

BREAGE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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*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)*

WELCOME BACK - SPRING 2025

We extend a very warm welcome to our two new families who joined us this term: Grace in Year R and Millie in Year 4. Both children have settled in so quickly.

A reminder to drop your child off for prompt registration at 8.45am (gate is unlocked at 8.35am). They should be in full uniform and have a suitable coat. Hats & gloves also recommended. Please ensure all clothing is named.

Young Voices London trip - January 2025

Please look out for the paperwork coming home today which needs completing and returning please. Mrs Holliehead had a meeting today with the children attending. Please continue to assist your child in the Young Voices Music Room at home so that they can become fully familiar with the words and actions. This really is going to be an amazing and memorable experience for them all as they'll be taking part in an incredible show.

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.

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

STRICTLY NO PARKING ON 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. Thank you.



A lovely photo from our Christingle Service before Christmas.



REGULAR READING



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.

- They have better brain development, attention and cognitive ability.
- They have better speech & language development and literacy skills.
- They have better school readiness and knowledge about the world.
- They make more progress across the curriculum.
- Better mental well being and enhanced social skills
- Reading also fosters imagination, empathy and creativity.

Also please see the "Why Read At Home" flyer on the last page.

ARBOR & PARENTPAY

Please ensure that school lunches are pre-ordered on ParentPay. This saves a lot of time during class registration and allows the teacher to start lessons promptly. Hopefully everyone has downloaded the Arbor app which allows you to check registration marks, update your data and give consent for school activities. We also use Arbor to send in-app messages as we have to minimise use of text messaging. Please keep a regular check for our messages and emails.

P&F SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

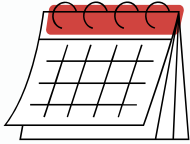
As at the competition close date, we remained in 3rd position. This in itself is incredible as we were competing with schools across the country. The winner hasn't yet been announced. THANK YOU to everyone who supported this contest. We sent in a total of 286kg! This has boosted our Terracycle account to £493.58. We will continue to collect this hard plastic but please keep strictly to the permitted waste: just lunch boxes/food storage tubs and drinks bottles.

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.



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Diary Dates

UPDATED: 08/01/2025

6th Jan 8th 8th 15th 16th 20-22nd 30th	School restarts 3.30pm Cross Country: small schools: host: St Keverne Primary School; 3.45pm Yr 5 & 6; 4pm Yr 3 & 4; 4.15pm EYFS & KS1 Fun Run DT Sports Provisions in school (after school clubs re-start 13th Jan' due to cross country event) DT Sports KS1 and KS2 after school clubs start: Striking and Fielding Clubs (see info below) School Census Special Menu: Lunar New Year menu: Jacket Potatoes and Pasta also available Young Voices School Trip Bags2Schools collection
3rd Feb 4th 14th 17th - 21st 24th 25th	Internet Safety Presentation: all parents invited: 3.30pm in school Will Keating workshops (in preparation for Hall for Cornwall visit) INSET TRAINING DAY: all schools in Aspire Trust HALF TERM BREAK Back to school Cross Country League Race 4: KS2: Helston South Site 4pm
3rd March " 12th 18th	Whole School Trip: Hall for Cornwall: "Mass Cornish Sing" involving 17 Cornish schools Parents' evening Eco Committee Activity Day at Truro Cathedral Helston Community College transition visit: HCC visiting our Year 6's
3rd April	2pm: Easter Service: Breage Church

REGULAR CLUBS start back w/c 13/01/25

Monday: 1.30-3.00pm: Stay & Play toddler group

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

Tuesday: 3.15-4.15pm: KS1/KS2: Art 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)

Starting on 15th Jan: Weds: KS1: Striking & Field Club; KS2: Striking & Fielding Club (hockey, cricket, tennis, rounders, danish long ball & golf)

Thursday: 3.15-4.15pm: KS1 & KS2: Young Voices Choir (until 16th January)

Friday: 3.15-4.15pm: 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). 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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