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I can't believe we are almost halfway through the academic year. With one week to the half term break, it has been a welcome surprise to welcome blue skies and a few rays of sunshine. It has been wonderful to see so many of our families attending our residential meetings this week after school. If you were unable to come along, please arrange a time to talk to your child's teacher, each PowerPoint with the key information is available for you to look through on our website.

We are so excited for next week's Ignite Wonder, World of Work week. We have lots of wonderful speakers visiting our school. The week will then finish with our Aspirations Day, we can't wait to see our children showing their hopes and dreams for their future careers.

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Top story this week



We are looking forward to seeing you all next week at our parent consultations on Wednesday and Thursday. As always, these meetings will take place in the main school hall. There is always a wonderful buzz at these evenings. Once again there will be the opportunity for our families to pick up preloved school uniform. Please could I ask if you have any outgrown and unwanted items of uniform at home that you would be happy to donate, please could you drop these into our main school office.

Finally, I received the photo below of our wonderful children from Emma Morrish Bodmin Hockey club junior coach. Their under 8 team played in their very first tournament at Penzance this weekend. They played 6 games against other clubs from across the county and played some excellent hockey. The entire team attend our school. Emma says that all children conducted themselves brilliantly and were a credit to the school. Congratulations to our children, we are super proud of them and thank you to Emma for letting us know.

We would love to hear more about our children's achievements outside of school. Please email into our school mailbox beacon@kernowlearning.co.uk with any accomplishments and photos that you would be happy for us to share with our school community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support - it is very much appreciated.













Key Events for next week—Reception and KS1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	PE- last dance lesson.	Inventing stories where is your story going to be set?	Doubles in Maths.	Police and Fire service visits.	Dress up day & Hall for Cornwall trip!
Year 1	Understanding 10 in Maths	Let's write our own stories!	PE day – Gymnastics.	Plumber visitor!	World of work week dress up day!
Year 2	Measurement in Maths	P.E. Gymnastics	Music with Jan – glockenspiels and ukuleles	Going on a job hunt!	World of work and dress up Day

















Key Events for next week- KS2 and ARB

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Year 3	Innovation time! Information text about the body linked to our science unit	Maths Fun! Recognising and using fractions as numbers.	Special Visitor! Who could it be?	History: The Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb	World of Work Dress up Day!	
Year 4	Innovating our own Discussion Text			Beacon Visits – Where to this week?	World of Work Dress up Day!	
Year 5	Maths: Fractions	TfW: Independent Application	Ridiculously Silly Reading!	PE: Hockey	World of Work Dress up Day!	
Year 6	Planning our Innovation in Talk for Writing	vation in Talk for Blitz affected this PE - Basketball		Funky French Thursday	World of Work Dress up Day!	
Cosmonauts	PSHE Healthy foods	Amazing Art Superhero capes	Sensational Science Wiggly worms experiment	Cooking Superhero smoothie	Computing	

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'





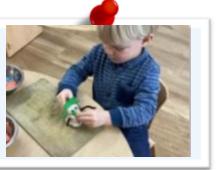
Nursery

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed the story 'Owl's Winter Rescue'. We have been talking about winter and the clothes we wear to keep ourselves warm. We have been learning and exploring about animals that live in cold climates and developing our fine motor skills by building snowmen using different materials and playdough.

Reception

This week in Reception we have enjoyed our last lesson with Bertie Owl learning all about celebrations. This week we looked at the celebration of Holi. We created our own rangoli patterns and discussed how we would feel if we went to a Holi celebration. In preparation for World of Work week we have been taking on different jobs in our new bakery. We are really looking forward to next week!









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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 1

Year 1 have been busy this week learning how to code in computing.

We have learnt what an algorithm is and how it works in coding. We have learnt about the different stages of coding, including code blocks that link an object and an action, as well as events and how to execute a code and debug.

Year 2

Another exciting and action-packed week of learning in Year 2! The children have been getting stuck into printing in art, life cycles in Science, funky French, Beacon visits to Iceland, and more! When will the fun ever stop? We also had a visit from Cornwall Mental Health support in which the children had a workshop about sympathy and empathy in which they shone brilliantly!







