

Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

There was a very festive start to December at St Dennis this week, with a visit to St Denys Church for the Festival of Christmas Trees, lantern making for the lights switch-on, a visit to see Santa in his grotto who gave books as gifts, and the FOSDA Christmas Fayre! It is lovely to see so many children taking part in the Christmas reading challenge as well!

Children have also learnt about Diwali, carried out science investigations to find a waterproof material that is suitable for an umbrella, practised balancing in PE, developed tag rugby skills in our sport lessons, learnt how the Romans changed Britain in history and Lowarn Class visited the National Maritime Museum to enrich their learning about the Vikings.

Details of how to book for the EYFS and Key Stage 1 performances are included in this newsletter, along with a Christmas Reading Challenge. If you are unable to print a copy, please let the office know and we can do this for your child.

On Wednesday next week we have our Christmas lunch and children may wear their Christmas jumper with their uniform on this day.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 9th December 2024

Nursery - Oula	As artists, we are looking forward to making some Christmas crafts.
Reception - Kroenek	As theologians, we are looking forward to learning more about the Nativity.
Year 1 - Sort	As musicians, we are looking forward to practising our Christmas songs!
Year 2 - Cwiwer	As scientists, historians and theologians, we are looking forward to sharing all the things we have learnt this half term.
Year 3 - Brogh	As writers, we are looking forward to inventing our own 'Tales of Fear'.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As musicians, we are looking forward to learning our songs in preparation for the carol concert.
Year 5 - Godh	As singers, we are looking forward to performing to the over 70's at their Christmas lunch.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As writers, we are looking forward to inventing our own finding tales.
The Nest	We are looking forward to wearing our Christmas jumpers on Wednesday

St Dennis Stars

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



Oula	Amelia	Brogh	Effy
Kroenek	Darcie	Lowarn	Immie
Sort	Ayla	Godh	Neve
Cwiwer	Archie	Pedrevan	Lacie



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Join us to make your own Christingle!

Sunday 22nd December 9:30am

at St Denys Church

Everyone welcome!



Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **94.4%**.

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



Kroenek	92.4%
Sort	92.2%
Cwiwer	92.5%
Brogh	91.3%
Lowarn	88.7%
Godh	97.7%
Pedrean	91.5%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Lexi, Walter and Archie received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite and using good manners and showing responsibility.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Tilly, Eva, Theo H, Jude, Jakob, Myla and Alfie P 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 - Autumn Term 2

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

- 10.12.24 0930 Rocksteady Concert for Parents/Carers
- 11.12.24 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 13.12.24 Y5 to the Over 70s lunch @ The Pitch
- 13.12.24 FOSDA Christmas Disco WMC 6-8pm
- 16.12.24 1500 Nursery Mince Pies and Songs (No booking necessary - all welcome)
- 17.12.24 1400 Reception Christmas Performance (Please book)
- 18.12.24 1400 Key Stage 1 Nativity (Please book)
- 19.12.24 1400 Key Stage 1 Nativity (Please book)
- 20.12.24 1000 Key Stage 2 Carol Concert @ St Denys Church (No booking necessary)
1330 - Early finish
- 06.01.25 INSET Day
- 07.01.25 First day back for children

How to book EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

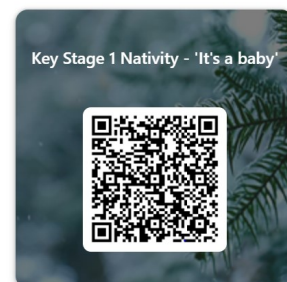


Kroenek Class (Reception) will be performing a Nativity Singalong on Tuesday 17th December at 1415. The door will open at 1400.

Please scan the QR code or click this link <https://forms.office.com/e/XluVarSdTv> to book up to 4 tickets.

On Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December at 1415, Sort (Year 1) and Cwiwer Class (Year 2) will be performing 'It's a baby!'. The door will open at 1400.

Please scan the QR code or click this link <https://forms.office.com/e/jfPY7Bsnpp> to book up to 2 tickets for each day.



On 16th December at 1500, Nursery children will be singing some songs for their families. Please just come along to the EYFS gate in School Lane.

KS2 will have their Carol Concert at St Denys Church on 20th December at 1000. Please come along and join us.

KIDS XMAS DISCO

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
6.00 - 8.00 PM
ST DENNIS WMC

ENTRY £2 PER CHILD UNDER 12'S ONLY
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT - ADULTS FREE ENTRY

**Glitter tattoos
 Raffle
 Sweets/drinks to buy**

All profits go to St Dennis School
 FOSDA is a registered Charity
 No. 1182585

FOR AGES 5 - 16

JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD

DT Coaching will be running a number of fun activities varying from laser tag and silent disco to basketball and craft workshops. So come and join us for some festive fun!

Funded for those eligible for Free School Meals, with a hot lunch included!

Please contact us for further details or for help booking:
clubs@dtcoaching.co.uk
 01872 306730

MINI BUS SERVICE

We will be running transport to and from the T2M activities at Roche C.P. School from the following locations FREE of charge:

- Foxhole Learning Academy
- Nanpean C.P. School
- St Dennis Primary Academy

Transport is bookable via Playwaze also.

