



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)

2nd December 2025

Mrs Holliehead's Happenings

Dear #TeamBreage,

I'm delighted to share some wonderful highlights from our school recently. Our Young Voices 2026 fundraising event at Raze the Roof soft play was a tremendous success, showcasing the incredible spirit and community support that makes our school so special. A huge thank you to Clare for organising the event and to all the families who made the event so much fun. Even the Mums and Dads did laps of the course and both parents and children enjoyed shooting the teachers in laser tag!

Oak class has been enjoying their swimming sessions, developing confidence and skills in the water. These experiences are vital for our children's physical development and personal growth.

The School Council led a fantastic Children in Need day, demonstrating our children's compassion and commitment to supporting others. Their leadership and enthusiasm continue to inspire us all.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting event in Maple class. We're hosting a Grandparents Afternoon where our children will engage with the grandparents, sharing stories about toys from different generations and enjoying a collaborative learning experience. This is a wonderful opportunity to bridge generations and celebrate family connections.

I'd also like to let you know that at the end of this term we will sadly be saying goodbye to Roz in the school office. Roz has worked here since 2011 and has brought so much to school and will be greatly missed but she is keen to continue supporting P&F and staying involved with school which is fantastic.

These moments remind us of the vibrant, supportive community we've built together at Breage CE School.

Mrs Holliehead



More fun and fundraising for our Young Voices 2026 trip to London in February!

November attendance:

Whole School: 90.22%
Maple Class: 90.93%
Oak Class: 89.91%



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! Extra prizes also went to the top three Raze the Roof YV fundraisers: 1st: Mason 2nd: Nate 3rd: Millie

Stars of the week...

Maple Class - 21/11: Ezra & 28/11: Cleo
Oak Class - 21/11: Nate

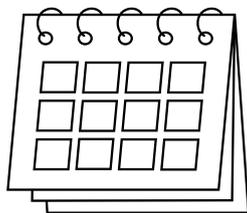
Gold Awards...

Maple Class - 21/11: Hunter, Lily G & 28/11: Callum, Lily D, Lily G & Lexie
Oak Class - 21/11: Maisie W, Olivia, Ruth

Children in Need

#TeamBreage lived our "Caring for all" motto raising money for Children in Need with poster competition and bake sale





Diary Dates



December

- Tues 2 Aspens workshop Oak Class: pm
Tues 2 P&F Christmas Wreath Making Workshop: 7pm (see poster)
Tues 2 Bikeability: Years 3 & 4: Learn to Ride: session 1 of 2
Thurs 4 Bikeability: Years 5 & 6: session 1 of 2
Thurs 4 Oak class final swimming session 5 of 6
Frid 5 Bikeability: Years R, 1 & 2: session 1 of 2
Frid 5 1pm: 45 min string quartet performance
Sat 6 Breage Lights Switch on: 6.30pm Higher Rd: children singing
Tues 9 Bikeability: Years 3 & 4: Learn to Ride: session 2 of 2
Weds 10 Nativity afternoon performance (2pm)
Weds 10 DT Sports last after school club before Christmas break
Thurs 11 Bikeability: Years 5 & 6: session 2 of 2
Thurs 11 Oak class final swimming session 6 of 6
Thurs 11 Nativity performance (5pm)
Frid 12 Bikeability: Years R, 1 & 2: session 2 of 2
Tues 16 P&F Christmas Movie Night: Scrooge - A Christmas Carol [PG] 4.15-6pm
Weds 17 Bags2 Schools Collection 9.00am - POSTPONED TO 3rd FEB 2026
Weds 17 Aspens Christmas Lunch: please book through ParentPay
Thurs 18 Christingle / Carol service: 5pm Breage Church
Frid 19 Class Christmas Parties: 1-3.15pm: Wear Christmas jumpers
Frid 19 Last day of school before Christmas break



January

- Mon 5 Return to school

February

- Tues 3 Bags2 Schools Collection 9.00am

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: 11.00am: 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

Everyone welcome ... book early ... as spaces are limited - please note change of location

A decorative border featuring clusters of red berries on thin brown stems, interspersed with green pine needles and sprigs of holly leaves. The background is white with small gold dots.

**Breage School Parents
& Friends
Christmas Wreath
Making Workshop**

**TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER AT 7PM
TO BE HELD AT: Breage School**

£20 - includes all foliage, decorations and refreshments. Just bring secateurs

Payments required on booking

Book at School Office





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.

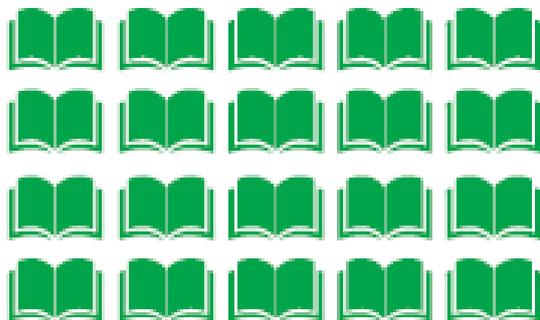
Thank you for your ongoing support

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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