Breage C of E Primary School

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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)

4th November 2025

Mrs Holliehead's Happenings

Dear #TeamBreage,

What a fantastic first half of a new Autumn term we've had!

Our children have been incredibly busy and I'm thrilled to share some highlights with you.

Make & Create Club is proving incredibly popular. Every Tuesday children enjoy a variety of activities, from baking to sculpture, or drawing and collage. It is proving so popular we must now operate a booking / payment system. From next week it should be live on Parentpay; children should be book ed in advance to the club - in the meantime, please send in your £1 if you haven't done so already to cover today's club and thank you to parents for confirming today's attendance as requested. A payment of £1 per week is required to help cover the cost of materials.

Our football tournament with DT Sports and the Lizard schools cluster was a brilliant display of teamwork and sporting spirit. The children represented our school brilliantly. So proud of them.

The P&F Halloween disco was another wonderful event that brought our school community together with lots of fun and excitement.

I was particularly proud of Maple Class as they hosted a fantastic learning showcase, inviting parents to see their incredible work from the half term.

I have also had the pleasure of presenting special rewards to children who have shown exceptional commitment to reading every day at home - what an achievement! We cannot stress enough how important it is for all children to read regularly at home.

I also want to draw your attention to our upcoming "Raze the Roof" Young Voices fundraiser (Tues 11th 6-8pm). This is a FREE to attend fundraising event and Raze the Roof is open exclusively for us! Parents/guardians do need to stay and supervise. The cafe will be open for hot/cold drinks and snacks. Children can bring their friends/family (ie they don't have to attend our school) - all we ask is that our Breage pupil has a completed sponsorship form - if eg friends/family attending would also like a sponsor form please ask at the school office; or maybe they'll just sponsor their Breage pupil in order to come along too!

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm!

Warm regards, Mrs Holliehead

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Spooky fun at the P&F Halloween disco



#TeamBreage represented the school brilliantly at the DT sports football tournament



October attendance:

Whole School: 93.5% Maple Class: 91.91% Oak Class: 94.23%



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 - 17/10: Grace Oak Class - 17/10: Alf

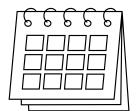
Gold Awards...



Maple Class - 17/10: Ezra, Margot, Lily D, Leo B & Ellie Oak Class - 17/10: Poppy, Martha & James

Year 6 Subject Ambasadors

Congratulations to our Year 6 subject Ambasadors who will have the task of raising the profile of their allocated subjects - see poster within this newsletter. Children will investigate their subjects with their peers; what's good, what's not and how it can be improved.



Diary Dates



November

Mon 3	Return to school

Mon 3 Week 1 of Aspens new Autumn/Winter menu

Tues 4 Cross Country League Race 3 postponed to 11th Nov

Weds 5 Aspens special menu: Sparkle Spectacular

Thurs 6 Oak Class Swimming session 1 of 5
Mon 10 Paediatric Hearing Screener

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Aspens workshop with Oak class

Cross Country League Race 3: Helston North Site: 4pm

Tues 11 Mobile phone information event, St Ives: 6.30-8.30pm (see poster)

Weds 12 DT Sports After School Club starts: Alternative Ball Sports Club

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 3 of 5 Oak class swimming session 4 of 5

December

Tues 11

Tues 2 P&F Christmas Wreath Making Workshop: 7pm (see poster)

Weds 10 Nativity afternoon performance (2pm)

Weds 10 DT Sports last after school club before Christmas break

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

Find our curriculum on our website:

www.breageschool.org

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)

Tues: Mr Kelly's Year 6 SATs booster (by invite)

Weds: PE with DT Sports: All classes

Weds: Mr Kelly's booster club (by invite)

Mon: 10.00am: Cornwall Music Service Trust (sign up: Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard &

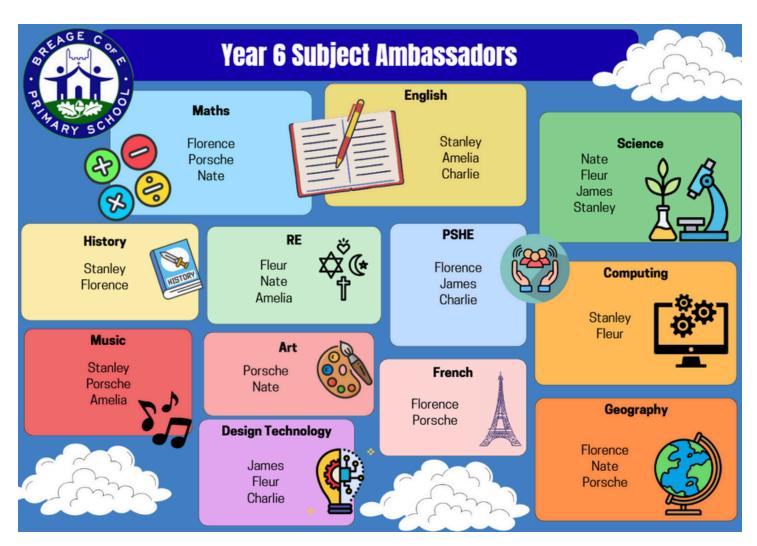
Ukulele) (currently a waiting list)

Weds: 3.15-4.15pm: KS1 & KS2: Alternative Ball Sports Club (12/11 to 10/12)

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







Weds 5th November





TECgirls invitation to their upcoming FREE event to support parents and carers.

This parent workshop takes place next week and is designed to help families navigate the important milestone of giving their child their first phone, offering practical, up-to-date advice on safety, wellbeing, and healthy digital habits.

About the event

Is your child ready for their first phone? Join TECgirls for an engaging, practical workshop designed to help parents and caregivers make confident, informed choices about introducing mobile phones at home.

In this interactive session, you'll gain guidance on what to consider before buying your child's first phone, from device settings and online safety to setting expectations for responsible use. Learn how to create positive digital habits that encourage balance, open communication, and trust around technology.

The fast-changing digital landscape will also be explored including social media trends, the influence of AI, and key strategies to protect your child's privacy and wellbeing online.

Whether your child is asking for their first phone or already has one, this workshop will equip you with practical tools, conversation starters, and confidence to support their safe, positive, and empowered digital journey.

There will be coffee, tea, and biscuits available throughout the session.

Please note that this is an event for adults, as we will be covering some sensitive topics and security tips. However, if you need to bring a baby or small child, we understand.

RSVP is required. This event is fully funded through the Digital Skills Partnership and is free to attend but you will need to bring Proof of Right to Work in the UK to be eligible.

Sign up to the event here:

https://www.tecgirls.co.uk/event-details/cuber-guardians-first-phones-parent-workshop/form

Everyone welcome ... book early as spaces are limited















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.

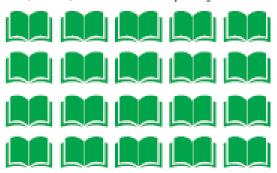
Thank you for your ongoing support

Aspire Admin

Why Readows.

STUDENT A READS

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year





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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