

### Days off school add up to lost learning

#### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



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#### Mr Ellis Office Hours

Tuesday- All Day  
Thursday- All Day  
If you would like an appointment, please contact Miss Hicks

28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Attendance

Please can any absence requests be completed on the new holiday forms prior to any planned absence. These are available on the website or at reception.



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb-** Warbstow Litter Pick  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb-** HALF TERM  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March-** Year 6 transition meeting for Launceston College pupils  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March –** St Piran's Day menu change  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March-** World Book Day  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March-** Year 2 Arts trip  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March-** St Petrocs Cross Country  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March-** Warbstow Fun Run  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March-** Height & Weight checks Reception & Y6  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March-** Songfest dress rehearsal  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March-** School class vistas & Whole School Photo  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March-** Songfest concert  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March-** LAST DAY OF TERM  
**30<sup>th</sup> March- 13<sup>th</sup> April-** EASTER HOLIDAYS  
**14<sup>th</sup> April-** SUMMER TERM BEGINS  
**School closed Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** for Bank Holiday  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May-**SATS WEEK  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May –** Being Passionate about Parenting workshop  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>-May 22<sup>nd</sup>-**Camp Kernow (Class 4 residential)  
**May 25<sup>th</sup>- May 29<sup>th</sup>-** HALF TERM  
**June 5<sup>th</sup>-** Community Day (Royal Cornwall Show)  
**June 24<sup>th</sup> -June 26<sup>th</sup>-** Class 3 Dartmoor residential.



#### In Class 1:

- learning all about George Forrest the plant hunter and his adventures
- In Maths they will be looking at more than/ less than and reading/ writing and ordering numbers

#### In Class 2:

- Plan and write poetry to enter the Premier League Writing Stars Poetry Competition
- Money and statistics in Maths
- In History, crime and punishment in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval times
- Investigating electrical circuits in science

#### In Class 3:

- They will be looking at Jack and the beanstalk story
- In Maths, they will be focusing on measuring
- In Science they will be planting

#### In Class 4:

- They will continue to study the voyage of Darwin aboard the HMS Beagle. This study will encompass the letters both formal and informal that he wrote, as well as looking at the detailed drawings and notes he made about various species
- In Maths, they will link to their topic through statistical studies. They will be exploring the route the Beagle took around the world, discussing the climate changes within the tropics, and along the equatorial line

Multi sport after school club will now be held on Mondays this is for KS1 children. Collection will be at 4.20. This starts from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. If your child has not yet attended but would like to please see Miss Hicks

## Warbstow Wonders:

To share our children's achievements we are going to publish the names of pupils receiving special certificates.

This week congratulations go to:

### Working Hard

Theo  
Oscar  
Archie      Emily  
Jowan      Jack

### Kind & Helpful

Mia  
Liam  
Shannon  
Shakithithi

FROM THE  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/carers,

I am pleased to announce that Warbstow Primary Academy continues to be a **'Good'** school as judged by our recent Ofsted inspection on the 4th February 2020.

Some of the key positive comments made by the inspectors were, **'by the end of Year 6 most pupils now achieve well in comparison to other schools nationally'**.

It was also highlighted that the school has a, **'friendly and supportive environment'** and that older pupils, **'show a strong understanding of how they can structure writing'**.

Safeguarding arrangements are, **'effective'** and pupils show, **'good manners and know the three Golden Rules expected of them'**.

In addition, it was seen that, **'leaders aim to generate an excitement about reading...pupils share a poem a day and consider words of wisdom'**.

The need to further develop our curriculum and the rationale behind its sequencing was mentioned as an area for future improvement. We welcome this input from Ofsted and are well on the way to making the appropriate steps for our continued success.

Thank you all for filling in the questionnaires for the inspectors, an overwhelming positive feedback was recorded.

The full report is due to be uploaded on Monday 2 March 2020 and will be available for you to read. [Ofsted report link](#)

Well done everybody.

Best regards

Mr Stuart Ellis

Aspire Catering Services

## St Piran's Day Menu

**Thursday 5th March 2020**

**Traditional Steak Pasty**

**Or**

**Cheese and Onion Pasty**

**Or**

**Jacket Potato**

**Dessert: Chocolate Cake & Custard**



**Gool  
Peran Lowen!**



Friends of Warbstow School are holding a Spring Bingo on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Doors open at 6:30pm, eyes down at 7pm. Raffle and Refreshments. All welcome. If anyone has any donations of cakes that would be great, thank you.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

We have made the decision to change the date for Wold book day at Warbstow due to Class 2 and 3 swimming on a Thursday.

