

## Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers,

This week, children have explored stories from both the Qur'an and the Bible, learnt compass directions in geography, visited St Denys Church, continued with brass instrument lessons, been sailing and even dressed up as pirates! It has also been Healthy Week across the school and children have learnt about how to keep both physically and mentally healthy.

It was so lovely to watch Godh Class perform their MADE Project final performance. They showed such courage and teamwork and were obviously having the best time!

A reminder that it is the last week for clubs next week and we also have Sports Day and the School Fayre!

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

### We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 7th July

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to finding out all about the jungle environment.
Reception - Kroenek	As athletes, we are looking forward to Sports Day!
Year 1 - Sort	As theologians, we are looking forward to learning about Mother Teresa.
Year 2 - Cwiwer	As athletes, we are looking forward to showing everyone our skills on Sports Day!
Year 3 - Brogh	As geographers, we are looking forward learning about types of renewable energy.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As athletes, we are looking forward to showing our skills in Sports Day!
Year 5 - Godh	As athletes, we are looking forward to participating in Sports Day!
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As athletes, we are looking forward to our final sports day in primary school.
The Nest	As athletes, we are looking forward to Sports Day!



### School Clubs

Clubs will finish next week on

Thursday (as we have the School Fayre on Friday).

New clubs will start again in the autumn term.

### St Dennis Stars



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



Oula	Bella	Brogh	Ellis
Kroenek	Watson	Lowarn	Kendall
Sort	Serenity	Godh	Piran
Cwiwer	Oscar	Pedrevan	Matthew



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## Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **93.4%**

This week, the class with the winning attendance is: **Cwiwer Class.**



Kroenek	85.9%
Sort	87.7%
Cwiwer	98.0%
Brogh	95.1%
Lowarn	92.7%
Godh	91.8%
Pedrevan	87.2%

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 Ella, Summer C, Jacob, Grayson, Mia, Jenson and ALL of Year 5 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

Theo, Nellie and Lexi received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



## Key Dates - Summer Term

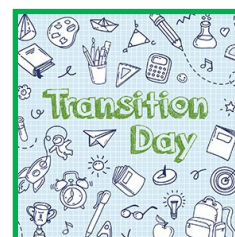
We endeavour to keep these dates the same, but will inform you of any changes at the earliest opportunity.

- 07.07.25 TPAT Musical Extravaganza  
RSHE Week  
Year 6 Brannel Transition Day  
am Whole School Transition
- 09.07.25 1330 Sports Day (Reception to Year 6)
- 10.07.25 Clubs finish today  
Kroenek Class (Rec) Camp Fire until 1700
- 11.07.25 14:30 Finish for FOSDA Summer Fayre
- 14.07.25 pm - Nursery Sports Day  
0900 Godh Class (Y5) Fabulous Finish  
1500 Sort Class (Y1) Fabulous Finish
- 15.07.25 0930 Rocksteady for parents and carers  
pm Rain-off Sports Day
- 16.07.25 0900 The Nest Fabulous Finish  
1100 Eco Club and The Nest village litter pick  
1500 Brogh Class (Y3) Fabulous Finish  
Y5 Brannel Transition Day  
1500 Lowarn Class (Y4) Brass performance for parents and carers
- 17.07.25 0900 Lowarn Class (Y4) Fabulous Finish  
1500 Cwiwer Class (Y2) Fabulous Finish
- 18.07.25 Annual Reports go home  
0900 Kroenek Class (Rec) Fabulous Finish  
Kroenek Class (Rec) Beach Visit
- 21.07.25 Whole School Transition Day  
1530 Performing Arts Club performance to parents and carers
- 22.07.25 pm Y6 Leavers' Silent Disco and party (in school)
- 23.07.25 1000 Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents and carers  
1330 Finish for all children

## Transition Morning

On Monday, children have a transition morning to their new classrooms to meet their new teachers and explore their new learning environment.

Please bring children in as normal and we will take them to their new classrooms after they have been registered.



## Sports Day - Wednesday 9th July 1330 - 1515

We are looking forward to welcoming parents, carers and families to watch our Sports Day next week!



The gate to the field will be open from just after 1315 with children being ready to start at 1330.

The running order will be all of Reception races first, followed by KSI and KS2 races.