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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 3

Another outstanding week for Year 3! This week we have been learning all about online safety and emails in Computing. We looked and identified what it takes to be safe and responsible online, learnt ways we can protect our personal information from being shared and learnt how we can spot spoof websites or reputable sources. Year 3 have shown a big interested in this topic and have really immersed themselves in all the activities.

Well done Year 3!



Year 4

What another great week we have had together: children have loved exploring their discussion texts links to wind energy; they have summarised the text brilliantly and answered retrieval questions in reading; in maths, children have amazed when using the formal method for multiplication; they have also loved our recent unit of RE; and who can forget their PE sessions with the Cornish Pirates on Tuesday (only one session left now).

Next week we all share together in our 'World of Work' week, before then getting some well-deserved rest for half-term. Thank you, Year 4, for always shining brightly.





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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 5

Wow what a week of pure joy and wonder. We are not going to say much about this week...

We would simply invite you to scan the below QR code and enjoy a small performance from some of our lovely Year 5 children.

Year 6

We have come to the end of our penultimate week this half-term: children have shown a real interest in the use of War Horses for our explanation text; in maths; they have really shone when multiplying fractions by integers; they have explored how characterisation changes throughout a chapter in reading; and learnt about the importance of tenses in their grammar lessons.

Highlights off the week however definitely come from our history lesson this week: children have been exploring the reliability of primary and secondary sources and learning what they can tell us about World War II.

Thank you, Year 6, for working hard.









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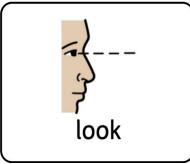






This week in Cosmonauts, we have been focusing on our social interaction and communication skills. We have been spending lots of time working with our friends and playing turntaking games. We have also been continuing with our Superworm story, our maths sessions and practising our sounds. As the sun has come out again this week, we have also enjoyed lots of outdoor time.

Core word of the week













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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?



Wonderfully safe online

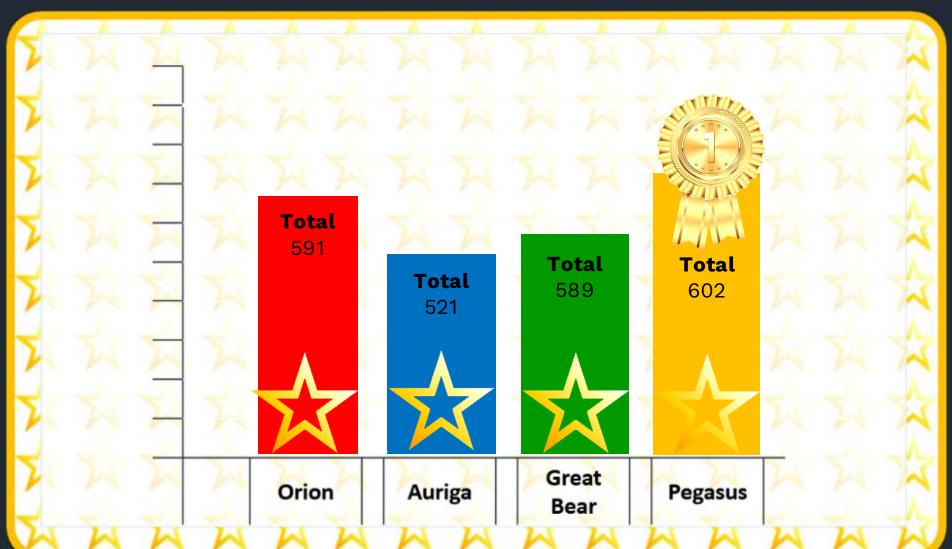
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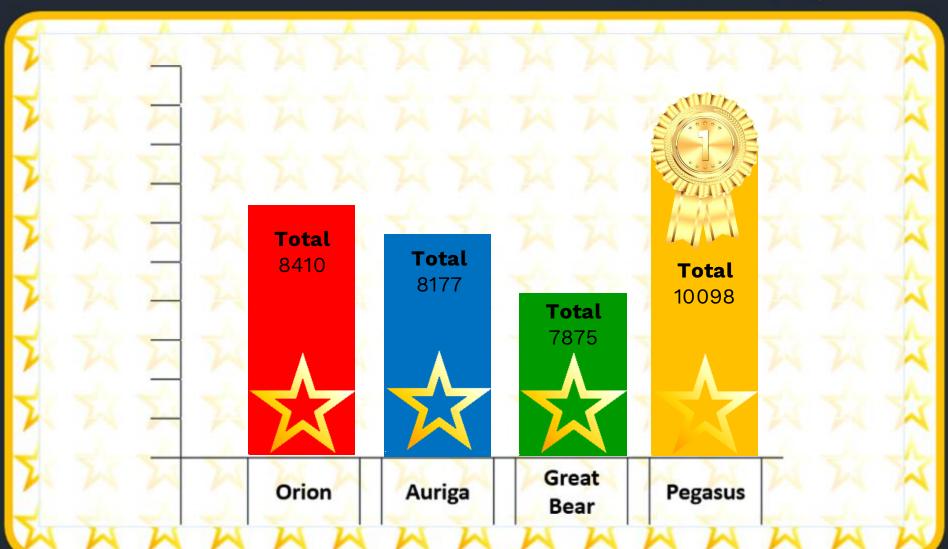


