St Dennis Primary Academy Newsletter

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Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

This week has been full of Stunning Starts to launch new 'Big Questions' in every class! Children have explored and tasted different fruit and vegetables, made paper aeroplanes and had a competition to see which design would fly the furthest, been on a micro-habitat hunt, leant more about online safety and making sure we only communicate with people we know, carried out an archaeological dig, made predictions about how plants will grow, enjoyed cricket lessons and started to develop throwing and catching skills, carried out a virtual tour of the Houses of Parliament, created freeze frames of new storytelling texts, learnt about finding the pulse in music and even had a visit from a Spanish Conquistador! What a busy week!

We are really excited about World Book Day on Thursday next week. Further information about this, including a competition, are included in this week's newsletter.

There is also information on how to book appointments for parent and teacher meetings on 12th and 13th March.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 3rd March

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to making fruit kebabs.
Reception - Kroenek	As scientists, we are looking forward to naming fruits and vegetables and learning about where and how they grow.
Year 1 - Sort	As historians, we are looking forward to learning about how people travelled in the past.
Year 2 - Gwiwer	As geographers, we are looking forward to exploring coastal areas and finding out about their features.
Year 3 - Brogh	As historians, we are looking forward learning about what people ate during the Stone Age.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As historians, we are looking forward to learning about the legend of Robin Hood.
Year 5 - Godh	As athletes, we are looking forward to an introduction to cricket.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As linguists, we are looking forward to learning more Spanish!
The Nest	As great readers, we are looking forward to sharing our favourite books on World Book Day!

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 6th March.**

Children can come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character or wear their pyjamas for a special 'bedtime story'!

This year we are inviting everyone to **Read Your Way**. Research shows that children feel reading is something they have to do, rather than something they choose to do, so we would love to see any photos of your children **'reading their own way'**. We will be sharing these on our social media and showcasing them on a big school display!

Please email any photos to office@stdennis.tpacademytrust.org with the subject **Read Your Way**, or you can bring in a copy of any photos to school on World Book Day.

The children have also been invited to decorate a paper plate as a favourite book or book character **at home.** Children will come home with a paper plate today and there are prizes available for each class.

Thank you, as always, for your support!

Attendance

Attendance for this year is now 94.3%
This week, the class with the winning attendance is: Brogh Class.

Kroenek	96.3%
Sort	97.5%
Gwiwer	97.9%
Brogh	99.1%
Lowarn	90.0%
Godh	95.7%
Pedrevan	92.9%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Tyler, Darcie 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 Neve, Ollie, Anashe, Max, Alba, Ethan and Alexander 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.

06.03.25	World Book Day - Dress up as favourite book character or in pyjamas ready for a bedtime story!
07.06.25	CYC Voices visiting Key Stage 2
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

St Dennis Stars

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

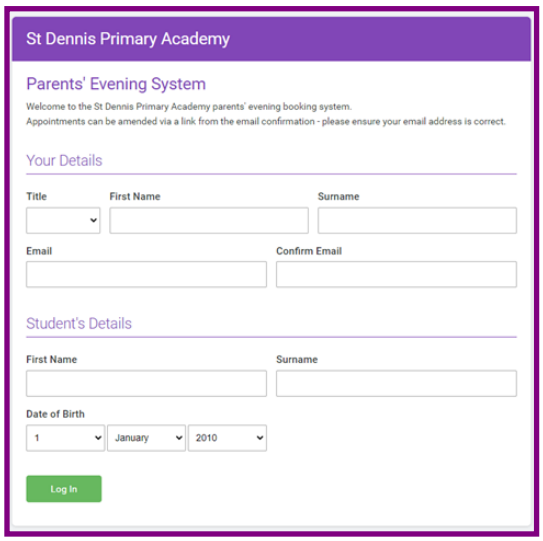
Oula	Bluebelle	**Brogh**	Eva
Kroenek	Trystan	**Lowarn**	Tyler
Sort	Ivy	**Godh**	Nyla
Gwiwer	Archie L	**Pedrevan**	Finn

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.

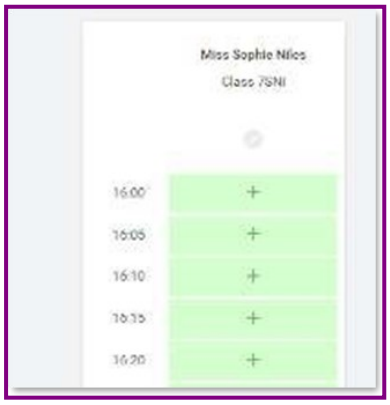
For children who access time in The Nest, please book with the class teacher and Miss Yorke or Mrs Loveridge will join the appointment.



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.

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

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



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.

Library Passport

Promoting and celebrating the school library, to support the use of Accelerated Reader

At St Dennis Primary Academy, we aim for our children to love reading, choose to engage in a wide variety of texts and be motivated to continue reading and become life-long readers. This is because children who read more, and are therefore good at reading, learn more, expand their vocabulary and become academically more able.

We have launched a brand new incentive to support, encourage and celebrate the children visiting the school library to borrow and return their AR Library books.

Each time that your child completes an AR book following a quiz, and visits the Library to return that book and borrow a new one, they will collect a stamp.

These stamps can earn rewards. There are 30 stamps in total and three special squares to aim for, which all equal an instant prize:

Bronze - A voucher of your choice for you and a friend from a selection: Visit the SNUG, enjoy scooter time or VIP use of the adventure playground.

Silver - A book-themed prize, from a selection at school.

Gold - Choose a brand new book from a selection at school.

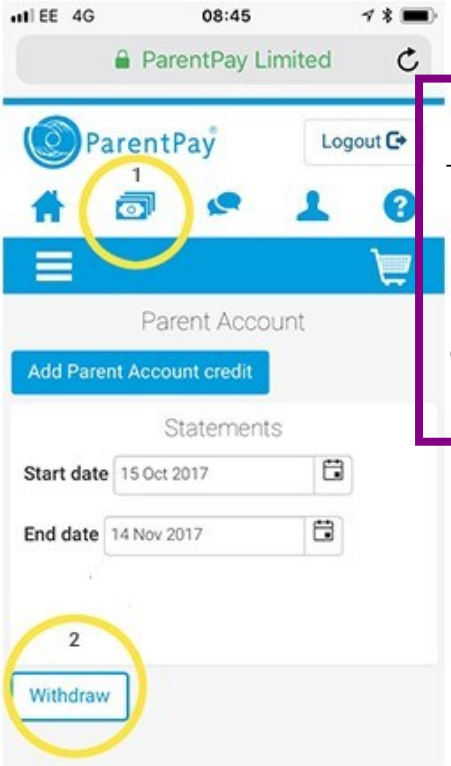
Completed passports will be entered into an end of year prize draw, to win a place on a special trip to Waterstones Book Store in Truro to spend time choosing a book of your choice and to visit the café for a treat!

If you'd like to know more, please speak to Mrs Nash!

*only one stamp per day can be collected

ParentPay

1. Log into your ParentPay account
2. From your homepage, Select ***Parent Account*** (desktop) or click on the notes symbol (m N)
3. At the bottom of your statement summary, select ***Withdraw***.
4. Enter an amount between the minimum and maximum shown
5. Select ***Make withdrawal***



Important Information

Today is the last day that you will be able to withdraw any money you may have on your ParentPay account.

Please follow these instructions to log on today to withdraw any funds you may have, as after today, you will no longer have access.

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)

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