



Port Isaac Academy

Friday 17th January 2025



Dear Families,

Clubs

We are excited to announce that clubs start on Monday with DT Coaching at lunchtime. Please ensure you have signed your child up using the Microsoft Forms link below:

[Sign Up Here](#)

Wadebridge Speech and Music Festival: 3rd–8th March

Seals, Puffin, and Dolphins will all be participating in the Choral Speaking Classes as a group. Additionally, all children will have the opportunity to learn individual performance poetry as part of a poetry unit in their English lessons.

If you would like your child to enter any of the individual classes at the festival, please let us know by **27th January**. We had great success in both the singing and speech categories last year, and we're excited to have our children represent the school again this year.

The full syllabus and further details about the festival can be found here:

[Home | Wadebridge Festival 2023](#)

Best wishes,
Emma Williams



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EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE LEAVE REQUEST NOTICE TO FAMILIES

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the best educational outcomes for all our students, we would like to share important information about attendance and the procedures for requesting leave under exceptional circumstances. Regular school attendance is vital to academic success, and we aim to work collaboratively with families to support consistent learning. Please read the following guidance carefully to understand the expectations and processes in place.

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 the attached 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. I hope you will support our efforts in raising attendance and attainment at Port Isaac Academy.



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Week to View from Monday 20th January 2025

When	Activity	Location	Who	Parent Action
Monday 20th	Whole School PE Kit Day Clubs start this week	School	Whole School	Your child needs to wear their PE Kit to school. Book your child in to the club using the Microsoft form link https://forms.office.com/e/qa09tKxR3K
Tuesday 21st	Yoga Club Arts & Craft Club	School School	Miss Waters EYFS/KS1 Miss Young KS2	
Wednesday 22nd	Whole School PE Kit Day	School	Whole School	Your child needs to wear their PE Kit to school.
Thursday 23rd	Computing Club	Schol	Mrs Williams KS2	
Friday 24th				



Congratulations to our certificate winners this week

	Stars of the Week	English Stars	Maths Stars	Perfect
Seals, Pups &	Ailla	Darcie	Sonny	Elsie
Puffins	Indi	Emmie	Dahlia	Daisy
Dolphins	Sienna	Taylor	Mia	Lyra

Whole School Attendance last week 90.4 %

For all CELT schools the attendance threshold is set at 96% in line with national attendance data.

Seals	Puffins	Dolphins
90%	87.1%	94%