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House Points!







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Attendance Information



How is a Penalty Notice paid?

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

Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. 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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e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk t: 0300 1234 100







Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers





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Attendance Information



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?

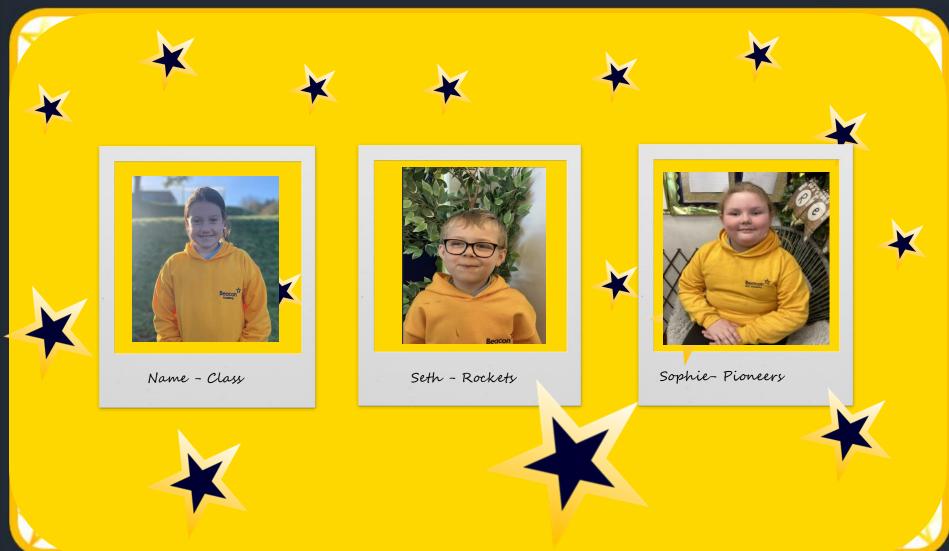
There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on 01872 324298, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk



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This week's golden hoody winners

