

## Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers,

This week has been Money and Careers Week at St Dennis. Children have learnt the difference between 'needs and wants' and the importance of budgeting. They have also been watching some interviews with people who do different jobs and finding out about careers they could have in the future. Lots of children (and grown-ups) would love to be a Lego designer! It has also been the week for our No Outsiders in Our School assemblies, where children share a story about a protected characteristic. You could ask your child which one they learnt about this half term.

Children have also shared some incredible homework projects, revisited micro-habitats they created to find they are now inhabited, learnt how to sing in a round, developed batting skills in cricket, learnt about the function of roots in plants and visited Bodmin Jail to learn about how crimes were punished in the past.

On Friday next week, we have Comic Relief organised by Schol Council and information is included in this newsletter.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

### We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 17th March

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to baking yummy biscuits.
Reception - Kroenek	As scientists, we are looking forward to understanding where different foods come from and how they grow.
Year 1 - Sort	As theologians, we are looking forward to learning more about The Prodigal or the Lost Son.
Year 2 - Gwiwer	As scientists, we are looking forward to our trip to Newquay Aquarium and the beach.
Year 3 - Brogh	As scientists, we are looking forward to investigating how water moves through plants.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As writers, we are looking forward to inventing our warning tales.
Year 5 - Godh	As entrepreneurs, we are looking forward to holding a tuck shop to raise money for Comic Relief on Friday.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As artists, we are looking forward to creating Tutankhamen death masks.
The Nest	Our Year 2 pupils are looking forward to their trip to Blue Reef Aquarium

### St Dennis Stars



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



Oula	Oakley	Brogh	Ellis
Kroenek	Walter	Lowarn	Tamara
Sort	Myla	Godh	Kaiden
Gwiwer	Esme	Pedrevan	Millie



### School Council



On Friday 21st March, we will be taking part in Red Nose Day and School Council are organizing the event.

For a donation, children can wear non-uniform and dress in red.

There will also be a joke competition and a prize for the winner from each class.

We can't wait to hear this year's funniest jokes!



## Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **93.6%**

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



Kroenek	87.1%
Sort	99.5%
Gwiwer	95.1%
Brogh	97.0%
Lowarn	96.4%
Godh	90.7%
Pedrevan	85.5%

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

## Lunchtime Awards

Miley, Marlie-Mai and Summer C received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



## Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Harley, Kasper, Summer C, Corey, Olivia, Winnie and Watson this week.



**Growth Mindset Award**  
 Congratulations to **Harley**  
 for using a growth mindset when  
 working independently

## Key Dates - Spring Term 2

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

- 19.03.25 Gwiwer Class (Y2) Visit to Blue Reef Aquarium
- 21.03.25 **Comic Relief Day** - Come to school in red
- 25.03.25 0930 Rocksteady Concert for Parents and Carers
- 26.03.25 Aspens visiting Kroenek Class (Rec)
- 31.03.25 1500 Sort Class (Y1) Fabulous Finish
- 01.04.25 0900 Lowarn Class (Y4) Fabulous Finish  
1500 Gwiwer Class (Y2) Fabulous Finish
- 02.04.25 0900 Godh Class (Y5) Fabulous Finish
- 03.04.25 0900 Pedrevan Class (Y6) Fabulous Finish  
1500 Brogh Class (Y3) Fabulous Finish  
1700 Lowarn Class (Y4) Porthpean Residential meeting - just for parents and carers
- 04.04.25 0900 Kroenek Class (Rec) Fabulous Finish  
1500 The Nest Fabulous Finish



### Come and sing with us!

**FREE** for all 7-11 years old children in  
The Clays area

From 10 - 11:15am  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jan @ Clay TAWC  
 Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb @ Clay TAWC  
 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> March @ St Stephen Community Centre

**TEXT LEANNE on 07733888641 to sign up**

FAST part of the Creative Kernow Group, with funding from Arts Council England and Cornwall County Council.  
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**Open to parents/carers and their primary school aged children in Cornwall**

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

To request a place, please complete the online form via the link below or use the QR code attached

<https://forms.office.com/e/1cVmDjXF5E>




**Attendance** – At St Dennis Primary Academy, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school. However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under ‘exceptional circumstances’.

Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school’s ‘Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances’ request form. You can get a paper copy of this from the School Office and it is also on our website. Please follow this link: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-dennis-primary-academy/UploadedDocument/92741b78-62b4-4038-beb5-69fb8e6fa8fa/loa-primary-exceptional-circumstances-leave-request-form.pdf>

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(I) or Section 444(IA) 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.

‘Parent’ as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.


Mrs Nash is our Attendance Lead and you are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly.

St Dennis Primary Academy is committed to enabling every child to reach their full potential and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.


# IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?


yes

until...



<b>CHICKENPOX</b>	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
<b>DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING</b>	48 hours after their last episode.
<b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b>	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
<b>IMPETIGO</b>	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
<b>MEASLES</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared.
<b>MUMPS</b>	5 days after their swelling started.
<b>SCABIES</b>	They've had their first treatment.
<b>SCARLET FEVER</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
<b>WHOOPING COUGH</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.





NO

<b>CONJUNCTIVITIS</b>	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>COUGHS &amp; COLDS</b>	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
<b>HAND, FOOT &amp; MOUTH</b>	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>HEAD LICE</b>	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
<b>THREADWORMS</b>	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
<b>SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS</b>	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
<b>SLAPPED CHEEK</b>	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.



# Ready, Steady, Chat

**Ready, Steady, Chat** is a safe space to meet others, have a chat and support a healthy and active family.

**No booking required, just turn up.**

This FREE drop-in coffee morning includes:



Beverages and healthy snacks provided.

Private group drop-in.

Free professional information, advice and guidance.

**St Dennis Family Hub, Monday 7th April,**  
11.00 - 12.00 noon.

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