

Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts



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Dear parents and carers,

This Tuesday was Internet Safety Day and children were involved with activities to support their understanding on the theme of 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

Throughout the week, children have absolutely loved sharing their Fabulous Finishes with their families! Thank you for coming and joining in with all the different learning and activities! We have plans for parent and teacher meetings next half term and information on how to book will be shared after the holiday.

Children have also learnt about Chinese new year, visited Newquay Zoo, developed balancing skills in gymnastics, designed and created Ferris wheels, visited Pendennis Castle, developed strong and stable structures in DT, experimented with copper embossing, designed and baked pasties and written non-chronological reports about biomes around the world!

Wishing you all a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 24th February

Nursery - Oula	As gardeners, we are looking forward to planting and growing our own food.
Reception - Kroenek	We are looking forward to trying new foods for our Stunning Start.
Year 1 - Sort	We are looking forward to having a paper aeroplane tournament for our Stunning Start!
Year 2 - Gwiwer	We are looking forward to going on a habitat and wildlife hunt around school.
Year 3 - Brogh	We are looking forward to doing an archaeological dig for our Stunning Start.
Year 4 - Lowarn	We are looking forward to taking a virtual tour of the Houses of Parliament.
Year 5 - Godh	We are looking forward to starting our new topic all about the Maya.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	We are looking forward to beginning our ancient Egypt topic.
The Nest	We are looking forward to a surprise gift arriving for us all in the Nest!

St Dennis Stars



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



Oula	Aurora	Brogh	Theo
Kroenek	George	Lowarn	L-A
Sort	Amber-Leigh	Godh	Oakley
Gwiwer	Jax	Pedrevan	Kieran



Arbor App



Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the app and trialled ordering lunches this week.

From after half term, communication and lunches / visits will be booked and paid for through Arbor, so if you need any help with this, please just ask the School Office who will be happy to help!

For more information about the app, click here: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Getting-started-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>

Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **93.9%**.

This week, the class with the winning

attendance is: **Cwiwer Class.**



Kroenek	94.3%
Sort	98.0%
Cwiwer	99.1%
Brogh	90.8%
Lowarn	93.7%
Godh	98.1%
Pedrevan	97.5%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Brody, Anashe and Dakota received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Izzy, Ella, Amelie, Piran, Bledlyn, Len and Noah 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.

- 28.02.25 14:30 Nursery Parent and Carer Coffee and Cake
- 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 Cwiwer 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 09:30 Rocksteady Concert for Parents / Carers
- 26.03.25 Aspens visiting Kroenek Class (Rec)
- 31.03.25 15:00 Sort Class (Y1) Fabulous Finish
- 01.04.25 09:00 Lowarn Class (Y4) Fabulous Finish
15:00 Cwiwer Class (Y2) Fabulous Finish
- 02.04.25 09:00 Godh Class (Y5) Fabulous Finish
- 03.04.25 09:00 Pedrevan Class (Y6) Fabulous Finish
15:00 Brogh Class (Y3) Fabulous Finish
- 04.04.25 09:00 Kroenek Class (Rec) Fabulous Finish

Free Family Guided Walk through Tregargus Valley

St Stephen

Saturday 15th Feb 10:00-12:00

Come and discover the historic & beautiful Tregargus Valley in St Stephen this half term.

Guided by the knowledgeable Tregargus Trust walk leader team and working in partnership with Sustrans.

Meeting at the community centre car park in St Stephen.

Although this walk is free, any donations to the Tregargus Trust would be greatly appreciated.

Any accompanying dogs must be kept on a lead.

To book your place or to find out more, contact: Andy.Dickson@sustrans.org.uk



Young Artists' Summer Show

Here's an exciting chance to show off your creative skills and be part of something really special – the Young Artists' Summer Show at the Royal Academy of Arts!

