## **Landewednack Community Primary School**

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Friday 17th January 2025

Lunch Menu - Week 3 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

A reminder that a school meal is available FREE of charge EVERYDAY for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Our current lunch menu will continue until the Easter holiday.
When we return after February half term we will commence on WEEK 2.





















#### Ordering Landewednack School Uniform

www.schooltrendsonline.com/uniform/LandewednackPrimarySchoolTR127PB



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Behaviour Workshop - <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40">https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40</a>
Sleep Workshop - <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc">https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc</a>

To sign up for the Behaviour Workshop and/or the Sleep Workshop click on the links above.



















# IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

#### What are the changes?

- 1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
- 2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.
- 3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
- 4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
- 5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution. Please see FAQs below with more information about how the new rules may affect you.

#### **FAQs**

If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards? No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate? Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

#### Who can be issued with a penalty notice?

- Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school.
- In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

#### Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?

No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

#### How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time?

You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence).



















Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

# Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued?

No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

#### What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it?

Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

#### What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?

Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.

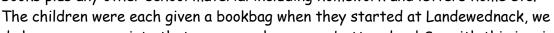
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#### A Message from Mrs Tattersall

I have now added the latest charges for Little Lizards day care and wraparound care to ParentPay. If you have used this last month, or this month, please pop on and pay as soon as possible. There are some people who already owed from previous month(s). Please could you settle this debt as soon as possible. If you are having trouble paying, for technical or other reasons, please get in touch with me and I will try and help you, or we can come to an agreement.

#### Bookbags

A polite reminder for all of our children to please have their bookbags with them in school every day. The bag should contain their reading and/or library books plus any other school material including homework and letters home etc.



do however appreciate that some may have seen better days! So, with this in mind we do have some bags available to purchase at £5.50 each. Please let me know if you would like to buy one and Mrs Tattersall with activate the payment on your child's ParentPay account.



#### Open the Book

It was lovely to welcome the 'Open the Book' team back in to school on Tuesday afternoon. Though Christmas does now seem such a long time ago, they told the story of when the Three Wise Men were thought to have visited the baby Jesus in the stable. Ably assisted by some fabulous co-stars the story centred around the feast of Epiphany.

Arthur & Rhian you both made a wonderful camel too!











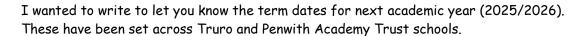








#### Dear parents /carers





The Trust has decided to set a two-week break in October (including our normal half term). The days will be commuted from the beginning and end of the year, so the children will be in school for the same number of school days. The first day of term will be September 1st 2025 - this will be an Inset day so the children will come back to school on Tuesday 2nd September 2025. The last day of term will be Friday 24th July which will also be an Inset day, so the children's last day will be Thursday 23rd July 2026.

Schools allocate days to In-service Training.
Inset days next academic year (2025/2026) will be:
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025 (including days commuted)
Monday 24th November 2025
Friday 8th May 2026
Friday 24th July 2026

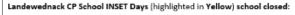
I feel this will have a positive impact on the children's wellbeing as the autumn term is the longest and most tiring for many of our children. We hope this will also help parents who work in seasonal jobs and to give parents the opportunity to take a holiday out of the traditional term time.

I have attached next academic year's calendar which shows all of the dates mentioned.

#### Thank you Mrs Louise Jones

### Landewednack CP School Calendar 2025/26





- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026

















