



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello 'Skol Gynsa Trewythelan' - Hello Trewidland Primary and Pre-School

Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term and it has been wonderful seeing everyone back in school this week. The weather has improved somewhat, and we have had some moments of sunshine which has brought a smile to everyone's face!

We've had some excellent news regarding our submission for a biodiversity grant. Our application was successful and as a result we have been awarded a grant of £5000. Thank you to Mrs Sherrington and Mr Cluer for leading on this. I am excited to see the way this money will transform our school environment. Thank you too for all those of you who have offered help. It is much appreciated. Mrs Sherrington will post details of when she will be working on the project and so if any of you can come down and support, that would be great.

Next week sees us celebrating St Piran's Day on the 5th March and we shall be teaching the children all about this important Cornish event. We will be celebrating by learning some of the Cornish language and by making cards too. Also, on the 5th March Gardening club will restart. Please book your child in on Parent Pay. The session will end at 4pm. Then, on Friday 6th March we will celebrate World Book Day – with a Disney themed event. Children can come to school dressed as whatever character they like and throughout the day we will engage with some wonderful stories. These days are great to help foster a love of reading. I cannot wait. Finally, Parents Evening will be on the 9th March. Sign up sheets will be put outside Class 2 next week.

Enjoy your weekend everyone,

Mrs Cummings
Head of School







As part of the involvement for the children in the Nature Park programme, today they have been learning about how soil is made using fallen leaves, rotten wood and sheep's fleece to give the nutrients and how the worms work their magic.



TREWIDLAND PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL

SCHOOL NOTICE — LEAVE REQUESTS



LEAVE OF ABSENCE / EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE LEAVE REQUEST FORM

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of underachievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education no longer allows Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the form attached to this notification. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We 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. We 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.

All requests must be completed on this form; letters will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the School Office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence.



TREWIDLAND PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2 March 2026 @ 2.45 PM

PHONICS WORKSHOP

Parents are welcome to come along to explore Phonics and what we do with the children in Year 1.

GAMES AND PLAY



After School Gardening Club

Commencing on Thursday 5 March

Every Thursday From 3.15 pm—4 pm

Please ensure the children have appropriate clothing to change into

Bags for School Fundraising

Please bring in your unwanted clothes on Monday 9 March

They will be collected on Tuesday 10 March



Class 2

Eden Project Trip

Thursday 19 March

Leave from Dobwalls at 8.45 am

Collect from Dobwalls at

Price of Trip

£19.58 to be paid on Parentpay

Deadline for payment by Friday 27 February



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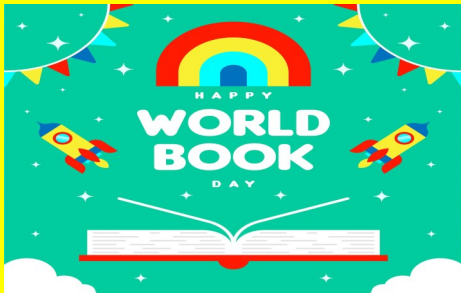
Wild Tribe with Mr Jones

Friday 13 March, Friday 20 March

Thursday 26 March, Friday 23 April

Please ensure that children come into school appropriately dressed for wild tribe.

Thank you



WORLD BOOK DAY

FRIDAY 6 MARCH

Come along dressed as your favourite Disney character



After School Dance Club

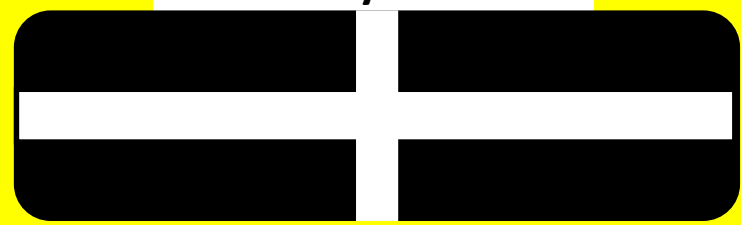
Every Wednesday

3.15 pm—4.00 pm

HAPPY ST. PIRAN'S DAY



Thursday 5 March



RNLI Lifeguards



The South West Water Safety RNLI Lifeguard Team will be visiting the School on Friday 20 March to talk to the children about the importance of being safe in and near the water.



TREWIDLAND PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL

EVENTS



Trewidland Primary & Pre-School



Come along for stories, music and fun!



Move to the Music: Tales & Tunes



Starting 15 January | 10:30 - 11:30am
Spring Term - weekly, every Thursday

Free cuppa for grown ups and healthy snack for children
Early Years session with an adult
Everyone welcome



For more information, please call
our office on: **01503 240275**

Find us on Facebook: @TrewidlandPrimarySchool





Secret Skills Celebration Certificates

Class 1

- Isabella for showing a fantastic attitude towards her writing challenges and taking responsibility for her learning
- Jaxxon for being enthusiastic in his learning about the Great Fire of London and writing great facts

Class 2

- Isabelle for demonstrating a 'Go for It, Finish It' attitude to her maths
- Sophia for asking and exploring questions in her art lessons

Please could all parents, when dropping off their children in the morning, park in the top car park. This is to avoid congestion at the front of the school and to ensure everyone is safe.

Please could parents label their child's School jumper with their child's name. This would be very helpful. Thank you

Attendance

23 Feb — 27 Feb 2026

Class 1

100%

Class 2

83%

Diary Dates

2 Mar—Phonics Workshop Year 1

5 Mar—St Piran's Day

5 Mar—Garden Club starts

6 Mar—World Book Day

9 Mar—Parents Evening

13 Mar—Wild Tribe

19 Mar—Class 2 Trip to the Eden Project

20 Mar—RNLI Water Safety visit

20 Mar—Wild Tribe

26 Mar— Thursday—Wild Tribe

26 Mar —Biffa Visit—Whole School