

# CARDINHAM SCHOOL



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Dear Cardinham Families,

In our previous newsletter, I shared the news that Mrs. James will be leaving us at the end of term. Today is her final day at Cardinham School, and while we are sad to see her go, we are incredibly grateful for her dedication and contributions during her time with us. We wish her all the very best in her next chapter!

I am delighted to announce that Miss Bryony Tucker (no relation to Mrs. Tucker!) will be joining us as Mrs. James's replacement. Miss Tucker will officially start on Monday 6th January, and I am confident that she will be a fantastic addition to our school community. I am sure you will all join me in giving her a warm welcome when we return.

This week, our EYFS and KS1 children absolutely shone in their Nativity performance. A huge congratulations to the children for their hard work and wonderful performances—you made us all so proud. My heartfelt thanks also go to the staff for their dedication, not only during the festive period but throughout the entire year.

You can already book your child onto Football Club by clicking on the following link [Book ECND3 - Football After School Club - Cardinham Primary School from Argyle Community Trust](#). Football Club will again run on Friday after school and it is available for children in Reception to Year 6. We will let you know about other clubs at the beginning of January.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you—parents, carers, and members of our wider community—for your ongoing support. Together, we have created a nurturing environment where children can flourish, and that is something we can all celebrate.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy the festive break, and I look forward to seeing you all when school resumes on **Monday 6th January**.

Best wishes,

Mr Dave Jones  
Headteacher



## Bag 2 School Fundraiser

Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to our Bags to School collection. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps make a positive difference! We'll update you in the new year with the total amount raised.



## Last Day of Term

A reminder that today, Friday 20th December, is the last day of term. All children need to be collected at **2:00 pm**, and there will be **no after-school club** running in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday 6th January**.



### Friends of School Spending and Fundraising Summary 2024

Since January 2024, the Friends of School have supported our school with a total spend of **£3,486.50**. This includes funding for:

- Little Fawns Rent (£260)
- Author Visit & Signed Books (£208)
- Insurance (£109)
- School Pet Guinea Pigs & Supplies (£238)
- Gardening Club (£122)
- Year 6 Leavers Trip (£205)
- Pantomime Trip & Coaches (£2,186.50)
- Christmas Presents (£118)

Some of this spending was covered by funds carried over from 2023, which allowed us to meet these expenses without impacting this year's fundraising. Additionally, **£324.70** has been set aside for 2025 events. Thanks to your incredible support during our recent fundraisers, we raised:

- Asda Cashpot for Schools: **£312.53**
- Bingo: **£340.50**
- Neal's Yard: **£241**
- Disco: **£169**
- Mount & Warleggan Christmas Fayre: **£87.80**
- Preloved Costume Sale: **£73.55**

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this success! We are excited for another year of fundraising to continue supporting our school and our children.

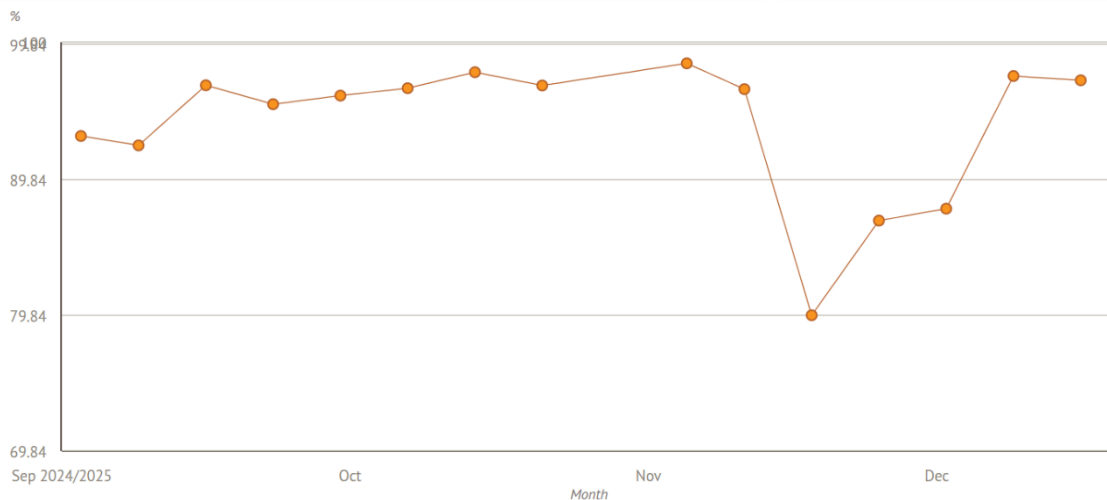
### Attendance Update

We wanted to take a moment to share some positive news about attendance.

As you can see in the graph below, attendance has significantly improved over the past two weeks, with last week reaching an impressive **97.5%** and this week close behind at **96.4%**.

The only time this half term that attendance dipped below our academy's average was during the three-week period of sickness that affected many families. Thankfully, with everyone's efforts, we've bounced back strongly, and the children have had a fantastic end to the year.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring that children are in school and ready to learn. Good attendance is such an important factor in their progress, and it's wonderful to see how much we've achieved together this term.



### 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.



### The Children's Society

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Christingle service with the children of Cardinham School — it was a joyful and uplifting occasion. Thanks to your generosity, £42.34 was raised in church, and St. Meubred Church will kindly top this up to £80, which will be donated to the Children's Society. Your support is greatly appreciated!



### Parking Meeting Update

A parking meeting was held earlier this half term, with staff attending to emphasise the importance of addressing the ongoing challenges. During the discussion, attendees acknowledged that parking issues have been a longstanding concern, stretching back many years. While understanding this historical context was helpful, it was agreed that it does not excuse the current difficulties. The school outlined its commitment to road safety education, which is embedded in the curriculum. Given the unique aspects of rural life, such as narrow roads and areas without pavements, children are regularly reminded of safety measures when walking around the village.

The discussion emphasised that keeping the roads safe and clear for children and the wider community is a collective responsibility. It was agreed to send a reminder to all to urge drivers to be considerate by avoiding parking on junctions, drop curbs, or creating obstructions. It was noted that there is additional parking available further along the road, particularly near Woodside, and parents are encouraged to use these spaces to reduce congestion.

It was acknowledged that the school and parents have limited influence over public highways, which fall under the jurisdiction of external authorities. Therefore, the meeting highlighted that parents with ongoing concerns are welcome to escalate the matter to community police officers.

In conclusion, while no immediate solutions were identified, the school reiterates the importance of ongoing reminders and collective efforts to ensure drop-off and pick-up times are safer for everyone. The shared responsibility of the community remains key to addressing this persistent issue.



#### Diary Dates: Cardinham School 2024/2025

<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</b>	End of Term. 2pm Collection. No ASC.
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025</b>	Spring Term Starts for all.

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

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

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

**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

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

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

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

**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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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**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.

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# 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  
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primary aged children enrolled in Reception  
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall


# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST




Cornwall Partnership  
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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)  
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# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Cornwall Partnership  
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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 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.

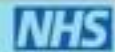
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# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



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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  
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