

Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts



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Dear parents and carers,

This week, children have created route maps using natural materials, explored tinting and toning techniques with black and white paint, developed their practical skills of measurement in maths, used maps to locate the capital cities of the UK, learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam, learnt 'MRS GREN' to help remember the seven life processes: Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion, and Nutrition, practised using TT Rockstars to improve their times tables fluency, created the Kroenek Express Train and also shown all our school values on the Year 4 Porthpean camp! Yesterday, we all learnt about VE Day and why it is such a significant day for all of us.

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children. We know they are well-prepared and ready for these. We are really looking forward to them showing off everything they have learnt over their St Dennis journey. A reminder that Year 6 children need to come through the top gate between 0825 and 0830 from Monday to Thursday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 12th May

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to completing our traffic survey.
Reception - Kroenek	As writers, we are looking forward to our new Drawing Club story.
Year 1 - Sort	As scientists, we are looking forward to learning about deciduous and evergreen trees.
Year 2 - Cwiwer	As scientists, we are looking forward to planning and organising an experiment to explore plant growth.
Year 3 - Brogh	As geographers, we are looking forward learning about human and physical features of the Rockies.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As musicians, we are looking forward to playing the trumpet, trombone, euphonium or cornet in music.
Year 5 - Godh	As writers, we are looking forward to applying our writing targets to our innovated quests.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As learners, we are looking forward to showing off what we know during our SATs!
The Nest	We are looking forward to our strawberries flowering!

St Dennis Stars



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



Oula	Morgan	Brogh	Theo
Kroenek	Lettie	Lowarn	Ronnie and Sofia
Sort	Ayla	Godh	Alice
Cwiwer	Aerin	Pedrevan	Kye



Good luck for next week to all of our Year 6 children. We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked this year. They are well-prepared and ready to show off everything they know! Year 6 to come through main reception between 0825 and 0830.

Attendance

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

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



Kroenek	95.6%
Sort	99.2%
Cwiwer	91.4%
Brogh	96.8%
Lowarn	87.9%
Godh	87.9%
Pedrevan	92.8%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Roman, Immie and Jake received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Dakota, Teddie, Miley, Amber-Leigh, Jenson, Marlie-Mai and Imogen 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!

Key Dates - Summer Term

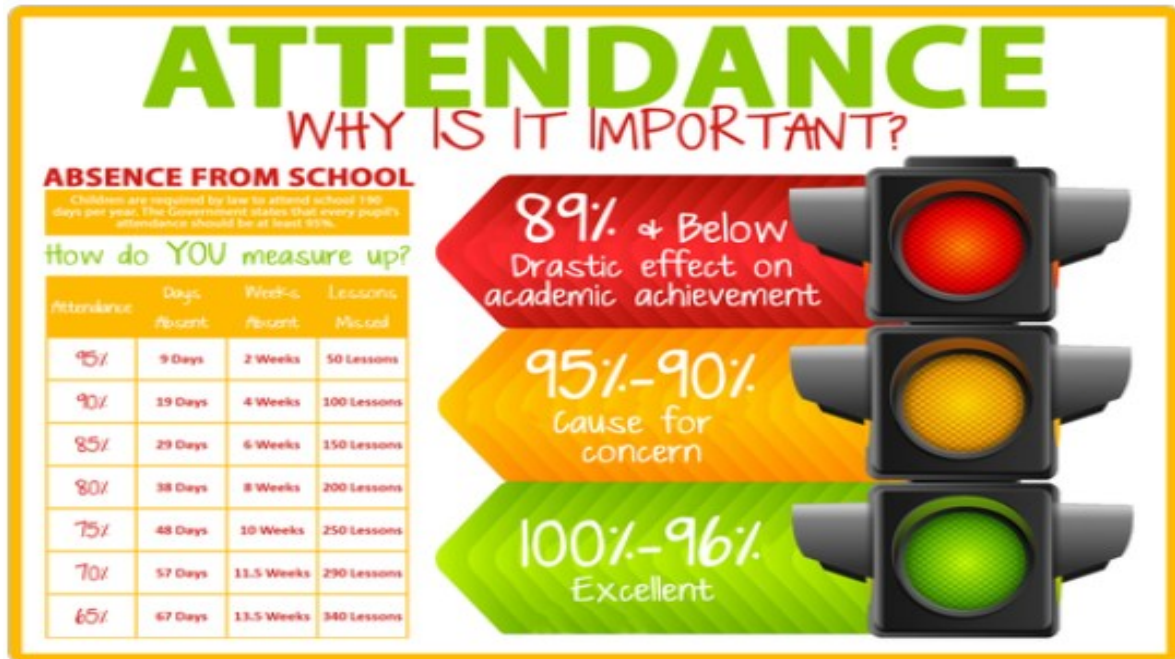
We endeavour to keep these dates the same, but will inform you of any changes at the earliest opportunity.

