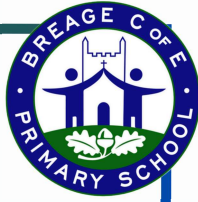


# BREAGE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2025

*Our school vision: to be a caring & loving school where children are equipped to flourish in the real world.  
We flourish when we help others flourish (Jeremiah 29:4-7)*

A reminder to drop your child off promptly so that they are present for registration at 8.45am (gate is unlocked at 8.35am). Please also ensure that school lunches are pre-ordered on ParentPay. This allows learning to begin promptly. Each day children should be in full uniform and have a suitable coat. Hats & gloves also recommended as it's still quite chilly. PE day continues to be each Wednesday when children should wear PE kit in school colours. Please ensure all clothing is named. Maple Class should have wellies in school please for their muddy walks.

### Arbor

Have you successfully downloaded the Arbor app? We now send out information/reminders etc as "in app messages". If you need help, please contact the school office.

### Request for leave of absence for your child

For any leave of absence from school you are required to complete a "leave of absence/exceptional circumstances request form". This should be done at least 15 school days before the proposed absence takes place. If the absence is unauthorised, Cornwall Council may issue a penalty notice. Penalty notices are issued to each liable parent/carer of each child taken out of school and this carries a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid within 28 days (or £160 with no option to pay the lower amount if it is the 2nd penalty notice within a 3 year rolling period. If the fine is unpaid, it may result in legal action being taken against you.

**It is the duty of parents to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) and Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996.**

**FULL INFORMATION DETAILED ON PAGE 3 & 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**  
**NURSERY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

## STRICTLY NO PARKING ON ZIG ZAGS & PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Please, no matter how briefly, do not park on the yellow zig zag lines or opposite them. Please always park considerately and always think if where you park could cause a danger to pedestrians.

**Several vehicles have recently been seen causing an obstruction/danger to other road users. We appreciate parking can be difficult but would ask that you allow a few minutes to park a bit further from the immediate school site and walk down. Thank you.**



Gool Peran Lowen!  
To celebrate St Piran's Day today, Maple Class sold school-made pasties to their friends. Maple Class all had a go at making their own pasties yesterday which they took home. We had some very skilled crimpers and they all thoroughly enjoyed making these!



## MAKE & CREATE CLUB - EACH TUESDAY

We have re-named "Art Club" to "Make & Create" Club in order to include a wide range of fun activities which the children will enjoy. Yesterday, they did incredibly well and completed their first project in record time and then started on their next creation which they will finish next Tuesday.



## REGULAR READING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. Younger children should read to an adult. Reading supports children to meet speech & language milestones and do better at school.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS

**AGM - TODAY - 3.15PM - It would be fantastic if as many parents would attend as possible. The meeting will be kept brief.**

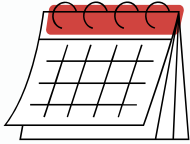
Save the date: 20th September (12-5pm)  
IT'S BACK - a new alternative Breage School Fair which will include our wider Breage community. Details are still being finalised including what the event will be named. In the meantime, please save this date.



**P&F need parents on board to help organise forthcoming events for the children. Please don't leave it to just a few parents: jobs split across several people involves less time when shared. This ensures P&F continues which then benefits each and every child in school.**

Please follow the new Parents and Friends of Breage C of E Primary School FB page.

**Our Christian values: happiness, respect, care, forgiveness, friendship & honesty**



# Diary Dates

UPDATED: 05/03/2025

3rd March	Whole School Trip: Hall for Cornwall: "Mass Cornish Sing" involving 17 Cornish schools
"	Parents' evening
5th	Weight/Height Measurements: Year R and Year 6: National Child Measurement Programme
6th	SIAMs inspection visit
"	World Book Day: dress as your favourite book character or wear your PJ's
"	Aspens Special Menu: World Book Day: see ParentPay for menu and to book
7th	Parliament Visit: County Hall: School Council: permission required: see ParentPay
12th	Eco Committee Activity Day at Truro Cathedral
18th	Helston Community College transition visit: HCC visiting our Year 6's
19th	Lent Event at Breaney Chapel - each class will go to Breaney to take part in Lent activities
20th	Vision Screening: Reception Class (if other year group parents have any concerns please let us know)
21st	Oak Class Eden Project trip
"	Red Nose Day
27th	Oak Class Minack Theatre workshops in school (as part of their Shakespeare week)
31st	Maple Class: Gymnastics Club visit & lunch and workshop on St Michael's Mount
2nd April	Big Brush Club - Dental Nurse visiting Maple Class
3rd	2pm: Easter Service: Breage Church: all welcome
4th	Last day of Spring term
22nd	Children return to school
29th	Cross Country League Race 5: R/KS1/KS2: Helston North Site 4pm
30th	Bags2School collection
1st	Mullion School Parent's Evening
"	11:15am RNLI Water Safety Assembly
5th-9th May	KS1 SATs
12th - 15th	Year 6 SATs week
13th	Cross Country League Race 6: R/KS1/KS2: Helston South Site 4pm
15th	Summer School Census Day
19-21st	Bristol Residential Trip: Years 5 & 6
23rd	Last day of school before May half term break

