

Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers,

We started this week with Remembrance and all children learnt about the significance of this day and why it's important to continue to mark it every year. We were really impressed at the responsibility they all showed when taking part in the two-minute silence.

We also had Anti-bullying Week, which included Odd Socks Day, a visit from Richard from the Stay Safe Initiative to deliver an anti-bullying workshop, and Positive Noticing Day, which was an absolute hit with children and staff. Everyone went home with labels for being positively noticed and I've pinned mine on my board to remember what it felt like to receive these tokens. We also enjoyed dressing up in blue for World Diabetes Day on Thursday.

On Wednesday, we have an open morning for Reception 2025 parents / carers and on Friday we will be celebrating Children in Need.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 18th November 2024

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to learning all about the dentist and how they help to keep our teeth clean and healthy.
Reception - Kroenek	As citizens, we are looking forward to learning about different heroes in our community.
Year 1 - Sort	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to learning about 2D and 3D shapes.
Year 2 - Cwiwer	As historians, we are looking forward to learning more about our monarchs.
Year 3 - Brogh	As designers, we are looking forward to our castle building lessons.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to finding multiples of 3, 6 and 9.
Year 5 - Godh	As musicians, we are looking forward to working alongside MADE to use our voices in different ways.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As historians, we are looking forward to learning more about the cause and consequences of WWII.
The Nest	We are looking forward to Pudsey Day!

St Dennis Stars



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



Oula	Jack	Brogh	Lexi
Kroenek	Len	Lowarn	Ronnie
Sort	Willow	Godh	Annabelle
Cwiwer	Lincoln	Pedrevan	Archie



School Council



Children in Need - Pudsey Day

As you know, we decided to mark Children in Need Day next week as Anti-bullying Week was so full! School Council have asked that children come to school in spots, on **Friday 22nd November**, for a donation.

We look forward to counting all the spots next week!



Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **94.1%**.

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



Kroenek	99.4
Sort	97.7
Cwiwer	90.1
Brogh	92.9
Lowarn	95.4
Godh	97.2
Pedrevan	92.5

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

Lunchtime Awards

Jacob, Anashe and Nylah received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite and using good manners.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Archie H, Tilly, Crayson, Archie M, Oliver, Cadan and Roman 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.

- 20.11.24 Open Morning for Reception 2025 Parents
- 22.11.24 Wear **spots** for Pudsey Day
- 25.11.24 0900 Reception Parent Workshop - RWI
1500 Year 1 Parent Workshop - RWI
- 26.11.24 1500 Year 2 Parent Workshop - Assessment
- 27.11.24 1500 Year 3/4 Parent Workshop - Multiplication Tables Check
- 28.11.24 1500 Year 6 Parent Workshop - SATs
- 29.11.24 Last day of clubs for the term
Non-uniform day for a tombola prize
1500 Year 5 Parent Workshop - Arithmetic
- 02.12.24 Festival of Trees Visit to St Denys Church
- 04.12.24 Lowarn Class Maritime Museum Visit
- 05.12.24 Santa's Grotto
- 06.12.24 FOSDA Christmas Fayre
- 10.12.24 0930 Rocksteady Concert for Parents and Carers
Open the Book Assembly
- 11.12.24 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 13.12.24 Y5 to the Over 70s lunch @ The Pitch
- 16.12.24 1500 Nursery Mince Pies and Songs
- 17.12.24 14:00 Reception Christmas Performance
- 18.12.24 14:00 Key Stage 1 Nativity
- 19.12.24 14:00 Key Stage 1 Nativity
- 20.12.24 1000 Key Stage 2 Carol Concert @ St Denys Church
1330 - Early finish

School Clubs

After school clubs finish on Friday 29th November for this term.

New clubs will start after the Christmas break.



Sports Report

Last week, our Year 3/4 and 5/6 football teams travelled to Brannel School, for a tournament against other schools.

We had a very successful afternoon with both teams winning their tournaments!

Our Year 3/4 team won both their games, 4-1 and 5-0 with goals from Cideon, Kendall, Korban and Max. Rosie and Myles showed great confidence in their first games for the school and Kobe and Ellis showed our core value of teamwork.

Our Year 5/6 team won 2 games 3-1 and 2-0 and drew a tough final game 0-0. Goals came from Luke B, Jude and Archie. Luke H and Oli are forming a solid partnership in defence along with Finn making some excellent saves in goal. Kieran was tireless in midfield.

All children represented St Dennis excellently and showed great sportsmanship to the other teams.



St Dennis Primary Academy Open Morning



If you are a parent or carer of a child due to start Reception Class in September 2025, please come and join us at our Open Morning on **Wednesday 20th November**.

Please come to the School Reception between **09:30 and 10:30** to meet Mrs Brokenshire (Headteacher), Mrs Nash (Deputy Headteacher) and have a guided tour of the school by our Year 6 Ambassadors.

Book your visit here <https://forms.office.com/e/Y4dwOCWxClk>.

In February 2023, Ofsted said

'St Dennis is built on strong relationships.'

'Pupils show great enthusiasm for learning, including in the early years.'

'Leaders have high aspirations for all pupils. Staff share their vision. Leaders do what is best for pupils.'

'Parents and carers speak positively about the school.'

Come and have a look and explore our website <https://www.stdennis.academy/> to find out more about us!

Open Morning 2024



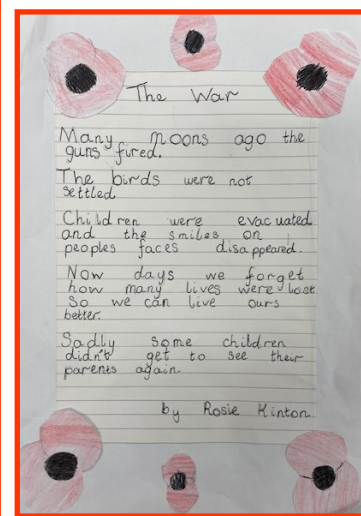
Remembrance

Well done to the children who took part in the Remembrance commemorations in St Dennis. These are the lovely words, from Mrs Liz Bradbury, one of our school Governors, who accompanied the children.



"Annabelle and Alice read the act of remembrance - they were clear and confident in a packed church.

Harvey-John was the wreath bearer and laid the wreath at the war memorial in front of the whole parade.



Theo read the prayers in the cemetery and at the school memorial - he read clearly and with empathy.

At all times, whether in the church or as part of the parade the children were respectful.

So many people came up to us at the end to congratulate them on their behaviour and contribution to the service and parade."

A big thank you to Annabelle, Alice, Harvey-John and Theo (and their families) for allowing them to participate in such a special occasion. We were very proud to see them representing the school, within the local community.

Rosie wrote a poem and we will be adding this to our Remembrance display.



Pedrean Class looked at the poem In Flander's Fields. The children then created silhouettes of soldiers and poppies to display parts of the poem on. They were very creative and showed some great empathy for the soldiers that have bravely fought in wars.

Odd Socks Day 2024

On Tuesday, as part on Anti-bullying Week, we all wore odd socks to join together and show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.



World Diabetes Day - Wear Blue

On Thursday, St Dennis turned blue, as we celebrated World Diabetes Day which is marked every year on 14th November. This date marks the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting – one of the founding fathers of insulin. Insulin is a treatment that has saved millions of lives around the world. On this day over 100 years ago Frederick Banting and John Mcleod also won a Nobel Peace Prize for their discovery.

Thank you for the donations that will all be donated to the Break-through T1D Charity (formerly JDRF).



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)  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/1PWGDXSQ40)  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)  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)  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