

## Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers,

This week has been full of festive fun! We've loved starting to practise for our upcoming performances and it's been wonderful hearing singing all around the school! Children enjoyed creating hats ready for their delicious Christmas lunch with crackers and festive music.

Thank you to everyone who supported the FOSDA Christmas Fayre last week, which raised an incredible £1300!

We are looking forward to all the performances next week and details of these can be found in this week's newsletter.

Hope you have a great weekend!

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

### St Dennis Stars

All St Dennis Stars were awarded for **achievement** this week, which is one of our core values.



**Nursery** Mabel                      **Year 3**      Esme  
**Reception** Amelia                **Year 4**      Ruby  
**Year 1**      JK                                  **Year 5**      Immie  
**Year 2**      Alba                                **Year 6**      Rebecca

### We are looking forward to...

**Week beginning:** Monday 15th December

Nursery	We are looking forward to performing our Christmas songs for our grown-ups.
Reception	As actors, we are looking forward to performing our first nativity play.
Year 1	As performers, we are looking forward to performing our Christmas play.
Year 2	As performers, we are looking forward to starting on stage in our Christmas performance.
Year 3	As technicians, we are looking forward to learning about how computers are connected.
Year 4	As writers, we are looking forward to completing our non-fiction write.
Year 5	We are looking forward to singing together at the church.
Year 6	We are looking forward to giving readings in church during our carol concert.
The Nest	We are looking forward to watching Jax in his Nativity play and performing in the church for our carol concert.



## Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **94%**  
This week, the class with the winning attendance is **Year 5**



Reception	91.8%
Year 1	90.5%
Year 2	92.8%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	91.2%

They will have Denys visit and stay with them in class for the week.



## Growth Mindset Awards



Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Rosie, Arthur, Tamara, Dakota, Archie, Arlo and Winnie.

These awards celebrate children who have continued to believe in themselves and be resilient when something has been tricky! It's knowing that they can't do it... yet!

## Lunchtime Awards

Immie and Neve received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility. The whole of Year 2 achieved this award for consistently following our silent signals.



## Key Dates - Autumn Term 2



- 15.12.25 1500 Nursery - Songs and mince pies
- 16.12.25 14:00 Reception Nativity
- 17.12.25 KS2 Carol Service Rehearsal at St Denys Church  
14:00 Key Stage 1 Nativity
- 18.12.25 14:00 Key Stage 1 Nativity
- 19.12.25 1000 Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Denys Church  
Special Golden Time - Silent Disco  
Special Attendance Assembly  
1330 Finish
- 05.01.26 INSET Day—School closed to children
- 06.01.26 First day back for children

## Christmas Performances



On **Monday 15th December**, Nursery invite parents and carers to join them for songs and mince pies. No need to book, just come along to the Nursery Gate at 1500 to join in the fun!

On **Tuesday 16th December**, Reception Class invite parents and carers to their Nativity Singalong. To book tickets (up to 4) please scan the QR code.



On **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December**, Key Stage 1 invite you to their performance of 'It's a Party!'. Please scan the QR code, to book tickets (up to 2 for each performance).

For both the Reception and Key Stage 1 performances, once you have booked tickets online, there's no need to wait for confirmation, please just come along at 14:00 to the top gate, for a 14:15 start.

**Key Stage 2** warmly invite you to their Carol Concert on **Friday 19th December**. Please join us at St Denys Church from 0930, for a 1000 start where we will sing carols with readings from Year 6.



*You live a new life for every language you speak. If you only know one language you only live once.” – Czech proverb*

Languages Lead — Mrs Rachael Nash

At St Dennis Primary Academy, we believe that learning a new language opens doors to new worlds, broadens horizons and fosters global citizenship. Our Languages Curriculum is underpinned by the National Curriculum for Languages and is designed to build on children’s prior knowledge, provide rich, real-life learning experiences and develop both linguistic competence and intercultural understanding.

We aim to nurture confident, resilient, and articulate language learners who are equipped with the oracy skills to express themselves clearly and respectfully. Through engaging and interactive lessons, children will develop speaking and listening skills that enable them to communicate ideas, ask questions, and build connections with others in a new language.

You can look in detail at our languages curriculum and the work we are doing here:

[Languages – Spanish | St Dennis Primary Academy](#)



Our school environment is vocabulary rich, with bi-lingual signage around the school. We also include a Spanish option on our class morning greetings, to reinforce the speaking element with our children.



All classes in Key Stage 2 have access to a high-quality languages curriculum, delivered through the Language Angels scheme of work and resources. Spanish is taught through regular, well-planned weekly lessons, led by a specialist teacher, Ms Trula, ensuring consistency and high expectations across the school.



We recognise that the way the world is moving means technology will continue to play an important part in education and the world of work. With that in mind, the children use iPads to record themselves talking so that they can hear themselves back again and reflect and improve.



We are excited to announce that in the New Year, we will be exploring 'Go Cornish' at St Dennis Primary Academy and attempting to gain our Bronze award. Go Cornish brings the Cornish language to life both inside and outside the classroom. It provides a clear framework to celebrate the language in fun and

immersive ways, whilst promoting its use across our whole school community.

