

Newsletter



Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

This week, children marked Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes, celebrated St Piran's Day by baking scones and used maths skills to weigh the ingredients, interpreted sources in history, carried out investigations in science to learn about friction, used glockenspiels to play new tunes, used graded pencils to develop shading skills and worked on catching and fielding skills in cricket.

Yesterday, we enjoyed one of our favourite days of the year, World Book Day! All the children and staff looked incredible in their costumes and enjoyed so many book activities including online author workshops. Thank you to everyone who created their own paper plate book character. These will all be displayed around the school for everyone to enjoy!

School Council were thrilled to see their chosen menu being cooked for everyone on Thursday! Thank you School Council, it was delicious!

Next week we have our parent and teacher meetings and information on how to book is included in this newsletter.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 10th March

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to making a delicious vegetable soup.
Reception - Kroenek	As geographers, we are looking forward to learning about places around the world and where food comes from.
Year 1 - Sort	As scientists, we are looking forward to learning all about how we use our senses.
Year 2 - Gwiwer	As scientists, we are looking forward to finding out more about habitats and the creatures that live there.
Year 3 - Brogh	As writers, we are looking forward innovating our own Finding Tales.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As historians, we are looking forward to our trip to Bodmin Jail.
Year 5 - Godh	As responsible citizens, we are looking forward to money and careers week and finding out why money is so important.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As historians, we are looking forward to learning more about the ancient Egyptian civilisation.
The Nest	As athletes, we are looking forward to having a cricket match in The Nest.

St Dennis Stars

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



Oula	Aubyn	Brogh	Elecia
Kroenek	William	Lowarn	Rohan
Sort	Tyler	Godh	Annabelle
Gwiwer	Teddy	Pedrevan	Archie



School Council

School Council were delighted to see their chosen menu served to the school on Thursday.



Nicola from Aspens came to join the children and loved their promotional posters and discussed the skills needed for a career in catering.

The School Council received lots of positive feedback about the menu choices. Watch this space for the next special event!

Attendance

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

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



Kroenek	95.3%
Sort	89.5%
Gwiwer	99.1%
Brogh	95.8%
Lowarn	90.3%
Godh	97.4%
Pedrevan	96.5%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Grayson, Louis-John, Evie received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Sofia, Georgie, Lucy, Isla, Lilo, Darcie, Gracie-Rae, Harvey-John 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 - Spring Term 2

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

- 10.03.25 Money and Careers Week
- 10.03.25 Lowarn Class (Y4) Visit to Bodmin Jail
- 12/13.03.25 Parent and Teacher Meetings
- 19.03.35 Gwiwer Class (Y2) Visit to Blue Reef Aquarium
- 20.03.25 Godh Class (Y5) Maya Workshop
- 21.03.25 **Comic Relief Day** - Come to school in red
- 25.03.25 0930 Rocksteady Concert for Parents / Carers
- 26.03.25 Aspens visiting Kroenek Class (Rec)
- 31.03.25 1500 Sort Class (Y1) Fabulous Finish
Brogh Class (Y3) Visit to Chycauster Village
- 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
- 04.04.25 0900 Kroenek Class (Rec) Fabulous Finish
1500 The Nest Fabulous Finish



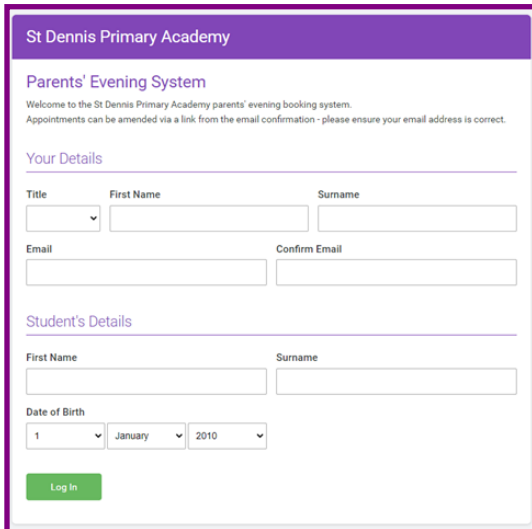
A huge well done to Poppy, Alice, Annabelle, Lacie, Olivia, Lylah, Emily, Lucy and Lowen who last week took part in The St Dennis Variety Company's production of The Pied Piper. Amazing!

Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings – Appointments Via Video Call

On March 12th and 13th, we will be holding Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings. These will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and what their learning targets are for the coming term.

These will be via a 10-minute video call and the booking process is the same as we used earlier in the year and this will be live from the end of today.

For children who access time in The Nest, please book with the class teacher and Miss Yorke or Mrs Loveridge will join the appointment.