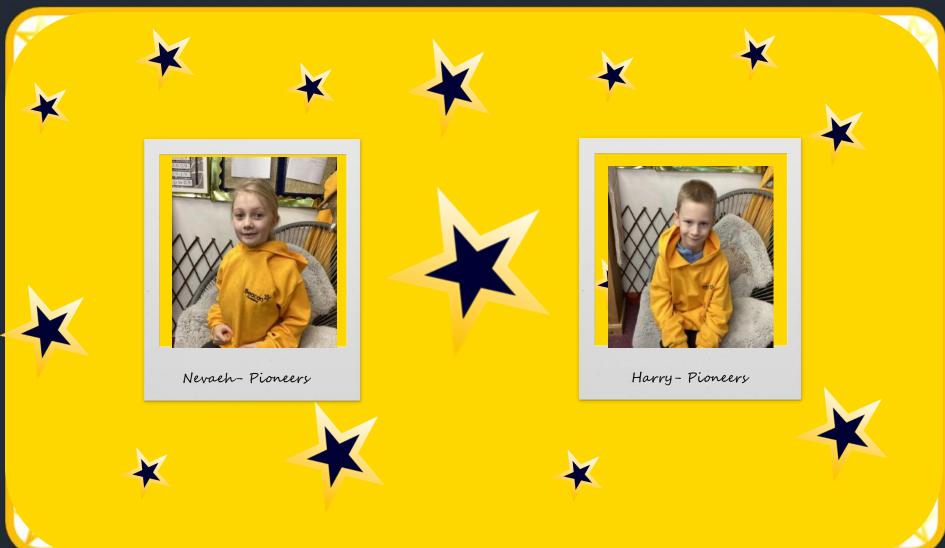




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Monday 10th – Friday 14th February	NO CLUBS – will resume after half term
Monday 10th February	Parent Consultations World of Work Week
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 13th February	 Internet Safety Presentation Workshop for families – 3:30pm Parent Consultations
Friday 14th February	 Aspirations Day Reception to Hall for Cornwall – Gruffalo's Child
Monday 24th February	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS



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Dates for the diary! \nearrow

Y5 final family meeting for Manchester residential
• St Piran's Day
World Book Day
Manchester residential
Comic Relief
Last week for clubs
The Royal Beacon Show
Easter Holidays



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Extra notifications







Open from 8:00 – 8:30 daily

(Booking required)

Our free breakfast club operates during term time and is available

Our free breakfast club operates during term time and is available to all pupils. Starting at 8:00 AM until the start of school we offer the children a selection of healthy breakfast options such as toast, the children a selection of healthy breakfast options such as toast, cereals, fruit, water, and milk. The children will then have the opportunity to enjoy reading games puzzles and other to activities.

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End of day pickups

We all experience problems from time to time collecting at the end of school day, the long queue, stuck in a traffic jam etc, so if you find the playground empty when collecting your child at the end of the day, please collect them from wraparound - situated in Spaceship class via the Y2 playground.



IMPORTANT

We continue to be so proud of how well our children are responding to their learning and the progress they are making. In order to do this, it is so important that our children come to school with a positive attitude to learning in the correct school uniform and on time. Please talk to our team if we can help you with any aspect of this.



A Polite Request.



If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please call the main office before 2:30pm to ensure the message is passed on.

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Can we please ask parents when collecting children from school that you do not park in the bays above the bungalows. We had one resident today that could not park her car near her bungalow and due to being disabled this caused problems for her. Thank you for being respectful to our neighbours.





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IMPORTANT



For safeguarding purposes children should not be wearing smart watches in school.







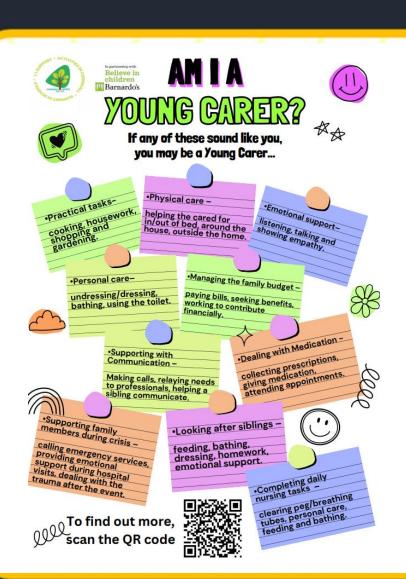
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Young Carers





If you believe that your child is a young carer then please speak to our admin team and they will advise you as to how we can help you in school.

Or you can contact Cornwall Young Carers directly on their freephone number 01736 756655, or by emailing kernowyoungcarers@barnardos.org.uk.

