

Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

We have some exciting news at St Dennis this week, as some of our children who entered a competition, are going to have their pictures published in a book! We cannot wait to see them all in print!

We also welcomed parents and carers to our Autism Parents Café. If anyone has suggestions about topics for our Coffee and Cake sessions, please let us know.

The children enjoyed Wednesday when Terence the Tortoise visited us! He helped out with lots of science learning and children asked Miss Kent some great questions about how she looks after him. He also joined teachers for their staff meeting! Children has also been classifying in science, carrying out hygiene investigations in PSHE, learning about the changes that resulted from the Battle of Bosworth in history, been using atlases to locate European countries and their capital cities in geography, learning to play glockenspiels in music and developing sketching skills in art through the use of gradient pencils.

Term dates for next year are included in this newsletter and I hope you have a great weekend,

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 20th January

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to finding out about farm animals and where they live.
Reception - Kroenek	As scientists, we are looking forward to learning about animals that live under the sea.
Year 1 - Sort	As scientists, we are looking forward to learning about animal body parts.
Year 2 - Cwiwer	As theologians, we are looking forward to learning more about Allah and what it means to be Muslim.
Year 3 - Brogh	As historians, we are looking forward to learning what life was like before King Henry VIII was King.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to using formal methods to multiply numbers.
Year 5 - Godh	As digital citizens, we are looking forward to learning about ways to stay safe online.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As writers, we are looking forward to innovating our own wishing tales.
The Nest	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to learning about money.

St Dennis Stars

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



Oula	Gracie	Brogh	Teddie
Kroenek	Walter	Lowarn	Micki
Sort	Jowan	Godh	Harvey-John
Cwiwer	Lylah	Pedrevan	Anabelle



Band Club

Band Club will be running once again this term for 10 weeks and we are looking for more children to join! It will involve exploring introductory brass tuition.

The instruments are provided and the children are being taught by Phil from St Dennis Band Club.

There are limited spaces, so sign up and get involved!




Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **93.4%**.

This week, the class with the winning

attendance is: **Godh Class.**



Kroenek	68.8%
Sort	85.0%
Cwiwer	89.2%
Brogh	90.1%
Lowarn	95.7%
Godh	100% 
Pedrevan	93.1%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Nellie, Jowan and Amelia received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Tamara, Archie H, Jax, Theo, Jakob, Lucy, Rebecca and Euan 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.

- 20.01.25 PSHE Drugs and Alcohol Education Week
- 07.02.25 NSPCC Number Day
- 10.02.25 0900 Brogh (Y3) Fabulous Finish
- 11.02.25 Safer Internet Day
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

Pictures to be published in a book!

Following on from a letter from Buckingham Place last week, we had some more amazing news this week!

Last term, Mrs Hawken entered some children into a drawing competition through 'Young Writers'.

The children from Year 3 and her Art Club designed a superhero and entered the competition.

The 'Super Me' team have chosen these children's drawings to be published in a book!

We were all super excited and are so proud of our talented illustrators!

Well done everyone and thank you Mrs Hawken!



Term Dates for Next Year (2025-26)

Please see term dates for 2025–2026 below. You will see that TPAT is using a different pattern of dates next year which creates a two week break over the October half term. This has been achieved by returning to school in September two days early and adding an additional day to the end of the summer term. We are also using two training days (which teachers will work as 'twilight' training). Overall, the number of days the school is open to children has not changed. We feel this pattern has a number of advantages for children and families:

The autumn term felt very long this year. We found children were tired and flagging for the final week before half term and noticed that across our Trust, pupil absence increased. We think it will be helpful therefore to lengthen the holiday in this term, ensuring children get a good opportunity to recuperate mid way through.

We know that families are increasingly asking us for term time holidays. In line with Department for Education guidance, we cannot authorise absence for term time holidays. We have noticed how expensive holidays are during school term times, and how much cheaper they are in other weeks. We also know that some parents find it difficult to take time off during school holiday periods. We hope that the additional week in the October half term will help families have a chance to take a more affordable holiday, and reduce the time children miss from school.

By having all our TPAT schools using the same term dates, we hope this will help families who have children in both our primary and secondary schools. This pattern of term dates has been used really successfully by a number of primary and secondary schools in Cornwall and we hope it will bring similar benefits to our pupils and families. We will review this at the end of the Autumn Term in 2025 before deciding on our dates for the following year.

St Dennis Primary Academy School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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January 2026							February 2026							March 2026							April 2026						
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CORNWALL COUNCIL <small>Local Authority</small>		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



After School Clubs



Clubs will start up again on Monday. These can be booked in the usual way on School Cloud, through clicking this link <https://stdennis.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. These will run for 10 weeks and will therefore finish at the end of term on Friday 4th April. If you need any help with booking, please contact the School Office, who will be happy to help.

Spring Term Clubs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Performing Arts Club Mrs Loveridge KS2	Girl's Football Miss Kent KS2	Band Club St Dennis Band Years 4,5,6 Instruments provided (12 only)	Board Game Club Mrs Lawford Years 4,5,6	
General Football Miss Kent KS2	Story Book Club Miss Stokes Rec & KS1		Animation Club Mr Bradbeer KS2	
Sensory Club Miss Yorke KS1	Cyber Guardians Mrs Nash Year 5 and 6 girls only (10 spaces)		Eco Club Mrs Bateson Years 3,4,5	
Film Club Mrs Hawken KS1			Origami and Paper Craft Mrs Parekh KS1 and KS2	
	Library open for families to use Mrs Waters No need to book, just turn up and either stay or borrow a book from 3.4-5.4-15.			

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online **Behaviour Workshop**

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm
 Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm
 Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm
 Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ4Q) <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ4Q> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online **Sleep Workshop**

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm
 Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm
 Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am & 1.30pm
 Thursday 6th February - 11am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc) <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall.