

Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts



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Dear parents and carers,

This week, children have been involved with activities to mark Children's Mental Health Week and also celebrated NSPCC Number Day today! For our assemblies, children have read stories about different protected characteristics, so please ask them what they have learnt.

Children have also brushed their teeth every day, learnt new ways to travel in gymnastics, continued to develop hockey skills before playing games next week, developed the skill of retrieval in reading, calculated the perimeter of shapes in maths, learnt about different genres of non-fiction writing across wider curriculum, enjoyed a pasty making demonstration and even had a go at crimping! Pedrevan Class have also had a practise at another set of SATs papers, so well done to all of them who are making incredible progress this year!

We look forward to welcoming you all to this half term's Fabulous Finishes next week. Please see the newsletter for days and times.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 10th February

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year and finding out how this is celebrated.
Reception - Kroenek	As scientists, we are looking forward to visiting Newquay Zoo.
Year 1 - Sort	As designers, we are looking forward to making a moving storybook.
Year 2 - Cwiwer	As designers, we are looking forward to making model Ferris wheels, imagining they are part of rebuilding London after the Great Fire!
Year 3 - Brogh	As designers, we are looking forward researching the features of castles.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As writers, we are looking forward to writing a persuasive advert.
Year 5 - Godh	As geographers, we are looking forward to visiting Cornish Lithium.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As scientists, we are looking forward to our workshop on evolution at Newquay Zoo.
The Nest	As musicians, we are looking forward to playing the glockenspiels to our song we've been learning, 'Three Little Birds'.

St Dennis Stars



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



Oula	Elodie	Brogh	Jamie-Lee
Kroenek	Roman	Lowarn	Ethan
Sort	Grayson	Godh	Amelia
Cwiwer	Oscar & Harley	Pedrevan	Summer C



Arbor App



Thank you to all the parents and carers who have downloaded the Arbor App. A reminder that we will be using Arbor from Monday for all bookings. If you are having any issues please let the school office know.

To access Arbor you can either download the Arbor App from The App Store or Google Play Store or click here <https://st-dennis-primary-academy.uk.arbor.sc/>

For more information 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 **93.7%**.

This week, the class with the winning attendance is: **Kroenek AND Lowarn Class.**



Kroenek	100%	★
Sort	95.0%	
Gwiwer	96.1%	
Brogh	94.0%	
Lowarn	100%	★
Godh	95.8%	
Pedrevan	87.5%	

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

Lunchtime Awards

Lettie, Ivy and Micki received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Summer, Korban, Summer A, Luke H, Louis, Serenity and Aerin 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 1

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

- 10.02.25 0900 Brogh (Y3) Fabulous Finish
- 11.02.25 Safer Internet Day
Brogh (Y3) visit to Pendennis Castle
0900 Lowarn (Y4) Fabulous Finish
1500 Sort (Y1) Fabulous Finish
- 12.02.25 0900 Godh (Y5) Fabulous Finish
1500 Kroenek (Rec) Fabulous Finish
- 13.02.25 Kroenek/Pedrevan (Rec/Y6) visit to Newquay Zoo
Godh (Y5) visit to Cornish Lithium
1500 Gwiwer (Y2) Fabulous Finish
- 14.02.25 0900 Pedrevan (Y6) Fabulous Finish
1500 The Nest Fabulous Finish

CYC Voices

Come and sing with us!

FREE

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

THIS WEEKEND

Sat 8th Feb @ Clay TAWC
From 10 - 11:15am

TEXT LEANNE on **07733888641** to sign up

Free Family Guided Walk through Tregargus Valley

St Stephen

Saturday 15th Feb
10:00-12:00

Come and discover the historic a beautify 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

Sports Report

Last week, our Year 3/4 and 5/6 girls football teams took part in a tournament at Brannel.

The Year 5/6 team came up against lots of experienced teams, but grew in confidence as they played more games, finishing with a 2-0 win, with goals from Alice and Lois.

Rebecca made some great saves in her first game in goal, Marlie-Mai showed great communication and encouragement with her team and Amelia and Annabelle were very determined in their roles.

The Year 3/4 team won all of their games, winning their tournament with goals from Amelie and Kendall.

Ruby, Olivia and Casey were a very strong defensive team with Lowen and Elecia working extremely hard all over the pitch.

Both teams showed lots of courage and teamwork! We are very proud of them all!



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.

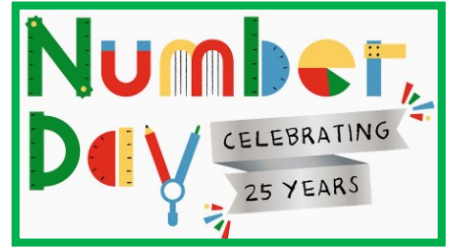
If you are wanting to attend, please just let Mrs Edmunds know.

Everyone is welcome!



As you can see, all the children looked brilliant today dressed up in their numbers!

Thank you for all the generous donations for the NSPCC!



Please follow this link to our website to access the links within this newsletter <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-dennis-primary-academy/UploadedDocument/4bda1017-4bf8-4348-83e2-627b2603d5f1/online-safety-newsletter-february-2025.pdf>



Online Safety Newsletter

Feb 2025

Messaging others

There are many ways in which our children can communicate online, for example via messaging apps, social media apps and online games such as FIFA and Fortnite. We need to understand how and who our children our communicating with to keep them safe online.

Ensure your child knows to talk to a trusted adult should they need to. However, remind them that it is not appropriate to contact teachers online, they should only use official school communication methods.

What are the risks?

- Bullying and inappropriate chat.
- Contact from strangers.
- Sharing personal information including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of extortion where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing.

Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>
- <https://www.brightcanary.io/what-to-do-when-your-child-sends-inappropriate-texts/>

Squid Game – rated 15+

Season 2 of Netflix's Squid Game is now available and has been **rated 15** by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). You can find out why Squid Game has been rated 15 by visiting the BBFC: <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/squid-game-q29sbgvjdgivbjpwwc01mzm3ndg>.

Due to its popularity, Squid Game related content can be found on numerous other platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Roblox, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes and games.

What can I do?

- **Parental Controls** - Set up appropriate parental controls on your broadband, devices and on individual apps to reduce access to content that is not appropriate for their age.
- **Talk** - Chat to your child about age ratings and why this means certain programmes are not suitable for them to watch.
- **Individual Profiles** - Set up child profiles on any streaming services to ensure your child is only viewing content appropriate to them.
- **Reporting** - Make sure your child knows how to report and block on all platforms that they use.
- **Explore** - Watch and explore things online together so you can see what your child is doing and how to support them.

More information:

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are watching and ensure that they know they should always tell you or another trusted adult if they do see anything upsetting. You can find out more about the type of inappropriate content your child might come across online here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>

Should children have mobile phones?

The Children's Society explore this important question in their recent blog titled "Should children have mobile phones?" The article discusses concerns such as excessive screen time being linked with mental health issues as well as the benefits of a child friendly phone rather than a smart phone. You can read the full article here:

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/should-children-have-mobile-phones>

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



Key Concerns

There are potential risks to using Snapchat, including:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map) (this can be switched off).
- cyberbullying.
- contact from strangers.
- excessive screen time.

Family Centre features

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and includes tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat, including who can see their location and also ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

- <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

More information

For more detailed advice and information:

- <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/the-risks-snapchat-poses-to-children>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/snapchat/>

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link

This is a free parental control app from Google that lets you:

- View activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location.

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google/familylink/>

Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions and purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

Monitoring Apps (paid for)

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend/endorse a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: <https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family>
- Qustodio: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>
- Family Time: <https://familytime.io/>



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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

Scan for Tickets

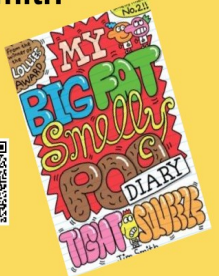


Draw-a-long with Jim Smith

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

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

Scan for Tickets



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

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