Cornwall Young Carers complete great work with the young carers in our county by aiming to support them to self-manage caring responsibilities, providing information, advice and guidance over the phone and working with schools.

They also provide direct 1-1 work with Young Carers and Young Adult Carers as well as offering activities on a regular basis and during the school holidays.





ChatHealth Parent Line 0-5

TEXT 07312 263 423

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ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

TEXT 07312 263 499

ChatHealth Young People 11-19



TEXT 07312 263 096



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Get confidential health and wellbeing advice and support

cornwall.gov.uk









SPACE is a free programme for any Kernow Learning parent or carer who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

- ★ Gain an understanding of the impact of life experiences on yourself as a parent & on your children.
- * Help to manage your child's behaviour and develop strategies for building resilience in yourself & your children.
- * Take away strategies to implement at home and use in everyday life
- * Focusing on building the wellbeing of your whole family

Our 5 week programme is available on the following dates, online or at locations across Cornwall.

Trenance Academy, Newquay

Session Dates: 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec, 11th Dec. Session Times: 1.15pm- 3.15pm

St Francis C of E Academy, Falmouth
Session Dates: 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 9th Dec, 16th Dec Session Times: 1.00pm- 3.00pm

King Charles C of E Primary School, Falmouth Session Dates: 11th Nov. 18th Nov. 25th Nov. 2nd Dec. 9th Dec.

Session Times: 3.30pm- 5.30pm

Foxhole Learning Academy, St Austell **ONLINE COURSE DAY TIME**
Sessions Dates: 7th Jan, 14th Jan, 21st Jan, 28th Jan, 4th Feb Session Times: 10am-11am

Foxhole Learning Academy, St Austell "ONLINE COURSE EVENING"
Session Dates: 27th Feb, 6th Mar, 13th Mar, 20th Mar, 27th Mar

Sky Primary, St Austell "ONLINE COURSE DAY TIME"

Session Dates: 16th June, 23rd June, 30th June, 7th July, 14th July,

















- Free weekly running sessions for beginners
- Learn to run for 30 minutes in 12 weeks through NHS designed programme starting with an easy walk-and-talk session
- Get outside, get active and meet new people



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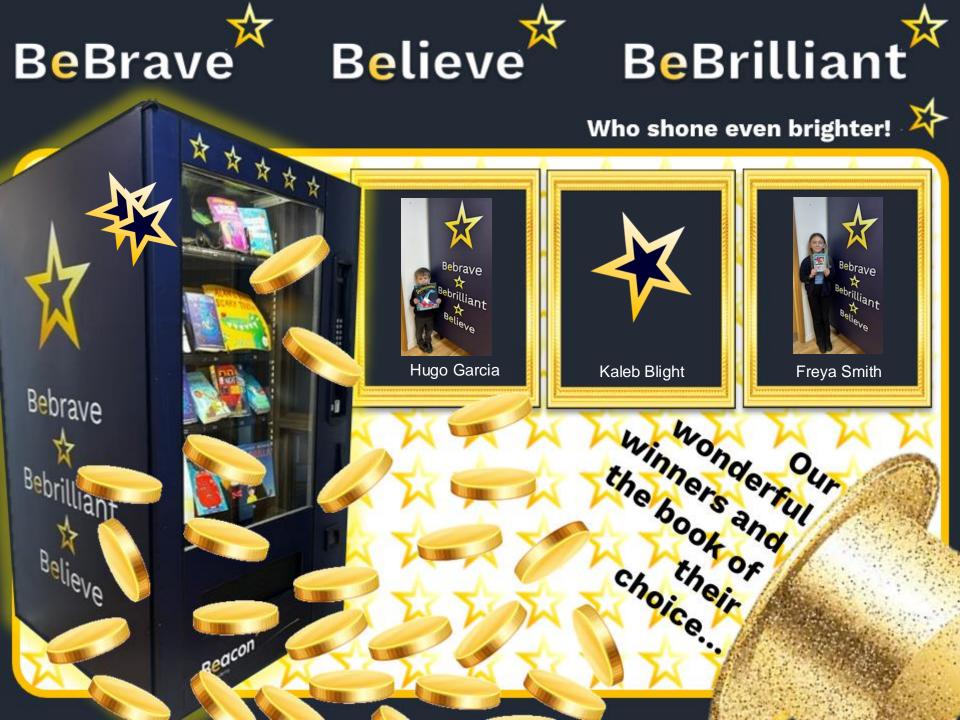
Tuesdays 1pm - 2pm

Meeting at the **Scarletts Well** car park

Booking is essential. Call or go to our website to book.