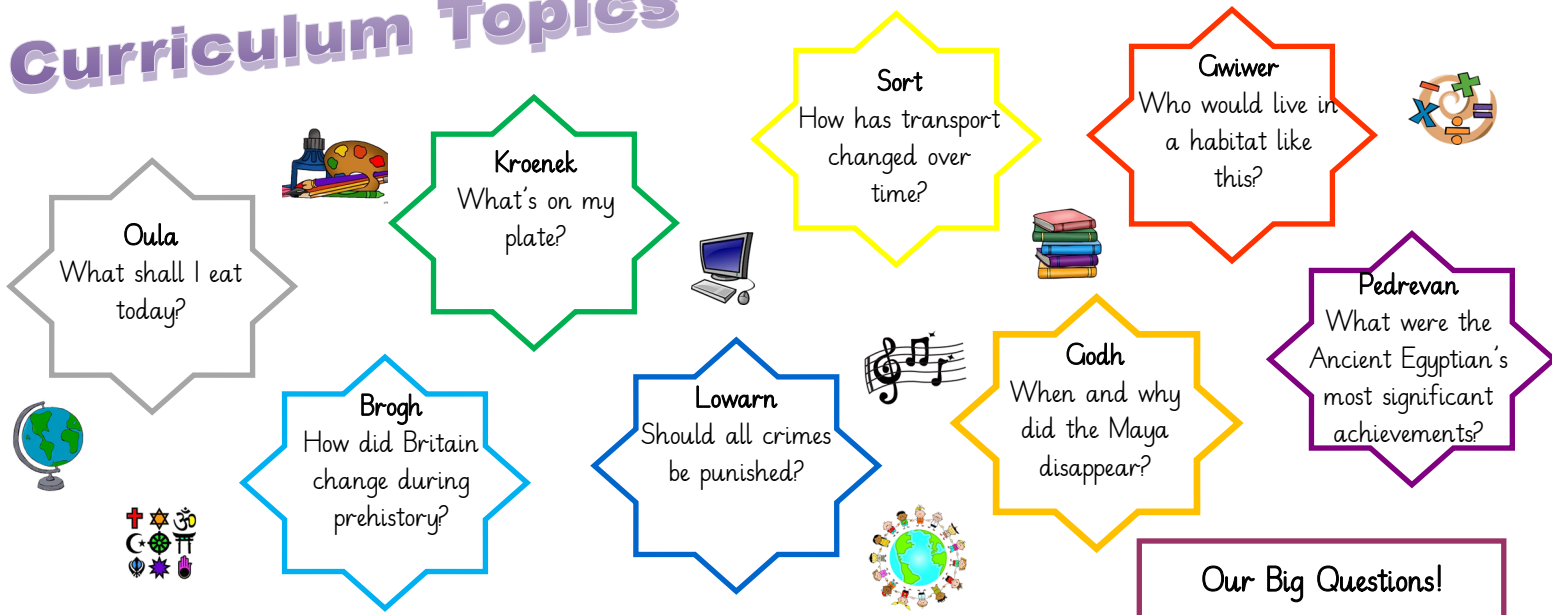
This is a free competition for all young artists aged 4–18 in the UK, and we want YOU to get involved. It's a brilliant opportunity to have your artwork seen by real artists and professionals, with some pieces even being displayed at the Royal Academy itself!

Got an amazing piece of art? Now's your chance to share it! Whether it's a painting, drawing, or something else – bring your finished artwork to Mrs Brokenshire by **February 28th** so we can submit it for you. It could make a fantastic half-term project to work on!

Let's show the world the amazing talent we have here! We can't wait to see your creations!



Curriculum Topics



Nursery Parent and Carer Information Session

On Friday 28th February at 14:30 Mrs Edmunds and Miss Stokes will be holding a parent and carer information session in the EYFS building...with plenty of coffee and cake!



The session will give ideas for free, fun, play and communication activities to do at home with your child.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions and to have an informal discussion about ways to help your child progress their play and communication skills.

If you are wanting to attend, please just let Mrs Edmunds know.

Everyone is welcome!





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!



Healthy Cornwall

FREE!

CRAFTERNOON

SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-12

ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP

GET READY FOR A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON OF IMAGINATION AND HANDS-ON CREATIVITY!

FALMOUTH, 17TH FEBRUARY

13:00 - 14:30, THE PARK FAMILY HUB

ST AUSTELL, 18TH FEBRUARY

12:30 - 14:00, WOODLAND ROAD FAMILY HUB

ST DENNIS, 19TH FEBRUARY

12:30 - 14:00, CLAYTAWC

TO REGISTER, GET IN TOUCH:

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Fabulous February Half Term

Join The Unicorn Academy

Saturday 15th 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

White River Place, St Austell, PL25 5AZ

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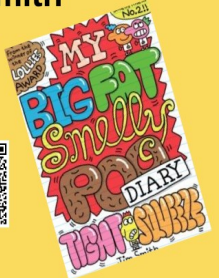


Draw-a-long with Jim Smith

Thursday 20th 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

St Austell Arts Centre, 87 Truro Rd, Saint Austell PL25 5HJ

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Tickets also available from [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Tuesday 18th February
11am to 3pm

ACTIVITY DAY AT THE HUGS FOUNDATION!

For families with children when a parent/carer has a terminal illness

Forest School Based Activities
Equine Based Activities
Memory Scrapbook Making

Lunch Included
£5 PER Family
Booking essential



Limited accessibility venue



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