## REGULAR CLUBS

Monday: 1.30-3.00pm: Stay & Play toddler group: all welcome from birth to 4 years old

Tuesday (lunchtime): Happy Me Club KS1 & KS2: 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday: 3.15-4.15pm: KS1/KS2: Create & Make Club (limited to 15 children)

Weds: PE with DT Sports: All classes

Weds: 10.30am: Cornwall Music Service Trust (sign up: Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard & Ukulele) (currently a waiting list)

Weds: KS1: Invasion Sports Club; KS2: Invasion Sports Club

Thursday: 3.15-4.15pm: KS1 & KS2: Singing Club (starting 6th February)

Thurs/Friday: 3.15-4.00pm: Booster Year 6 sessions: selected children: parents will be contacted

Please ensure that any ABSENCE from school is reported as soon as possible by telephoning or emailing ([hello@breageschool.org](mailto:hello@breageschool.org)). Please adhere to the rule that children should be 48hrs clear before returning to school following any sickness/diarrhoea.

Some parents are replying via text to our school text. These are sent via Arbor but we receive no notification that a message has been received so please avoid using this as a method of contacting school. Please regularly login to your parent Arbor app account to check data held is correct, and if there are any new messages from us, as this is now used in place of text messages. However, if after 24hrs you haven't seen the in app message you will receive a text 24hrs later but this is at a cost to school.

SCHOOL MEALS should be ordered in advance via ParentPay. Please also regularly login to your ARBOR account to check your child's information and complete any outstanding actions eg: consents.

PLEASE ALSO ENSURE CLOTHING ETC IS NAMED SO THAT ITEMS CAN BE RETURNED PROMPTLY. Thank you!



Dear Parents/Carer

### **Department of Education changes to Attendance**

Updates to the Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance on school attendance, most notably around penalty notices issued for absenteeism and irregular school attendance, took effect from this academic year.

As you know, leave during term time cannot be authorised by Heads of School unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances. This is in accordance with the Department for Education (DfE) legislation and the Aspire Attendance Policy.

Before booking leave, we strongly advise you to speak to the Head of School, particularly if you are unsure as to whether your request is deemed 'exceptional'. Where Heads of School are not able to authorise, you may be at risk of a penalty notice, in line with Local Authority guidance.

From this academic year, updated DfE statutory guidance sets out the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices and there are some changes you should be aware of. The penalty notice costs issued by the Local Authority have risen to £80 (if paid within 21 days) increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28. If the penalty notice is not paid, the Local Authority can consider prosecution under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. Penalty notices are issued on a per parent, per child basis.

**IMPORTANT: Individual schools may refer absences to the LA who then issue penalty notices (each case is looked at individually). It is not the school/trust issuing penalty notices to parents, and any monies generated from these fines remain within the Local Authority to provide attendance support.**

The government has changed the guidance around how many penalty notices can be issued to a parent. The new guidance states that only 2 penalty notices can be issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil, within a rolling three-year period.

The first penalty notice costs are as outlined above. If a second penalty notice is issued, this is at a flat rate of £160. A third penalty notice cannot be issued and instead consideration must be given to alternative action, including prosecution.

*If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. Your child's school 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. Your child's school 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.

With regards to the day-to-day attendance procedure within your child's school, there will be little noticeable change. If your child is absent for any reason, we will still ask you to contact the school office by 9am and staff will continue to regularly communicate home the importance of attendance, through the school newsletter, letters via email and/or face-to-face conversations.

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please talk to your child's class teacher or the Head of School at the earliest opportunity so we can work with you quickly and effectively to support positive change.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Aspire Admin

# Why Read at home?

## STUDENT A READS

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year



SCORES IN THE 90TH  
PERCENTILE ON  
STANDARDIZED TESTS

## STUDENT B READS

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



SCORES IN THE 50TH  
PERCENTILE ON  
STANDARDIZED TESTS

## STUDENT C READS

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year



SCORES IN THE 10TH  
PERCENTILE ON  
STANDARDIZED TESTS

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**

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