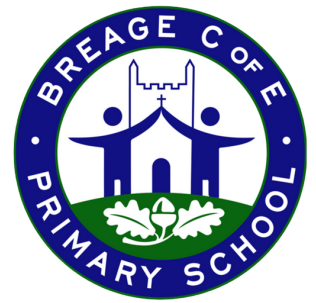




Newsletter

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)

29th September 2025

Mrs Holliehead's Happenings

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey – your feedback really helps us. One thing that came through strongly was that you'd like to be kept even more up to date with what's going on in school. We've listened, and we're making a few changes:

- Newsletters will now come out every fortnight so you'll hear from us more regularly.
- Half-termly curriculum overviews will be sent home, giving you a clear picture of what your child will be learning in class.
- Learning Sharing sessions will take place every half term, giving children the chance to show you what they've been working on in school – something we know they love doing!

We're also really pleased to share that planning for our London trip is coming together. We've secured a visit to Parliament, which is such an exciting opportunity for the children. Even better, this means we will get subsidised funding for the transport; which helps to keep the overall cost down. Final details are being worked out and will be on ParentPay very soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes such a difference to everything we do. We can't wait to welcome you into school for the next Learning Sharing session and to keep working together to make this a brilliant year for our children.



Our new outdoor reading den is now open! The children are enjoying a quiet place to share favourite books at break and lunch time.



Our make and create club members had great success with their entries to the Breage festival!

Friday's Awards

Each week, we celebrate some of our shining stars! These are children who have gone above and beyond –whether through kindness, creativity, hard work, or leadership. Let's cheer them on and be inspired by their example!

Stars of the week...

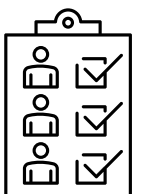
Maple Class - Ellie
Oak Class - Martha

Gold Awards...

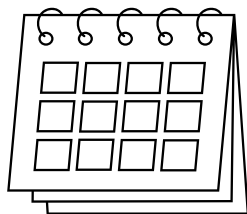
Maple Class - Callum, Leo B, Ezra
Oak Class - Maisie D, Joby

September attendance:

Whole School: 94.55%
Maple Class: 96.53%
Oak Class: 93.66%



Find our curriculum on our website:
www.breageschool.org



Diary Dates



October

Weds 1	Oak Class: online broadcast with Sian Plant, National Highways: how young people can stay safe on the roads
Thurs 2	School Census day: Aspens special menu (see ParentPay)
Weds 8	Last DT sports club of the half term
Frid 10	Harvest festival (2pm at the church) donations for the Foodbank
Thurs 16/17	Years 5 & 6 Playground Leader training
Frid 17	Immunisations Kernow Health CIC Nasal Flu
Tues 21	Parents evening
Weds 22	No Cornwall Music tuition today
Thurs 23	DT Sports Football Tournament, Helston Athletic Club
Thurs 23	DT Sports Cross Country Meet #1 Grade Ruan School 3.45pm
Frid 24	ASPIRE INSET DAY - School closed
27-31	HALF TERM BREAK



November

Mon 3	Return to school
Wed 5	Aspens special menu: Sparke Spectacular (see ParentPay)
Thurs 6	Oak Class Swimming session 1 of 5
Mon 10	Aspens workshop with Oak class
Thurs 13	Oak class swimming session 2 of 5
Tues 18	Aspens workshop with Maple class
Thurs 20	Oak class swimming session 3 of 5
Thurs 27	Oak class swimming session 4 of 5



December

Weds 10	Nativity afternoon performance (2pm)
Thurs 11	Oak class final swimming session 5 of 5
Thurs 11	Nativity performance (5pm)
Thurs 18	Christingle / Carol service
Frid 19	Last day of school before Christmas break



January

Mon 5	Return to school
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REGULAR CLUBS

- Tuesday (lunchtime): Happy Me Club KS1 & KS2: 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday: 3.15-4.00pm: KS1/KS2: Create & Make Club (limited to 15 children)
Weds: PE with DT Sports: All classes
Weds: Mr Kelly's booster club (by invite)
Weds: 10.30am: Cornwall Music Service Trust (sign up: Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard & Ukulele) (currently a waiting list)
Weds: 3.15-4.15pm: KS1 & KS2: Football Club
Thursday: 1.30-3.00pm: Stay & Play toddler group: all welcome from birth to 4 years old
Thursday: 3.15-4.15pm: KS1 & KS2: Young Voices Club

School Council News

Our new School council have been elected and have had their first meeting. They are raring to go with lots of new ideas. Congratulations to our new councillors:



Lily D
Callum
Grace
Leo B

Charlie
Jack
Florence
Poppy

Lexi
Lyla
Maisie D



Their first task is planning how Breage will take part and support Children In Need.