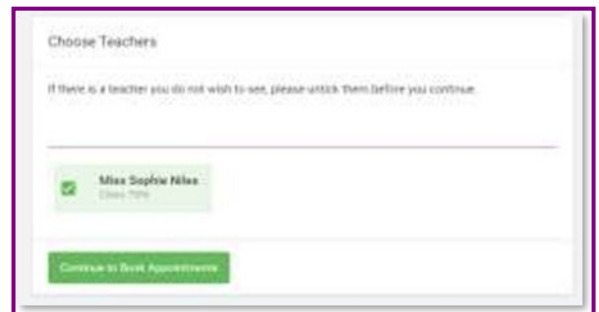
The screenshot shows the registration page for the Parents' Evening System. It includes a header for St Dennis Primary Academy, a welcome message, and two main sections: 'Your Details' and 'Student's Details'. The 'Your Details' section has fields for Title, First Name, Surname, Email, and Confirm Email. The 'Student's Details' section has fields for First Name, Surname, and Date of Birth (with dropdown menus for day, month, and year). A 'Log In' button is at the bottom left.

To access the booking process, go to the website: <https://stdennis.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. There is also a link to this on our website. You will then be asked some simple registration details. Simply enter your name, email (this is important for confirmations) and some details about your child.



The screenshot shows the 'Video Tutor Evening' booking page. It features a green header and a main area with text explaining the opportunity to book a 5-minute appointment. There is a 'Click a date to continue' section with a date selector showing 'Thursday, 22nd October' and a 'Click here to continue' link. A 'I'm unable to attend' link is also present.

Confirm the day you would like and then choose your child's teacher.

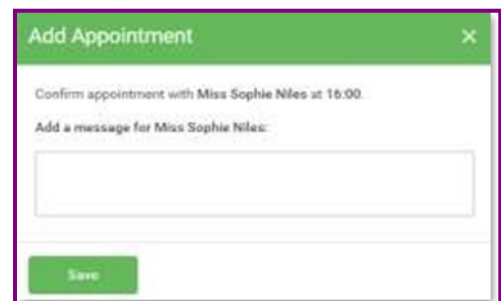


The screenshot shows the 'Choose Teachers' selection page. It has a green header and a main area with a list of teachers. One teacher, 'Miss Sophie Niles', is selected with a green checkmark. A 'Continue to Book Appointments' button is at the bottom.

Now simply find a suitable slot and click **book**. A confirmation box will appear.



The screenshot shows the appointment slot selection page. It features a green header with the teacher's name 'Miss Sophie Niles' and class 'Class 7SN'. Below is a list of time slots: 16:00, 16:05, 16:10, 16:15, and 16:20. Each slot has a green '+' button next to it.

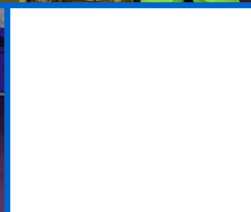


The screenshot shows the 'Add Appointment' confirmation page. It has a green header and a main area with text confirming the appointment with Miss Sophie Niles at 16:00. There is a text input field for 'Add a message for Miss Sophie Niles:' and a 'Save' button at the bottom.

When you have finished making your appointment, click the link at the top of the page.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office office@stdennis.tpacademytrust.org who will be happy to help.

World Book Day 2025



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**BOOK
DAY**
6 MARCH 2025

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For World Book Day, we set the challenge of creating a book character using a paper plate and were so impressed with how many children took part and how creative they were! Thank you to the staff who helped judge the competition!



Congratulations to Roman, Willow, Archie L, Summer, Tyler, Alice, Harmony and Archie H who all won a book for their creations!



Can you guess which book or book characters they made?

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NATURAL ENGLAND **Cornwall Wildlife Trust** **NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...
Egg Hunt → Wild Wellbeing

During the Easter holidays MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and ..., 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 below:

Morning and afternoon sessions available:
 Tuesday 8 April 2025 at Golitha Falls
 Thursday 10 April at Tehidy Woods
 Tuesday 15 April at The Dipping Pond, Gossmoor
 Tuesday 15 April 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/1cVmdjXF5E>



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)

EASTER CRAFT FAYRE
 AT CLAYTAWC ST DENNIS PL26 8AF
 ON SATURDAY 12TH APRIL
 10 AM - 1 PM

Come along to our Easter fayre for some egg-citing fun!

We have lots of craft stalls booked. There will be woodwork craft, knitting and indoor plants, sweets, small gifts and ribbon roses. Handbags and handmade goods and a cake stall. Hot food and refreshments will be available. Our Easter Raffle will be full of great prizes to be won and our number game will be ready for the lucky winner to walk away with cash on the day!

