

# CARDINHAM SCHOOL



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Dear Cardinham Families,

I hope this message finds you well as we head into the festive season. This newsletter is filled with Christmas updates, including details about our events and activities, so please do take a close look to stay up to date!

I also want to share some important news. Mrs. James, our wonderful school administrator, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs. James has been the welcoming face of our school office, always greeting everyone with a smile and bringing such positive energy to her work. She's gone above and beyond time and time again, and her dedication has been truly appreciated by staff, pupils, and parents alike. She will be greatly missed, but we know she'll bring her warmth and enthusiasm to whatever comes next. Thank you Mrs James - you're amazing!

We look forward to seeing many of you over the coming weeks as we celebrate Christmas together. Thank you for your continued support.

Dave Jones  
Headteacher

## After-School Club Late Pick-Up Charge

A proposed late pick-up charge for After-School Club will be discussed at the upcoming Governors' meeting. This charge will apply to any child not collected by 5:00 pm and would be introduced in the Spring Term. We will provide further updates after the meeting.

## Bag 2 School Fundraiser

**REVISED**  
collection date is  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 2024.



## Online Safety

Our latest online safety newsletter has been attached to the same email as this newsletter. Please make sure you have a look for all the latest e-safety information.



## Christmas Post Box

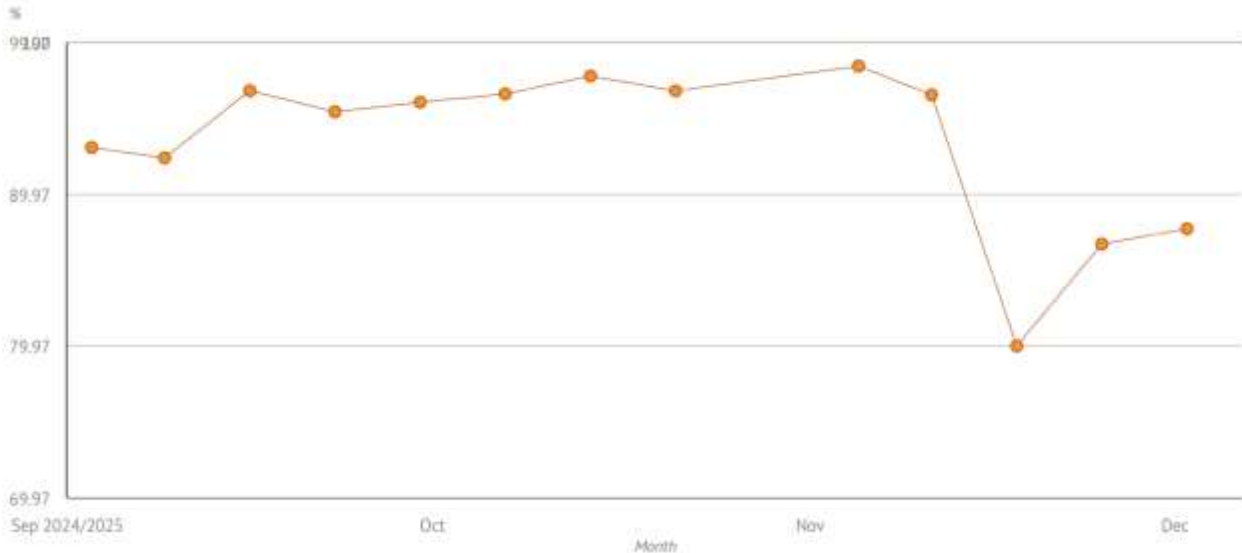
Our Christmas post box is now ready and waiting at the Fox Class entrance! Children can drop off their festive cards and our little helpers will ensure they are delivered. Our post box is new and improved this year! A huge thank you for the very kind donation  
☺. Happy posting!



## 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.

## Attendance Update



We wanted to take a moment to share an update on school attendance across the year so far. On 15<sup>th</sup> November, the average attendance was 96.0% - above average for our academy. This shows a fantastic level of commitment to attendance, and we know this reflects how much you value your child's education. However, as you might be aware, and as you can see from our 'attendance overtime' graph above, the past three weeks have been particularly challenging due to the wave of illness affecting many families.

We understand that deciding whether your child is well enough to return to school can sometimes be a tricky decision. To help with this, we encourage you to check this helpful NHS guidance: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) If you feel you need further advice, the Chat Health service is also a fantastic resource for parents: [Chat Health Service](#). And of course, we are always here to support you if you have questions or concerns about attendance. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please also remember to call daily should your child be off from school.

Let's all hope that the final two weeks of term bring a much-needed boost so we can end the term on a high note and enjoy the festive celebrations together!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> December.



## Christmas Event Information

**Tuesday 10th December - Whole School Christingle Concert.** Join us at *St. Meubred's Church* for a 2:30 PM start. This year, parents will collect children from their class groups upon arrival at the church and stand with them as we sing our songs.

**Monday 16th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity.** Hedgehog and Squirrel class parents are invited to the Parish Hall at 2:00 PM for the EYFS and KS1 nativity. Rehearsals are in full swing, and the children can't wait to perform for you! You may take your child home after the performance.

**Tuesday 17th December - Whole School Pantomime Trip.** The whole school will enjoy a trip to the *Hall for Cornwall* to watch a pantomime. Please ensure permission slips have been returned to the school office.

**Wednesday 18th December - Whole School Christmas Dinner.** Children will enjoy a festive Christmas dinner together - packed lunches can still be brought in. It's also Christmas Jumper Day, so don't forget to send children in their favourite festive jumpers!

**Thursday 19th December - Christmas Parties.** Children can wear their best party clothes and are asked to bring a packaged food contribution:

- Nursery and Odd Years (e.g., Year 1, 3, 5) - Savoury items
- Reception and Even Years (e.g., Year 2, 4, 6) - Sweet treats

If your child has dietary requirements, please send a packed lunch with party food for them.

**Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term.** Term ends early at 2:00 PM. Please note, no games or toys should be brought in on this day.



### Diary Dates: Cardinham School 2024/2025

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Friends of School Bingo (see leaflet below)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service at 2:30pm in St. Meubred's Church
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 2pm in the Parish Hall
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Parties
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fun Run and 2pm Collection

#### INSET Days 2024/25

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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	31

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

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	
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	
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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	31

**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.

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# 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*

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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](http://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**  
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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




Cornwall Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust



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)  
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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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Cornwall Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust



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 workshop 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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NHS Foundation Trust

# 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](#)

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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ROADSHOWS



EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON DEC 2024/JAN 2025 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)  
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

(Football Roadshow unless stated)

## MON, 23 DECEMBER

Callington Community College 3G  
Lanivet Community Hub

## FRI, 27 DECEMBER

Saltmill 3G - Saltash

## MON, 30 DECEMBER

Duchy College Indoor Sports Hall

## TUE, 31 DECEMBER

St Joseph School, Launceston  
St Joseph School, Launceston - Multi-Skills (Inside)

## FRI, 3 JANUARY

Saltmil 3G - Saltash  
St Joseph School, Launceston  
Bude Football Club



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