

Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

This week, children at St Dennis have been busy exploring their senses, building fine motor skills through Dough Disco, mixing primary colours in art, learning how the Equator affects climate in geography and using Natterhub to learn how to stay safe online. Children have also developed football skills, experimented with lino printing, and enjoyed singing with Mr Hawken! Today, we celebrated National Teaching Assistant Day and thanked them all for being so wonderful!

On Friday next week, we have Andy from St Austell Foodbank visiting for our Harvest Assembly, We will welcome any donations from Monday for this charity. Please bring them to classrooms or the School Office.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

St Dennis Stars



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



Nursery	Morgan	Year 3	Oscar
Reception	Shelby	Year 4	Lowenna
Year 1	:Louis	Year 5	Jenson
Year 2	Winnie	Year 6	Luke



We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 29th September

Nursery	Next week we are looking forward to starting Talk Boost with Tizzy.
Reception	As artists, we are looking forward to learning different brush strokes.
Year 1	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to learning how to use a numberline.
Year 2	As scientists, we are looking forward to learning ways to keep our bodies healthy and interviewing a doctor.
Year 3	As geographers, we are looking forward to exploring the effects of volcanic eruptions.
Year 4	As historians, we are looking forward to a visit from a real Viking!
Year 5	As writers, we are looking forward to inventing our own stories.
Year 6	As musicians, we are looking forward to exploring music and technology.
The Nest	We are looking forward to learning a new breathing technique in our Zones of Regulation assembly and using it when we feel like we need to.

Come and sing with us!
FREE for all 7-11 years old children in
 The Clays area
 From 10 - 11:15am
 Sat 11th October @ Treviscoe Community Centre
 Sat 8th November @ Treviscoe Community Centre
 Sat 6th December @ Clay TAWC
TEXT KIRSTEN on 07733888641 to sign up

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Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **95.2%**
This week, the class with the winning attendance is **Year 4**



Reception	97.0%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	94.4%

They will enjoy an extra special playtime next week, for being the best attending class!

Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Arabella, Ollie, Jack, Lois, George, Cadan and Priscilla this week!



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

Ayla, Sofia and Bella received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Key Dates - Autumn Term 1

01.10.25	Black History Month
03.10.25	Harvest Assembly - St Austell Foodbank
06.10.25	Stay Safe Week
08.10.25	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops
10.10.25	World Mental Health Day
13.10.25	0900 Year 5 Fabulous Finish 1500 Year 2 Fabulous Finish
14.10.25	0900 Year 4 Fabulous Finish 1500 The Nest Fabulous Finish
15.10.25	0900 Year 6 Fabulous Finish 1500 Year 1 Fabulous Finish
16.10.25	0900 Year 3 Fabulous Finish 1500 Reception Fabulous Finish Nasal Flu Vaccinations
17.10.25	Special Golden Time

Harvest

Please can donations for St Austell Foodbank be brought into school from Monday, in preparation for our Harvest Assembly on Friday next week.

Thank you for your support.

HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- TINNED CUSTARD
- LONG LIFE FRUITJUICE
- BISCUITS
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- JAM
- COFFEE
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED MEAT

Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.



St Austell foodbank staustell.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales 112886



ATTENDANCE



At St Dennis Primary Academy, we understand the impact good attendance and punctuality has on our children's learning and on their social, emotional and mental health.

DID YOU KNOW?



Together, Every Day Counts

Children who attend school regularly are **more likely to achieve better grades** and build stronger friendships

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/link-between-attendance-and-attainment>.

Please contact Mrs Nash, our Attendance Lead, if you would like to discuss attendance.

DfE statutory guidance is clear: holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Unavoidable leave of absence requests for school-aged children are generally related to one off events that are rare, significant, unavoidable, and short in duration. Family holidays are not considered unavoidable

Taking your child out of school without permission may result in a **Penalty Notice** being issued.

What this means:

- A Penalty Notice may be issued if your child has **unauthorised absences**, including holidays.
- The fine is **£80 per child, per parent** if paid within 21 days, rising to **£160** if paid within 28 days.
- Failure to pay may result in prosecution.

There is **no right of appeal**—if you believe a notice was **issued in error**, you must contact the school directly.

We understand that holidays are important for family time, but we are legally required to prioritise your child's education and wellbeing. Every school day counts.



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.