SUSTRANS will be at ClayTAWC offering free bike servicing and security marking. Bring your bikes and get them serviced for Free and have a chat about routes and how to get the best out of your bike

At 12 pm we will be holding our Easter Bonnet Parade for the children. Make a bonnet with your children or grandchildren and enter them into our competition. There will be prizes on offer for the best entries - we can't wait to see the bonnets

For all future events - check out the ClayTAWC website www.claytawc.co.uk or follow us on Facebook 

We look forward to seeing everyone on the day - thank you for your support

To open links, please follow this link to our website <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-dennis-primary-academy/UploadedDocument/f20a6440-bab2-49c7-a7c0-e867bf2b9000/online-safety-newsletter-march-2025.pdf>



Online Safety Newsletter

March 2025

The impact of smartphones



There is a growing concern on how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children.

In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health.

If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screentime limit.

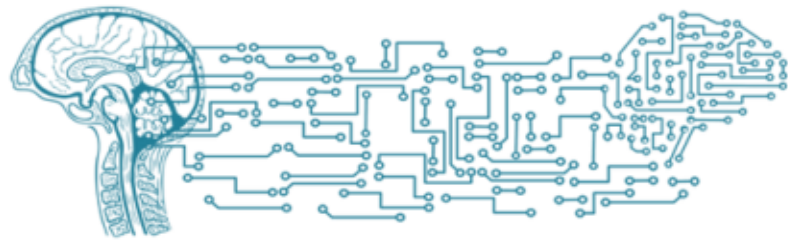
According to King's College London, "two new studies of smartphone habits in teenagers have identified links between problematic smartphone use and depression, anxiety and insomnia." You can read more about these studies here:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/teens-with-problematic-smartphone-use-are-twice-as-likely-to-have-anxiety-and-many-are-eager-to-cut-down>

Compass have published an article as well on what effects mobile phones have on children here:

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

Artificial Intelligence (AI)



What is AI?

AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity continues to increase, and examples include:

- **Virtual assistants** like Alexa and Siri.
- **Chatbots** such as ChatGPT and My AI from Snapchat

Potential Risks of AI?

- **Chat apps** - A simple search of "AI Chat" within the App store highlights the number of apps already available and just scrolling through, you can see that they are not suitable for children with many rated as 17+.
- **Image manipulation** – there are AI tools that can be used to digitally remove clothes from photos, which clearly raises serious safeguarding and privacy concerns.
- **Deepfakes** – there are also AI tools that create realistic, fake videos which can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

Child Rescue Coalition discuss the dangers in more detail here:

<https://childrescuecoalition.org/educations/the-dark-side-of-ai-risks-to-children/>

How can I protect my child?

As always, to keep your child safe online, it is important to:

- Develop your child's digital literacy by highlighting the risks of AI and showing them how important it is to verify what they see online.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

For further information, the NSPCC and Internet Matters provide useful guides on their websites:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

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TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security/privacy settings are applied.



Account set up

It is important that when setting up an account, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age e.g., Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15. In addition, advertisements are tailored by age. By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available, such as switching off comments and restricted mode here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/privacy-and-safety-settings-for-users-under-age-18>

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. Some of the songs available to lip sync to may contain inappropriate lyrics or adult themes. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

Stranger contact

Talk to your child about who is following them online and ensure that they understand that people may not be who they say they are when online. It is important that children understand not to share personal information.

Refresh your feed

You can refresh your "For You" feed to update the content recommended: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/refresh-your-for-you-feed>

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>
- <https://safeguarding.thekeysupport.com/factsheets-and-briefings/child-safety-tiktok-parent-factsheet/>

Talk PANTS with the NSPCC

Talk PANTS was developed to help you have conversations with your child to help them understand that their body belongs to them.

You can find out more here as well as a further link to helpful questions:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

LEGO Arcade

Are you looking for games for your child to play online? LEGO have a selection of fun games including Lego Ninjago and Lego Friends:

<https://kids.lego.com/en-gb/arcade>

Stars Messenger App

The Stars Messenger App is rated as 4+ on the App store. It is a free messaging and video app designed for children to use. Users need their friend's username as well as their unique private Friend Code to add each other. There is also an optional Parent View available for a monthly charge.

South West Grid for Learning provide a full guide to staying safe on this app as well as safety considerations:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/a-guide-to-staying-safe-with-the-stars-messaging-app/>

Change to Term Dates 2025 - 2026

St Dennis Primary Academy School Calendar 2025/26

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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
 1st September – 19th Dec 2025
 (Half Term 20th – 31st Oct)

Spring Term
 5th January – 2nd April 2026
 (Half Term 16th - 20th Feb 2026)

Summer Term
 20th April – 24th July 2026
 (Half Term 25th – 29th May 2026)

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

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



An email has come out to you today, as one of our INSET Days for next year has had to move due to it being a whole Trust Day and the venue having changed.

The website has been updated with these dates, so you can refer to these if you are planning to book any holidays.

<https://st-dennis-primary-academy.secure-primariesite.net/term-dates/>