Eco Committee

Our new Eco Committee is also up and running and buzzing with ideas for the sustainability of our school and community. Congratulations to our new committee:



Rory
Margot
Hunter
Isaac

Elsie
Edith
Maisie W
Fleur



Coming
Soon!

YEAR 6
SUBJECT
AMBASSADORS

HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Long life fruit juice
Long life milk
Tinned cold meats
Tins of custard
Tins of rice pudding
Tinned fruit
Small jars of coffee
Sponge puddings

**THANK
YOU**



Helston and the Lizard foodbank is a project supporting local people run by the charity

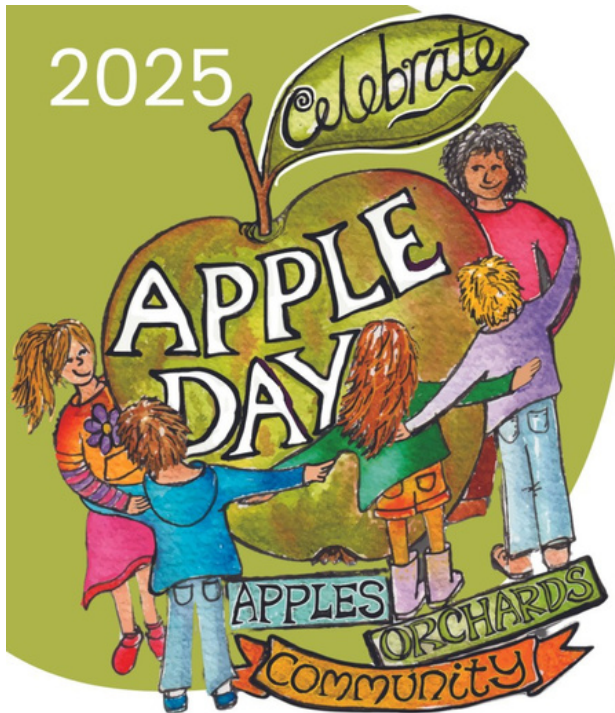


Charity Number 1127110

14-16 Wendon Street, Helston, Cornwall TR13 8PS

www.helstonthelizard.foodbank.org.uk

2025



Saturday
11th October
11am until 6pm



Refreshments & Bar

Children's Games & Activities

Live Music all day, Procession
Orchard Blessing, Ceilidh

Rural Crafts & Demonstrations

Exhibition, Tasting, ID, Trees, Orchard Tours
& Advice, Juice & Juice Pressing, Games,
Traditions, Crafts, Cakes, Cider & more

Join Us!
TR14 0DD

The Apple!

Please car-share if you can
or come by bus (T1 T2)...or
on your bike....or your feet!



TICKETS

It's cheaper to book in advance
Adults £5 (£6 on the day) Children
6-16 £3 (£4 on the day) Carers and
children 5 & under FREE



www.kehellandtrust.org.uk



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.

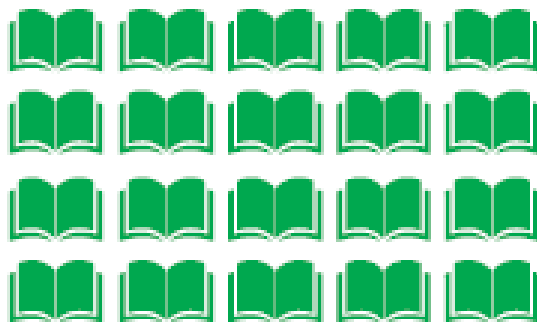
Thank you for your ongoing support

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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