

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)

14th October 2025

## Mrs Holliehead's Happenings

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with school life. We have lots of exciting updates to share!

### Harvest Festival

I was so disappointed to be poorly and miss the Harvest festival but so proud and grateful to see the most amazing pile of donations (and they are still coming in!). I have been in touch with Helston Food bank and school council will soon be delivering our donations to them personally.

### Curriculum Overviews and KIRFs

Half-termly curriculum overviews have now gone home, along with KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) to help you support your child's learning at home. These resources are a great way to see what your child is learning and how you can help.

### Subject Ambassadors

Our Year 6 Subject Ambassadors have been busy already! They've been visiting classes and talking to children about their subjects, sharing their enthusiasm and helping to inspire others.

### London Trip

Letters have gone home for you to express interest in the London trip. we are now busy planning fundraising activities to support our trip.

### Parent Appointments - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 3pm

These are live via your Arbor app to book. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

### Make & Create Club

Due to the popularity of this club, after half term break, there will be a charge of £1 per session. As this club is well attended, we also need a register for this club and sign up will be required on ParentPay in advance.

### New lunchtime menu

Aspens have a new Autumn/Winter menu starting after October half term. Please ensure meals are booked in advance for your child.

As always, thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Your support makes all the difference.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Holliehead



Y6 subject ambassadors are already finding out what pupils think about their subjects



Teamwork in the outdoor area for Maple class.

## 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 - 03/10: Lexie & 10/10: Lily G  
Oak Class - 03/10: Florence & 10/10: Lyla

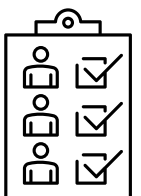


### Gold Awards...

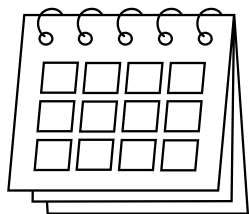
Maple Class - 03/10: Hunter, Grace, Rory & 10/10: Lexie A & Callum  
Oak Class - 03/10: Amelia, Lyla & 10/10 Isaac

### September attendance:

Whole School: 94.5%  
Maple Class: 95.6%  
Oak Class: 94%



Find our curriculum on our website:  
[www.breageschool.org](http://www.breageschool.org)



# Diary Dates



## October

Thurs 16/17	Years 5 & 6 Playground Leader training
Frid 17	Immunisations Kernow Health CIC Nasal Flu
<b>Mon 20</b>	<b>P &amp; F Halloween Disco</b>
Tues 21	Parents evening (please book via your Arbor app)
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
Thurs 23	Maple Class Learning Showcase 2.30pm – 3.15pm
<b>Frid 24</b>	<b>ASPIRE INSET DAY - School closed</b>
27-31	HALF TERM BREAK



## November

Mon 3	Return to school
Mon 3	Week 1 of Aspens new Autumn/Winter menu
Wed 5	Aspens special menu: Sparke Spectacular (see ParentPay)
Thurs 6	Oak Class Swimming session 1 of 5
Mon 10	Paediatric Hearing Screener
	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 (last session 8<sup>th</sup> October)  
**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 School Council are already hard at work planning how Breage will support Children in Need this year. As the Social Club is unable to run the popular 24-hour game-a-thon, the council have been busy coming up with new and exciting ideas to raise money for this fantastic cause.

They've got lots of creative plans in the pipeline, and we can't wait to share more details with you soon!



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

## Eco Committee



After meeting a hedgehog at Breage Festival, our Eco Committee has been inspired to learn more about how we can help our prickly friends! The children are full of ideas and have decided to write to Porthleven Hedgehog Rescue Charity to ask for advice and information.

We're excited to see what they discover and how we can make our school grounds even more wildlife-friendly. Watch this space for updates on their hedgehog-friendly plans!



**YEAR 6**  
**SUBJECT**  
**AMBASSADORS**

*Congratulations!*





# **HALLOWEEN DISCO MONDAY**

**FANCY DRESS  
OPTIONAL**

**20TH OCTOBER**

**RECEPTION/YEAR 1 & 2 - 4.30-5.30PM**

**YEARS 3/4/5/6 - 5.45-6.45PM**

**ENTRANCE ONLY - £2.50**

**ENTRANCE WITH PIZZA OR HOTDOG AND  
UNLIMITED SQUASH - £5.00**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE  
OFFICE**

**SWEETS AND TOYS ARE  
AVAILABLE  
TO PURCHASE ON  
THE NIGHT**



Special reduced rate available for pupil  
premium FSM children

## OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS

### AT CROWAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

DT Sports Coaching is back this October Half Term to run holiday clubs at Crowan Primary School exclusively for Year 1 – 6 students that attend any of the following Aspire Primary Schools: **Manaccan, St Keverne, Breage, Grade-Ruan, Coverack, Nansloe & Crowan School.**

#### MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER MONDAY MADNESS

DT Sports will be running an array of alternative activities, to include:

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE  
JUNIOR GOLF  
LASER TAG  
ARCHERY & CROSSBOW  
KIN BALL  
NERF BATTLES  
SILENT DISCO  
..AND MUCH MORE!**

#### TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TRADITIONAL TUESDAY

DT Sports will be covering traditional games that children love, to include:

**FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
HOCKEY  
CRICKET  
ROUNDERS  
ATHLETICS  
DODGEBALL  
..AND MUCH MORE!**

**Only  
£25.00  
per day!**

**TIMES:  
9:00AM – 3:00PM**

**What to bring?**  
Packed lunch, snacks, plenty of water & suitable clothes/a coat in case of bad weather.

**Bookings can be made by either:**

- Completing a Parental Consent Form (available at your School Office) and returning this to the office by Thursday 23rd October;
- online by visiting: [www.dtcoaching.co.uk/clubs](http://www.dtcoaching.co.uk/clubs). Online bookings will close 24 hours beforehand.



**Email:** [clubs@dtcoaching.co.uk](mailto:clubs@dtcoaching.co.uk)  
**Phone:** 01872 360706

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## OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUB

### AT ST KEVERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Club activities your child may get the opportunity to participate in, includes:

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| ➤ ULTIMATE FRISBEE | ➤ JUNIOR GOLF        |
| ➤ SILENT DISCO     | ➤ LASER TAG          |
| ➤ BASKETBALL       | ➤ KIN BALL           |
| ➤ DODGEBALL        | ➤ ARCHERY & CROSSBOW |
| ➤ NERF BATTLES     | ... AND MUCH MORE!   |

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As always, every club provided by DT Sports will be led by a team of highly qualified sports coaches, with all the required and necessary DBS checks and safeguarding/first aid qualifications.

#### DATES:

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October**  
and  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

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Sports  
COACHING SERVICES

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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

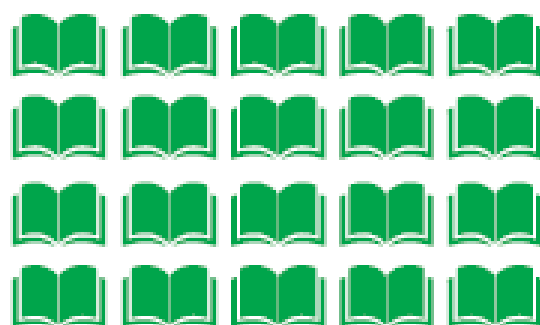
Aspire Admin



# 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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