

BREAGE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



APRIL 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)*

Please drop your child off promptly so that they are present for registration at 8.45am (gate is unlocked at 8.35am). Please also ensure the office is always notified if your child is absent and follow the 48hr clear rule if your child has sickness/diarrhoea.

Arbor

Have you successfully downloaded the Arbor app? We now send out information/reminders etc as "in app messages". Please regularly check the app so that you don't miss out on important messages. Unfortunately, you do have to login each time but this is to protect your child's data should your phone be lost etc. 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



Wow! What an amazing day Maple Class had at Penzance Gymnastics and on St Michael's Mount. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip.

ASPENS - NEW MENU AFTER EASTER

A new lunch menu starts after Easter break. On return to school, we start on Week 1. School lunches should be ordered by parents on ParentPay. There are still lunches not being pre-ordered and it's important that this is done in advance to save time during class registration; allowing learning to begin promptly. If you require a larger print copy please ask the school office.

MAPLE CLASS - SWIMMING AFTER EASTER

Maple Class start their block of swimming lessons after the Easter break. Please see your email inbox for a letter regarding this.

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

Our next Bags2Schools collection is after half term break on Weds 30th April. Extra bags available from the school office. Please note: no soft toys, bedding, curtains, towels or uniforms. Thank you!



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.



The P&F storage shed needs a replacement roof - do you know of anyone who might be able to donate new chipboard and felt for the roof?

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

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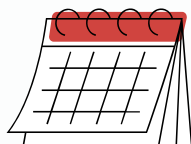
STRICTLY NO PARKING ON ZIG ZAGS & PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

A few parents are still stopping/parking on the zig zags - 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.

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.



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



Diary Dates

UPDATED: 02/04/2025

1st April	Easter Egg Hunt around school (P&F)
2nd	Big Brush Club - Dental Nurse visiting Maple Class
3rd	2pm: Easter Service: Breage Church: all welcome
4th	Design Technology Day
"	Last day of Spring term
7-21st	Easter break
22nd	Children return to school
24th	Rescheduled vision screen - Year Reception
"	Aspens Special Menu
"	Maple Class swimming lessons start - each Thursday; block of 5 lessons (please see ParentPay)
"	DT Sports Cross Country Event: Breage School: 3.45pm: Yrs 5 & 6 / 4pm: Yrs 3 & 4 / 4.15pm: EYFS/KS1
25th	Deputy Head of Mullion visiting Year 6's joining Year 7
"	P&F's SWEET TREAT FRIDAY RETURNS!
29th	Cross Country League Race 5: R/KS1/KS2: Helston North Site 4pm
30th	DT Sports Club starts: Summer Sports: athletics, cricket, rounders, tennis, danish longball and ultimate frisbee
"	Bags2School collection P&F fundraiser (bags available from the school office)
1st May	11:15am RNLI Water Safety Assembly
5th	May Bank Holiday
6th	Mullion School Year 6 Parent Transition Meeting
6th-9th	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
9th June	St Breaca Dance & church service
10th	Cross Country League Fun Run: R/KS1/KS2: Mullion: 4pm
11th	Mullion School transition half day for Year 6's joining Year 7: morning until 12.30pm
12th	6pm: Mullion School Parent Meet the Tutors Evening
13th	DT Sports - Cluster Sports Day @ Grade Ruan
Mon 16th	Aspire wide INSET TRAINING DAY
17th	Oak Class Global Boarders Surf Safe Day
19th	Aspens Special Menu
20th	Helston Community College transition visit to see Year 6's who are joining HCC
24th	Group photos with Jo Buckley Photography
24-27th	Selected Year 6's only: HCC Super Transition
25th	Breage School Sports Day: pm
30th	HCC Transition: invite only
1st-2nd July	Year 6 Helston Community College Transition: all Year 6's joining HCC: two days
"	5pm: HCC new parents' information evening
2nd	Mullion School Transition Day
3rd	Eco Committee event: Truro
17-18th	Bikeability with DT Sports - Year 5 & 6s
22nd	Last Day of Summer Term
23rd	SCHOOL INSET DAY

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



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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