Please can KS2 come to school in their PE kits and Reception and KSI bring their PE kits to school

PE kit consists of black shorts, plain white t-shirt (or PE t-shirt with a logo) and trainers..

You will be able to take photos, but only of your own child. Due to safeguarding reasons, only photos of your own child may be posted on social media.

Every child has chosen at least one race that they would like to take part in.

To help us keep children safe and happy, children will be expected to stay with their class throughout the afternoon, so please can parents and carers stay in the area alongside the opposite side of the track where there will be some benches and chairs.

Some school chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own camping chairs. You may bring refreshments to enjoy while you watch, but please no glass or alcohol. Our school field is a no smoking and no vaping area.

Children will be taken back to their class afterwards and collected as normal at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 9th July!**

If it is raining, or rain is forecast for the afternoon, we will postpone until the afternoon of Tuesday 15th July and we aim to let you know by 1030 via text, email and Facebook if we have to do this.

## FOSDA Summer Fayre - Friday 11th July 14:30

We also have our Summer Fayre next week on Friday!

Children can be collected in the usual way at 14:30 and come and join us at the fayre on the top playground.



If you are unable to collect your child at 14:30, please let the school office know in advance.

Thank you for all your bottle donations for the tombola stall!

We also have a teddy raffle stall and would welcome soft toy donations as soon as possible, so they can be labelled in advance.

There will also be face painting, a penalty shootout, welly wanging, guess the name of the teddy, glitter tattoos, splat the rat and much more!

Again, thank you again for your support with this event.



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# Online Safety Newsletter

## July 2025

### ZEPETO

ZEPETO has an age rating of over 13. Users create their own avatars and can design rooms. ZEPETO is a social networking app and therefore users can chat with others. Due to the communication option, there are the usual risks, such as your child seeing inappropriate content or online bullying. In-App purchases are also available on this platform.

Parental controls are not available, but a user can change some settings within privacy and content settings, for example to change who can direct message you.

ZEPETO have published a Guardian's guide here: <https://support.zepeto.me/hc/en-us/articles/900005874946-ZEPETO-Guardian-s-Guide>

### Sprunki

Is your child playing Sprunki? If they are, there are several versions of this game, so it is important to check which version they are playing and to then check its suitability for your child. For example, one version states:

**“WARNING: This game contains disturbing images and scenes of explicit violence and gore”.**

Find out more here: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-topics/esafety-guide/sprunki>

### Nintendo Switch 2

The Nintendo Switch 2 was released last month and has a new communication feature that you should be aware of.

#### GameChat – NEW

GameChat is included within a Nintendo Switch Online membership and allows up to 12 people to chat while playing games. Players can share their screen, even if they are playing different games, chat with the built-in microphone and as the Nintendo Switch 2 allows cameras to be connected (sold separately), even video chat. If your child is using this feature, then ensure they know how to report other users.

You can find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-2/GameChat/Nintendo-Switch-2-GameChat-2785625.html>

#### Parental Controls

There is a free Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app that can be linked with your Nintendo Switch to monitor what your child is playing. The app creates a report so you can see which video games your child is playing and for how long. It also allows you to set which games your child can play, based on the PEGI age rating and restricts your child from sending or receiving messages from other users. GameChat settings can also be adjusted. Children under the age of 15 can only use GameChat if allowed by you through the app. They can then only use GameChat with people that you approve. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Support/Nintendo-Switch-2/How-to-Set-Up-Adjust-or-Remove-Parental-Controls-on-Nintendo-Switch-2-2843839.html>

#### Check age ratings

PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and chat facilities within games. <https://pegi.info/>

#### Further information

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>



Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycs.org.uk/primary-july-2025/>

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# Online Challenges

According to Ofcom's latest Children's Media Use and Attitudes report "funny videos or those showing pranks or challenges continue to be the most popular type of VSP (video-sharing platforms) content for children, watched by 68% of 3-17-year-olds who watch videos." [source - <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/media-habits-children/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2025>]

If your child is watching this type of content, then you need to chat to them regularly, particularly about online challenges and the risks that they can pose. **There are challenges online that are risky/dangerous.** Sadly, there are reports that children have died as a consequence of attempting online challenges.

Children may not yet have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse that what they see online is not always safe for them to replicate. Make sure your child knows that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) if they are thinking about trying something that they have seen online.

