stitched up ...but here is
your beautiful flag so
far....

Would you like to display
it at your school before
the next stage?



Together, let's make Bodmin even more Flagulous!



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At Cardinham School

Amazing prizes to be won!

Refreshments available
Welcome to bring your own

FRIDAY 6TH DEC @ 6PM

Can pay via cash or card

Helping to raise funds
for Cardinham school



Kids Christmas

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Join us in making some Christmas themed arts and crafts for your friends and family!

December 8th & 14th 2024

Craft Explorers (for little ones age 3-5) 1000-1100 am

Family Sessions (from age 5 to 105!) 1200-1300 pm

Only £8.50 per child, with accompanying adult free of charge

Lanivet Community Centre, Rectory Road, Bodmin PL30 5HG

TO BOOK AND FOR MORE DETAILS -
[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/THECORNISHCRAFTINGCOTTAGE](https://bookwhen.com/thecornishcraftingcottage)

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2025**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2025 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2025**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

*This workshop provides parents with
practical strategies to foster positive
behaviour and communication at
home.*

To book a place please complete
the online form **HERE**
[https://forms.office.com/e/1Pw
GDXSQ40](https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40) or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of
primary aged children enrolled in Reception
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST




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Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Worry Workshop



Monday 13th January - 9:30am & 2pm
Tuesday 14th January - 11am & 4pm
Wednesday 15th January - 09:30am & 1:30pm
Thursday 16th January - 11am & 4pm



This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF)
<https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

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Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Resilience Workshop

Monday 20th January - 9.30am & 4pm
Tuesday 21st January - 11am & 2pm
Wednesday 22nd January - 11.30am &
4pm
Thursday 23rd January - 9.30am & 1.30pm



This workshops aims to talk about the
meaning of resilience, explore
building resilience and look at how
and when a young person should ask
for help.

To book a place please complete
the online form **HERE**

[https://forms.office.com/e/TE2U
mBZrHK](https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK) or scan the QR code



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to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall



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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am &
1.30pm
Thursday 6th February - 11am &
1.30pm



This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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