12.05.25	SATs Monday to Thursday Y6 to come at 0830 through Main Reception
19.05.25	Y5 and Y6 London Residential 0900 Lowarn Class (Y4) Fabulous Finish 1500 Cwiwer Class (Y2) Fabulous Finish
20.05.25	0900 Brogh Class (Y3) Fabulous Finish 1500 Sort Class (Y1) Fabulous Finish
21.05.25	0900 Kroenek Class (Rec) Fabulous Finish 14-00 The Nest Soft Play (<i>No Fabulous Finish for Y5/6 due to London residential</i>)
22.05.25	Godh Class (Y5) Life Skills at St Austell Fire Station
02-13.06.25	Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)
09-13.06.25	Phonics Screening Check (Year 1)
23.06.25	Assessment Week Year 1 to Year 5
30.06.25	Healthy Week
07.07.25	TPAT Musical Extravaganza RSHE Week Year 6 Brannel Transition Day
09.07.25	1345 Sports Day (Reception to Year 6)
10.07.25	Clubs finish today
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 1500 Brogh Class (Y3) Fabulous Finish Y5 Brannel Transition Day
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
22.07.25	pm Y6 Leavers' Party (in school)
23.07.25	1000 Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents and carers 1330 Finish for all children

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please phone the MARU on **0300 123 1116.**

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.



For further information on our attendance policy, please follow this link to our website <https://st-dennis-primary-academy-secure-primariesite.net/attendance/> or speak to Mrs Nash, our Attendance Lead.

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.



Clay Walk Festival

Discover walks around the Clay villages.
Get out and about and connect with
nature for better health and well-being.



Nature Discovery Day

Tuesday 27 May, Drop-in 10am-3pm
ClayTAWC, Fore Street, St Dennis.
PL26 8AF

Tregoss Moor

Wednesday 28 May, Drop-in 10am-3pm
1.5 miles, self-guided and family-friendly.
Tregoss Car Park, PL26 8NJ

Two Treverbyn Trails

Thursday 29 May, 10am
A mile-long family-friendly route which
can be extended with an additional and
more challenging 2-mile hike across
Caerloggas Downs.
Treverbyn Hall, PL26 8TL

West Carclaze to Eden Project

Friday 30 May, 10am
3.6 miles one-way. Booking essential via:
natureconnections@edenproject.com

Helman Tor to Eden Project

Saturday 31 May, 9.15am
8.5 miles one-way. Booking essential via:
helman-tor-to-eden-project-walk.eventbrite.co.uk

St. Dennis to Goss Moor

Wednesday 4 June, 10am
2 miles, there and back, with a
steep climb to St Denys Church.
ClayTAWC, Fore Street, St. Dennis. PL26 8AF

edenproject.com/clay-walk



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Online Safety Newsletter

May 2025

Wonderlab+

Are you looking for something fun to do online with your child? The Science Museum group have a wide array of activities, games and quizzes on their website:

<https://wonderlabplus.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/home>

Minecraft

Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age.

Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other. In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. Ensure appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/minecraft>

Cyberbullying

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault. It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so



that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.

Further information

There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support.

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/>
- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/sources-information-advice-and>

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Roblox

New parental controls

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

New Parental Features

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

1. **Friend blocking** - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
2. **Experience blocking** – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
3. **Top game insights** - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here:

<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox>

Further information

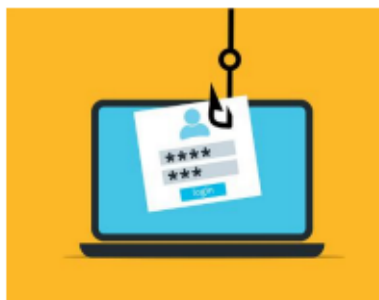
You can find out more about Roblox here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>



How to best use location tracking apps within your family

Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device. Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources. You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/how-to-use-location-tracking-apps-in-your-family/>

JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call, and text. There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. **JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store.**

Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version.

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of:

<https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

Keeping up with technology

It can be difficult to keep up with what our children are doing online as it can change so quickly. UK Safer Internet Centre have published an article with suggestions on what we can do: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing>

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers
Please join us for a 5 session online workshop for **Behaviour as Communication - Parent support**

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.


This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/BVHDPYUCQA)
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/BVHDPYUCQA](https://forms.office.com/e/BVHDPYUCQA)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall



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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers - please join us for a 5 session online workshop where we will teach you **practical strategies to support your child with their anxiety and worries**

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/OqRnKmcw1i)
<https://forms.office.com/e/OqRnKmcw1i> or scan the QR code



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The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During the May half term MHST, in collaboration with Cornwall Wildlife Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Wild Wellbeing** session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book **EACH** child on to a session

Morning and afternoon sessions available:
Tuesday 27 May
at
Widemouth Bay, Bude

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/fkYAtgbV5p>




Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)



HOME START
Kernow

St Dennis Stay & Play

Thursdays at St Dennis Family Hub

10-11:30

Join us for a fun, free, supportive group



Book your free space
info@homestartkernow.org.uk