If your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Furthermore, reassure your child that challenges that suggest that terrible things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-challenges-guide/>



## Is your child moving to Secondary school?

Is your child moving to Secondary school this September? Internet Matters have outlined a number of tools and resources, including a Transition Parent Guide to help support you:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

## Conversation Starter

Are you struggling to start a conversation with your child about online safety? Why not try discussing this scenario with them. What would they do and how would you help them?

*Amira and her classmates have a WhatsApp group. One evening, Amira notices that some group members are sharing unkind jokes and memes about another student, Leo, who isn't part of the group. The messages start as playful but quickly turn mean-spirited. Amira feels uncomfortable but isn't sure what to do. So, what should Amira do?*

First, Amira should **not join in** with the mean messages. Then, although difficult, she could **speak up** in the group by saying something kind like: "Let's not be mean. This isn't fair to Leo." Finally, she should **tell a trusted adult**.

Discuss how group chats should be fun for *everyone*, not a place to hurt others. Emphasise that being part of a group chat means we all have a responsibility to keep it respectful. If you see something that doesn't feel right, like Amira did, it's okay to speak up or talk to a trusted adult. Remind your child that they won't be punished if they tell you something like this.

Remember, even if Leo doesn't see the messages, **it's still wrong to be unkind**. Real legends lift each other up — they don't tear others down.

# Omegle (and similar platforms)

Whilst the original Omegle no longer exists, there is now Ome.tv, other Omegle copycat sites as well as other sites with a similar concept. **We cannot stress enough that these sites should not be accessed by children due to the potential content and language used, which can be explicit.** As an example, Ome.tv connects you randomly to **other people via video chat** from across the world. Ome.tv does state that it **should only be used by adults**.

You can find out more information about Chat apps, including 'randomised chat forums' here:  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

# St Dennis Primary Academy School Calendar 2025/26

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**CORNWALL COUNCIL** *Together for Families*

School holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

**Bank Holidays highlighted in pink**  
**INSET Days highlighted in yellow**  
**School Holidays highlighted in grey**

**Autumn Term**  
 1<sup>st</sup> September – 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025  
 (Half Term 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct)

**Spring Term**  
 5<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026  
 (Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026)

**Summer Term**  
 20<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
 (Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

St Dennis Primary Academy INSET Days (highlighted in **Yellow**) school closed:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026



# TIME2MOVE HOLIDAY CLUBS

## SUMMER 2025!



### ST DENNIS PRIMARY ACADEMY

Across the sessions we will be running our traditional & alternative sporting activities, from Basketball, Football and Rounders to Laser Tag, Archery & Crossbow and Kin Ball.



- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025



Session Time: 12:30pm - 4:30pm



Only **£20.00** per session!

with multi-booking discounts available

Funded for those eligible for Free School Meals, with a hot lunch included!

For ages 5 - 16 years



#### HOW TO BOOK?

Bookings can be made via **Playwaze** or by visiting the DT Coaching website: [www.dtcoaching.co.uk](http://www.dtcoaching.co.uk). Please contact us for further details or for help booking:  
**Email:** clubs@dtcoaching.co.uk  
**Phone:** 01872 306730





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# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

**Natural England** **National Trust** **Cornwall Wildlife Trust** **NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

**New locations added for summer!!**

**Don't forget to sign up to the Mental Health Support Team free Wild Wellbeing sessions being held over the Summer holidays at various locations**

Open to parents/carers and their school aged\* children in Cornwall (\*reception to year 7)

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**THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge**  
Delivered in partnership with libraries **2025**

## Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

**summerreadingchallenge.org.uk**

**Runs Sat 5th July - Sat 13th Sept FREE to join at St Austell Library!**

Read six books to collect stickers, prizes AND a medal and certificate when you complete the challenge!

Supported using public funding by **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**

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### Mental Health Support Team

Cornwall MHST's next round of parent/carer workshops will be running in September 2025.

**Topics will include:**

- Behaviour**  
Strategies for fostering positive behaviour and communication at home.
- Worry**  
Includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.
- Resilience**  
Discuss the meaning of resilience, ways to build it, and when young people should seek help.
- Sleep**  
Sleep hygiene and routines, along with practical strategies for assisting children.

Please note: children must be in reception to year 7