



The Cornwall Independent School

Friday 18th September 2026

No: 2

Attendance

We recognise that regular and punctual attendance is important in helping children feel happy, settled and successful at school.

Absence from school can have an impact on friendships, confidence and learning, regardless of whether the absence is authorised, due to illness, or unauthorised.

We understand that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence when a child is too unwell to attend. If your child is unable to attend school, please telephone the school by 9.00 am or contact us via the Studybugs App so that we can update our registers and ensure pupil wellbeing is prioritised.

According to the government, when a child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classified as a persistent absentee. This is equivalent to missing approximately one day of school every fortnight and, over the course of an academic year, amounts to around a month of lost education.

Missing school regularly can have a significant impact on a child's progress and wellbeing. It can create gaps in learning and affect confidence. Children whose attendance falls below 90% will be monitored and support/interventions may need to be put in place.

The Government does not support parents taking children out of school, unless it is under 'exceptional circumstances'. The DfE does not consider a holiday to be an exceptional circumstance and therefore we are not permitted to authorise term time holidays.

Millpond Science

Year 11 completed one of their GCSE Biology Practicals this week. They visited the Millpond and completed transect activities, exploring plant growth within a given area.

Coats

With the weather becoming more autumnal, please can we remind all students that a coat is required every day. While we will remain indoors on very wet days, we will endeavour to get the students outside as much as possible.

Google Classroom

There have been some issues with Google classroom and class teachers have been trying to support pupils in using this platform and accessing their homework and resources. One handy feature is the 'to do' list which details all the homework students are expected to complete. You will receive a weekly report, you can easily change this to a daily report which parents may find more useful for tracking and supporting their children in completing tasks. If you are having any issues with google classroom, please do contact us.

Clubs

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are offering clubs free of charge this term. It is not too late to sign up to any of the clubs available. If you would like another copy of the club's list please pop in to the office and we will give you a paper copy. There will be no Rugby club on Monday 21st September, we apologise for any inconvenience. Mrs de Labat is now offering Drama club on Mondays after school for those interested. Her Thursday club is cancelled.

Junior Duke

I will be placing an order for the Junior Duke packs next week. If any other students would like to take part in this exciting programme, please let me know so that I can ensure the appropriate packs are ordered for all age groups, from Reception through to Year 8.

Mobile Phones

We have always had a policy of handing in mobile phones for safeguarding reasons. It is now statutory that schools are mobile free for pupils. If your child brings a phone to school please remind them to bring them to the office every day. We must meet the requirements of the DfE guidance on Mobile phones and will continue to check and monitor pupils' phones. Thank you for your support in enforcing the rules relating to phones. [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/mobile-phones-in-schools)

Special Awards

Star of the week

Reception, Year 1 & 2 - Charis

For a beautiful setting description.

Year 3 & 4 Lillian

For her kindness and thoughtfulness during our practical lessons on Thursday.

Year 5 & 6 – Rupert

For working hard and with enthusiasm in all aspects of school life.

Lunchtime Award

House Points

Pendeen

21

Godrevy

38

Trevoze

26

Secondary Celebrations

English – Amber (Year 9)

For her similes and personification in her creative writing.

Maths – Roxy (Year 11)

For consistently great focus, well presented work and rising to the challenge this week.

Science – Gracie (Year 10)

For great detail on her revision homework.

Science – Merryn (Year 8)

For quietly getting on with her work and doing an excellent job.

History - Esther (Year 7)

An amazing homework showing super explanations about why we had a Civil War.

Geography – Clementine, Jasper and Roxy (Year 11)

For preparing for their Paper 1 so carefully this week.

Art – Jessica (Year 9)

For her focus, reflection and hard work this week.

Computer Science – Billy, Jaxon, Joe (Year 10)

For fantastic focus, effort and participation with our topic on digital devices.

PE – Alfie (Year 9)

For skill, tactical awareness and great team work in netball today.

DT - Darcey (Year 7)

For making an excellent start in to year 7 and for answering lots of questions.

French – Eleanor (Year 7)

For showing positivity and success in pair work.

Music – William (Year 9)

Fantastic cornet performance at our first School Band rehearsal!

Geology – Coby (Year 11)

For his enthusiasm for British values in our climate change debate preparation.

PSHE – Will (Year 8)

For his thoughtful answers and interesting facts about processed foods.

Autumn Walk

Our key stage two pupils had a wonderful morning observing the first signs of autumn. They walked around the Millpond, observing and sketching various plants and animals. They then walked to Rick Rescorla's memorial where they took a moment to think about his acts of bravery. We had time to walk along to see the beautiful poppies on King George's walk which represent all of the lives lost on 9/11. The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who took part in Jeans for Genes day. We appreciate the support and all the donations which will go towards funding support for children with genetic conditions. This may include providing nurses, respite care or the provision of equipment to help people in their daily lives.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Best Wishes

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