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Nursery



Can we please remind all our Nursery families to be ready at our entrance for your child's start time.

When staff have to come out and let people in, it leaves the Nursery understaffed.

Thank you for your understanding.

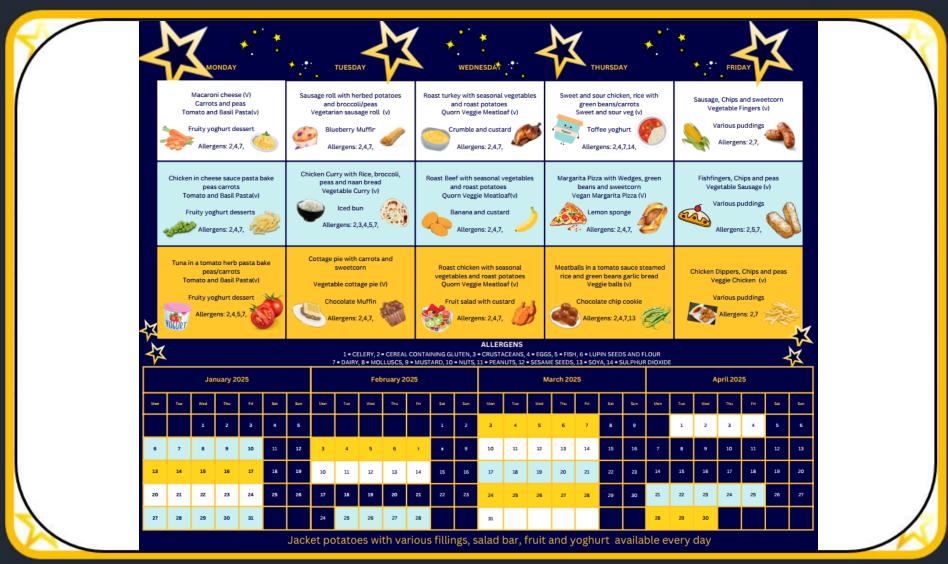
Start times are 8.30am or 9.00am and 12pm for afternoon sessions.











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SCHOOL MENU - WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 10th February

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Please ensure you are pre booking your dinners via the MyEd/PlusPay app.



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IMPORTANT

Polite reminder – There are no staff on duty in the mornings until 8:30am. Children arriving before that time are very welcome to attend our free Breakfast Club but should not be on the grounds otherwise for their own safety.















School Terms and Holidays 2025/26

Beacon Academy

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School Holiday Bank Holiday INSET Day School open

Autumn Term (74 days)
2nd September 2025 - 19th December 2025 (Half term: 27th-31st October 2025)
Spring Term (59 days)
5th January 2026 - 2nd April 2026 (Half term: 16th - 20th February 2026)

20th April 2026 - 22nd July 2026 (Half term: 25th-29th May 2026)

Bank and Public Holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	25th December 2025	
Boxing Day	26th December 2025	
New Years Day	1st January 2026	
Good Friday	3rd April 2026	

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MONEYBOX PLUS COURSE at Bodmin Foodbank 1 day a week for 5 weeks 9:30am - 2:30pm

Starts Tuesday 25th Feb

ONLINE COOKING COURSE Cook along with Lou in your own home 11am-12:30pm

Starts Wednesday 26th Feb

Improve your budgeting skills & have fun learning to cook. We'll provide the ingredients for healthy low-cost meals for you to enjoy at home.

For more information, give us a call on 01208 815374 or email us contact@wadebridgefoodbank.org





