

Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

At St Dennis this week, children have been busy exploring physical and human features around the school, investigating materials and lifecycles in science and examining evidence that supports the Earth being spherical. They've also learnt about the Christian creation story and explored Hinduism through the story of the Man in the Well. Music lessons featured rock music, while PE sessions introduced new equipment to enhance movement and balance routines. Children also engaged science investigations and used Zones of Regulation Bingo to reflect on emotions.

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our Meet the Teacher information sessions and all presentations from these are now on class pages on our school website <https://www.stdennis.academy/our-classes-and-curriculum-plans/>.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

St Dennis Stars

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



Nursery	Oakley	Year 3	Rachel
Reception	Remi-Mai	Year 4	Theo
Year 1	William	Year 5	Eli-Jack
Year 2	Amber-Leigh	Year 6	Milo



Free School Meals Application

At St Dennis, we are committed to ensuring every child can access all the opportunities available in school. Pupil Premium funding plays a vital role in helping with the cost of residentials, providing additional resources, enhancing provision and support learning and wellbeing. If your child qualifies for free school meals, the school receives this funding and it's really important to apply, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives a free meal through the universal scheme. Please follow this link to apply <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>. Alternatively, if you can provide us with your name, date of birth and National Insurance number, we can apply on your behalf. Please follow this link to share this information <https://forms.office.com/e/OMvjJJ3F9X>

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 22nd September

Nursery	We are looking forward to looking at different houses and guessing who may live in them.
Reception	As readers, we are looking forward to taking books home to practise our blending skills.
Year 1	As geographers, we are looking forward to going on a village walk to look for human and physical features.
Year 2	As geographers, we are looking forward to learning about hot and cold places around the world.
Year 3	As chefs, we are looking forward to designing our seasonal tarts.
Year 4	As historians, we are looking forward to learning more about the Anglo-Saxons.
Year 5	As scientists, we are looking forward to meeting a visitor from the Spaceport Cornwall and launching a rocket!
Year 6	As scientists, we are looking forward to experimenting with electrical components.
The Nest	We are looking forward to Kathryn from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust coming back to see us again..

Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **95.1%**
This week, the class with the winning attendance is **Reception**.



Reception	97.8%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 5	90.8%
Year 6	90.9%

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 Jax, Neve, Ellis, Jenson, Grayson, Bella and Alexander 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

Beau, Priscilla and Corey received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Key Dates - Autumn Term 1

25.09.25	School Photos
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

Wonder Wall

The Wonder Wall in the hall has been updated to showcase the incredible learning taking place across the school. It celebrates not only the high standards of work being produced but also the exceptional levels of presentation and care these children show.

A huge well done to Remi-Mai, William, Winnie, Aerin, Rosie, Immie and Alice, whose work is featured. You should be very proud!



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.

Harvest

Our Harvest Assembly will be on Friday 3rd October and Andy from St Austell Foodbank will be joining us to talk about the local work this charity carries out.

Last year St Austell Foodbank, through its outlets at St Austell, Roche and St Stephen, provided emergency food to just under 4000 people who were facing the prospect of hunger. Nearly 1500 of these were children.

Please see the poster for items that they are currently requesting or you can also make a financial donation.

Year 3 are organising Harvest this year as part of their personal development work, which involves working with a local charity, and they have asked for all donations come to school during the week beginning 29th September.

Thank you for your support.



staustell.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 112886



Together for Families

Starting school September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022



The deadline for applications is
15 January 2026

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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Together for Families

Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



The deadline for applications is
31 October 2025

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