Location
 Roche Primary School

Dates
 Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January 2025

Times
 10:00 - 14:00

How to Book? Bookings can be made via **Playwaze** or by visiting the **DT Coaching** website: www.dtcoaching.co.uk

Logos: playwaze, active CORNWALL, CORNWALL COUNCIL, Department for Education

St Austell Foodbank
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Reverse Advent Calendar

Please feel free to start this anytime during the next month and then bring this to us either by Thursday 12th December or from Monday 30th December. Anything not given out by Christmas will help us in January. Thank you so much.

1 Tinned soup	2 Long life fruit juice	3 Crisps	4 Tinned fruit	5 Instant Coffee	6 Instant mash potatoes
7 Shower gel	8 Tinned rice pudding	9 Chocolate / sweets	10 Long life milk	11 Jam	12 Shampoo
13 Deodorant	14 Selection box	15 Biscuits	16 Tinned custard	17 Christmas pud non-alcoholic	18 Pasta sauce
19 Tinned Tomatoes	20 Toilet rolls	21 Tinned vegetables	22 Crisps	23 Tinned soup	24 Tinned fruit

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Online Safety Newsletter

Dec 2024

Talkie AI App

This app is rated as 17+ by the App store and 12+ by Google Play.

Talkie is an AI chatbot app. Users can use the app to create and interact with AI characters.

You should also be aware that this app includes in app purchases ranging from £4.99 - £49.99.

Talkie does offer a Teenager Mode; however, the content still may not be appropriate for your child. Bark reviews this app here, and recommend that your child **should not be using this app**:

<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/talkie-app-review>

Tips to help you talk about cyberbullying

Internet Matters have collated their tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child based on different age categories. The information is divided into four sections:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about such as how to deal with cyberbullying
3. What to do next
4. Where to get further help

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide>

New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.

- *Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.*

- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.

- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PSS: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

Further information

You can find out more about parental controls here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>



Roblox

You may have seen the recent investigation about Roblox by Hindenburg, which highlights very worrying concerns about the content that can be seen on Roblox, even when users have listed their age as under 13. You can read the full report here: <https://hindenburesearch.com/roblox/>

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

What should I be aware of?

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories.

Age Categories

This article discusses the difference in accounts based on age (under age 13 and aged 13 – 17):

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428367965460-What-happens-as-I-get-older-on-Roblox>

Roblox accounts with Parental privileges - NEW

Roblox have just launched a new system to manage your child's experience on Roblox through 'Roblox accounts with parent privileges.' The new format allows you to view and update parental controls from your own device. Controls include setting content restrictions, managing screen time and setting a spending limit. You can find out more here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

Content Labels - NEW

Roblox have begun labeling experiences based on the type of content rather than by age. You can set limits on which content labels are accessible in parental controls. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted. You can find descriptions of each here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>

How do I report abuse and block users?

This article outlines the different reporting facilities:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to-Report-Rule-Violations>

What else can I do?

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Positively online

The NSPCC have published six tips to help you improve your family's online wellbeing. They also provide you with a guide on how to talk to your child about what they are doing online as well as a quiz that you can play together. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/positively-online/>

The 'Add Everyone' Explicit WhatsApp Group

The INEQE Safeguarding group have issued an alert regarding a WhatsApp group known as 'Add Everyone.' Find out more here:

<https://ineqe.com/2024/10/31/safeguarding-alert-add-everyone-whatsapp-group/>



NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

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

Monday 20th January - 9.30am & 4pm
 Tuesday 21st January - 11am & 2pm
 Wednesday 22nd January - 11.30am & 4pm
 Thursday 23rd January - 9.30am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to talk about the meaning of resilience, explore building resilience and look at how and when a young person should ask for help.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK)  <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK> 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

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

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

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

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

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

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

Monday 13th January - 9:30am & 2pm
 Tuesday 14th January - 11am & 4pm
 Wednesday 15th January - 09:30am & 1:30pm
 Thursday 16th January - 11am & 4pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF)  <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF> 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



'12 Days of Christmas' Reading Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Read your favourite book with a nice hot chocolate!	Read a story about Father Christmas.	Read a Christmas poem *there will be some on the school's Facebook page	Read a story to your teddy bear, just before bed-time.	Read a story with your family.	Listen to a story being read aloud online or on the TV *there will be some links on the school's Facebook page	Read your book under the Christmas tree!
8	9	10	11	12	13	
Create a cozy reading den, with blankets, pillows and books.	Read a book, in your pyjamas.	Read a story with snow on the front cover.	Read a book outside.	Read the Christmas story.	Collect your prize from your teacher!	

Start the countdown to Christmas with our Reading Advent Calendar! Each day there is a different reading challenge for you to do at home. See if you can complete the challenges by the 12th day. Get all of your boxes ticked by a grown up at home, and collect a special prize from your teacher on the 13th of December!

Happy Reading!

