

Newsletter



Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

This week, children have been on an adventure in the village to look for animals in their habitats, learnt about different artists, learnt baby animal names, discussed and learnt the NSPCC Pants Rule, sung rock songs with an accompaniment using untuned instruments, carried out science investigations with magnets, acted out stories from the Old Testament with our visitor Rev. Chris, enjoyed singing lessons with Mr Hawken, learnt about what to say in an emergency if you have to call 999 and developed hockey skills!

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and on Friday, we are asking children and staff to dress up in numbers for NSPCC Number Day. A reminder that we also open the library after school every Tuesday for families.

Please check your emails in the next few days, as we are moving from ParentPay to Arbor for payment of school meals and visits. There will be information about how to download the app you will need before this is launched on 10.02.25.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 3rd February

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to exploring numbers on NSPCC Number Day.
Reception - Kroenek	As readers, we are looking forward to retelling the story of 'The Little Red Hen'.
Year 1 - Sort	As historians, we are looking forward to learning how Grace Darling is remembered.
Year 2 - Cwiwer	As artists, we are looking forward to adding the fine details into the foreground of our pictures.
Year 3 - Brogh	As athletes, we are looking forward shooting and defending in hockey.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to learning about perimeter of rectilinear shapes.
Year 5 - Godh	As cooks, we are looking forward to watching a pasty making demonstration before we design our own.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As artists, we are looking forward to drawing movement.
The Nest	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to Number Day on Friday!

St Dennis Stars



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



Oula	Maisy	Brogh	Casey
Kroenek	Nellie	Lowarn	Jenson
Sort	Winnie	Godh	George
Cwiwer	Iuan	Pedrevan	Millie





Open Library session

Don't forget...

Every Tuesday after school

Our library is open for parents and carers to come in with their child/ren and choose a book to take home together.



Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **93.7%**.

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



Kroenek	100% ★
Sort	89.4%
Cwiwer	93.5%
Brogh	92.0%
Lowarn	93.8%
Godh	96.2%
Pedrevan	91.6%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Tamara, Winnie and Alexander received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Lexie, Summer C, Nyla, Willow, Emily, Arlo and Brody 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.

- 07.02.25 NSPCC Number Day
- 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 Cwiwer (Y2) Fabulous Finish
- 14.02.25 0900 Pedrevan (Y6) Fabulous Finish

NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday, in support of the NSPCC, we will be hosting the Annual Number Day.

An important part of the day is to 'Take up the Challenge and Dress up for Digits.' We are asking children and staff to wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a small donation. This can be a favourite sports top, cap, onesie, or better yet, get creative and design a unique t-shirt or hat.

During maths, children will enjoy a range of engaging games, maths challenges, and will learn how maths is an important part of our everyday life.

There is another reason why taking part in Number Day is so important - we have the opportunity to raise money for thousands of children all over the country who are being helped by the NSPCC, a charity that provides support and tips to help keep children safe, from advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents, and what to do if you're worried about a child.

We will be taking cash donations on the day, so children can give these to their teachers when they arrive at school.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is taking place from 3-9 February 2025.

This year, children are exploring the theme Know Yourself, Grow Yourself and children will be involved in activities in school.

Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is joining forces with Here+You to explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions.

Here+You is supported by The Walt Disney Company, and through the characters of Pixar's Inside Out and Inside Out 2, the resources encourage children and young people across the UK to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

Please follow this link for useful resources you can use at home during this week, and any time!

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>.

For further support and information with mental health, please follow this link to our website <https://www.stdennis.academy/trauma-and-mental-health-informed-school/>.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

1 Encourage journaling
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journaling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

4 Practice mindfulness
Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

2 Make space for reflection
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

5 Communicate
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.

3 Be visual
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. Here4You.co.uk

St Dennis Primary Academy School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025						
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CORNWALL COUNCIL		Together for Families	
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			
1 st September – 19 th Dec 2025			
(Half Term 20 th – 31 st Oct)			
Spring Term			
5 th January – 2 nd April 2026			
(Half Term 16 th – 20 th Feb 2026)			
Summer Term			
20 th April – 24 th July 2026			
(Half Term 25 th – 29 th May 2026)			

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

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

