

## Newsletter



Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had such a brilliant start to the new year! We have all been impressed with how the children have managed new routines and approached all their new challenges with a smile. Behaviour has been outstanding this week and we have all noticed how smart they look in their uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

The highlight of the week has to be Teambuilding Day. The children threw themselves into so many activities including archery, kinball, dodgeball, obstacle courses, paddle boarding, kayaking and even a silent disco!

Our core values were shining brightly in every corner, from the courage shown by children trying something new (especially as our value of the week!), to the aspiration and achievement in mastering new skills. The sense of responsibility, teamwork and friendship was just wonderful, whether it was helping a friend balance on a paddleboard or dancing together at the silent disco.

Key dates are included in this newsletter and all class newsletters will start again next week. The new clubs list will also follow next week and these will be up and running from Monday 15th September.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

### St Dennis Stars

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



Reception	Whole Class!	Year 3	Lincoln
Year 1	Darcie	Year 4	Olivia
Year 2	Olivia-Grace	Year 5	Albert
Year 6	Victoria		



# Teambuilding 2025

Just a selection of photos from Teambuilding Day! More will follow on Facebook and our website soon.



TEAM WORK  
Part of the  
Squad  
Part of  
the  
Group  
Teamwork  
Group  
Part of the  
Squad  
Part of  
the  
Group



RESPONSIBILITY  
Trustworthy  
Responsible  
Trustworthy  
Responsible  
Trustworthy  
Responsible



FRIENDSHIP  
Friendship  
Relationship  
Part of the  
Group  
Part of the  
Group  
Part of the  
Group



ASPIRATION  
Hope  
Desire  
Aspiration  
Hope  
Desire  
Aspiration



ACHIEVEMENT  
Achievement  
Fulfillment  
Achievement  
Fulfillment  
Achievement




COURAGE  
Courage  
Brave  
Intrepid  
Courage  
Brave  
Intrepid

## Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **97.0%**  
This week, the class with the winning attendance is **Year 5**



Reception	97.01%
Year 1	98.68%
Year 2	99.30%
Year 3	99.46%
Year 4	97.28%
Year 5	100.00% 
Year 6	95.24%

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 Rebecca, Esme, Korban, Jowan and Lowenna 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

Evie, Remi-Mai and Ayla received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



## Key Dates - Autumn Term 1

15.09.25	Clubs Start 1500 Year 2 Meet the Teacher
16.09.25	0900 Year 4 Meet the Teacher 1500 Year 3 Meet the Teacher
17.09.25	0900 Year 6 Meet the Teacher 1500 Year 1 Meet the Teacher
18.09.25	0900 Year 5 Meet the Teacher 1500 Reception Meet the Teacher
25.09.25	School Photos
01.10.25	Black History Month
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

## PE Days

Reception and KSI can bring their named PE kit to school in a bag and leave it on their peg.

KS2 and The Nest can wear their PE kit to school on these days.

A reminder that PE kit consists of plain black shorts, a plain white t-shirt (with a school logo if you choose) and trainers. They wear their school jumper as usual and may wear plain black leggings or jogging bottoms over their shorts if it's cold.

Rec Thursday	Y4 Monday & Tuesday
Y1 Tuesday & Friday	Y5 Tuesday & Thursday
Y2 Wednesday & Thursday	Y6 Wednesday & Friday
Y3 Monday & Friday	Nest Wednesday & Friday

The  
deadline for  
applications is  
**15 January  
2026**

# Starting school

## September 2026

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



### 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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**



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## Attendance

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.

The Exceptional Circumstances Leave Request form can be found here on the School website <https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-dennis-primary-academy/UploadedDocument/92741b78-62b4-4038-beb5-69fb8e6fa8fa/loa-primary-exceptional-circumstances-leave-request-form.pdf>

If you would like to discuss attendance or need support with your child, please contact Mrs Nash (Attendance Lead) through the School Office.



Together  
for Families

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deadline for  
applications is  
**31 October  
2025**

## Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place  
in year seven at a  
secondary school



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## Applying for a secondary school place for September 2026

### Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: [statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk)

### 1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school**. Go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport) for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

### 2 Submit your application by 31 October 2025

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

### 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 2 March 2026. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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