World book day will now be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Children are encouraged to either dress up as their favourite book character or bring in a prop from their favourite book.

During the day we will have an array of reading workshops going on to engage the children into the world of literature.



X country's last league run at Wadebridge on Thursday 3.30 start as usual parents to transport

Warbstow School Football Club

Fixtures 2020

T Broad Trophy Quarter Final  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm

Kick Off

Warbstow V Tintagel

Our annual Funrun takes place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, with the race starting at 2pm. Please could you let the office know if you are able to support the event with stewarding.

This Saturday there is a litter pick at Warbstow.

Please meet at the community centre at 09.30. We will hand out high vis vest pickers and gloves and select groups to cover different parts of the village. When you come back at 11am we will have tea coffee and cake in the hall - Please bring Cake or biscuits!!



Year 2 trip

Year 2 have been invited to Tregadillett on The 11<sup>th</sup> March to take part in an Arts award event. They will all get an award at the end of the day. Please can we have the slips back by 5<sup>th</sup> March so that we can sort out the transport and lunches. If you need a copy of the letter please see Miss Hicks

## Coronavirus

The Department for Education have asked all schools to provide the following information to parents: Aspire Academy Trust support this and we would like to reiterate that you should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period.

If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.



HM Government



## CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

**Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)**

## Tolerance of different cultures and religions

Rule of Law

Tallest pointing to  
god

Mutual Respect

Pointing

Wedding finger

Individual  
Liberty

Little one - me

Democracy

Thumbs up or down

# British Values

### British Values Competition

Children have been learning about the British Values taught at Warbstow Primary Academy. We are in the process of making a display that explains the 5 different areas that are explored. Children need to choose 1 of these areas and illustrate what they think it means for them.

The winners will be revealed next Friday, work will be displayed, and house points awarded!

Entries on A4 paper please.



## **Letter from the Advisory Board**

### **Road Safety around the School**

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff at Warbstow Primary Academy. Following a number of incidents and near misses outside the School we would like to offer the following advice and guidance to help make the roads around the school safer.

These are things we can all do, and ask everyone to take just a little extra care, so we can keep our families and community safe.

### **Watching our Speed**

Warbstow is a 30mph zone however, when driving near the School, a slower speed would be safer and more appropriate.

This is particularly important at busy times of the school day when the narrow lanes, stationary and moving vehicles, and pedestrians – some of whom are very young and generally excited or distracted – all combine to increase the risk of an accident.

I am sure we would all agree that if we were involved in an accident we would wish we had taken more time and care whilst driving to school, home or work.

### **Environmental Considerations**

To reduce harmful emissions, and improve the environment around the school, you should not leave your vehicle running whilst parked.

Exhaust emissions contain a range of harmful gasses and particulate matter linked to heart disease, asthma and other lung diseases. Children walking past a vehicle are much closer to the exhaust and are exposed to a greater quantity of toxic fumes.

So please bear this in mind and switch off your engines.

It's worth noting that leaving a vehicle unattended with the engine running, and leaving a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while parked, are both criminal offences.

### **Care and Consideration when Parking**

Please do not park, or reverse across, the pedestrian gate to the school playground. On several occasions children have been held back, at the last second, to stop them walking into the back of a moving car. By leaving this area clear both pedestrians and drivers have better visibility, reducing the likelihood of an accident.

We understand that parking around the school is challenging but do remain considerate to our neighbours and other members of the community. Vehicles should never be parked in such a way so as to restrict access to people's driveways, or cause an obstruction for others.

The additional parking outside the Community Centre is due to be surfaced in Grasscrete over Easter. The works will start before and end after the school holidays so please take extra care while this is being completed.

### **Warbstow Hub**

Many of you know of this fantastic project in the parish to build a new environmentally friendly facility to function as a multi functional hub for the local community. It's a wonderfully exciting and ambitious project and we wish them every success.

Some of the literature and discussion has highlighted a belief that access to the community centre will in some way be restricted once the 25 year covenant expires in 2025. Having investigated the issue we can confirm that the school has no intention of restricting community access before or after this date.

The community centre, constructed by Cornwall Council at Warbstow school, is one of six halls built across the county using space for sports and arts SSA (funding). The original business cases for the halls envisaged that school use be balanced with paid community use to ensure the facilities were sustainable. The funding body stipulated that the halls remain available for community use for a period of 25 years from completion. However this is only a minimum requirement. The community centre is a fantastic local resource, we hope it will be well used for many years to come.

The hall is available outside school hours for general use and can be booked by contacting the school office, during school hours, on 01566 781 388.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other issues, please feel free to talk to a member of the advisory board.