

Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

This week, children have created firework art, enjoyed a visit from the police and asked them questions about how they keep us safe, learnt about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot in history, dressed up as kings and queens and experienced a coronation, created igloos in teams, written firework safety acrostic poems and even created a model of the human digestive system!

Next week is a busy week with Anti-bullying Week, Odd Socks Day, Positive Noticing Day and World Diabetes Day! More information is included in this newsletter about all of these events.

We will also be learning about Remembrance and would like to make a display in school, so please get creative over the weekend with your children and create some poppies for this.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 11th November 2024

Nursery - Oula	We are looking forward to a visit from the fire engine and learning all about how they keep people safe.
Reception - Kroenek	As good friends, we are looking forward to Positive Noticing Day.
Year 1 - Sort	As historians, we are looking forward to learning about toys from the past.
Year 2 - Gwiwer	As scientists, we are looking forward to finding out about materials.
Year 3 - Brogh	As scientists, we are looking forward to testing the properties of rocks.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As historians, we are looking forward to finding out what a Viking invasion looked like.
Year 5 - Godh	As responsible citizens, we are looking forward to our 'Stay Safe' anti-bullying workshop.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As citizens, we are looking forward to our stay safe workshop.
The Nest	As sports people, we are looking forward to starting our new PE sport - tag rugby!

St Dennis Stars

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



Oula	Daniel	Brogh	Lowen
Kroenek	Arlo	Lowarn	Kendall
Sort	Bailey	Godh	Rebecca
Gwiwer	Rachel	Pedrevan	Millie



School Council

Look at all our amazing new playground toys! Thank you to School Council who wrote to Cllr Dick Cole who then very kindly donated money so School Council. They found out what their friends would like, chose and bought these new toys which we started playing with today!



Attendance

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

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



Kroenek	96.6%
Sort	96.8%
Cwiwer	94.9%
Brogh	96.0%
Lowarn	94.3%
Godh	91.7%
Pedrean	96.9%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Max, Elia and Evie H received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite and using good manners.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Anabelle, Teddy, Mia, Immie, Harvey-John, Tyler and Jacob 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.

- 11.11.24 Anti-bullying Week
- 12.11.24 Odd Socks Day
- 13.11.24 Positive Noticing Day
- 14.11.24 Wear **blue** for World Diabetes Day
- 15.11.24 Stay Safe Anti-bullying Workshop - Y5/6
- 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 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

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please phone the MARU on 0300 123 1116.

ATTENDANCE REWARDS



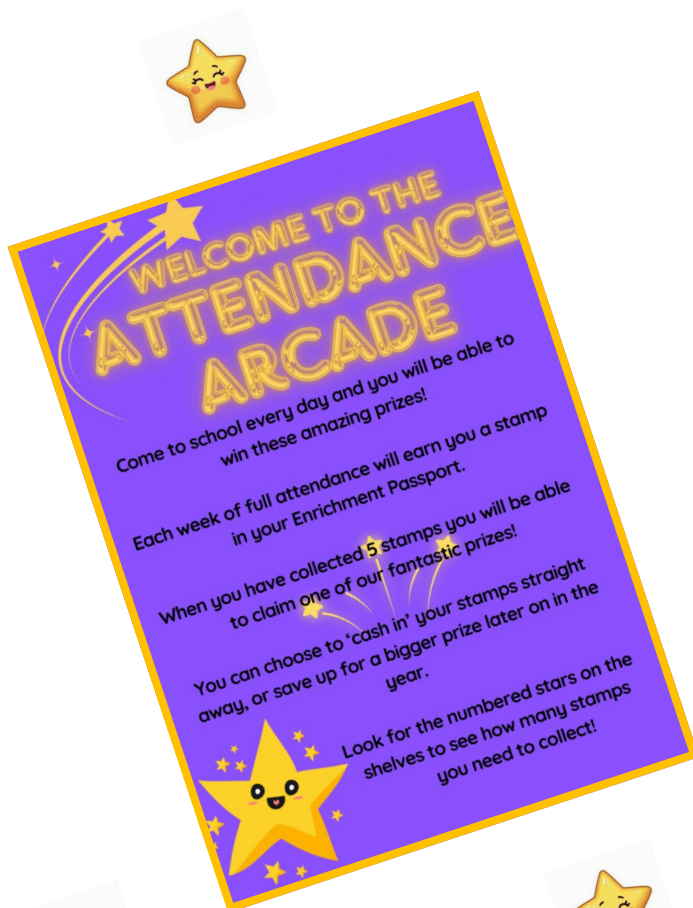
Promoting and Celebrating Good Attendance and Punctuality

At St Dennis Primary Academy, we understand the impact good attendance and punctuality has on our children's learning and on their social, emotional and mental health. We believe in rewarding good attendance and punctuality to engage and motivate our children.

We have launched a brand new initiative to support, encourage and celebrate attendance and punctuality, so that it remains a high profile in school and with our families.

Each week that your child attends school every day, their individual passport will be stamped. These stamps can then be cashed in or saved up for something really special, from our attendance arcade! There are 40 stamps to collect.

The prize levels are: 5 stamps, 10 stamps, 20 stamps, 30 stamps and 37 stamps!

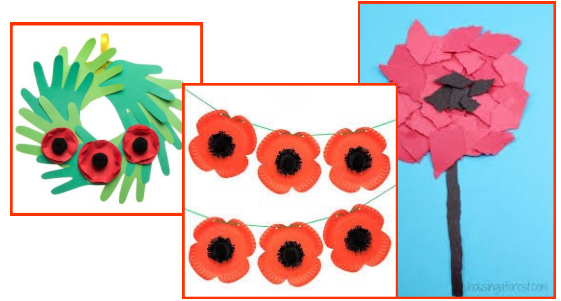


Please note, we will consider the circumstances of individual children and take them into account when rewarding attendance, to ensure that all children are rewarded fairly.

Examples are where absences are related to a known medical need or disability.

Next Week

On **Monday**, we will be observing Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence at 1100 to remember those who have died in wars. We would like to make a display in school, so please get creative over the weekend by making poppies and bringing them into school on Monday.



Next week, St Dennis will be joining in with **Anti-bullying Week**, with the theme of **Choose Respect**. Children will be learning about how bullying makes you feel, how to stick up to bullying and how to choose to be kind.

Tuesday is Odd Socks Day and we are asking children to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique.

On **Wednesday**, we are delighted to be participating in **Positive Noticing Day**.

We will be spending time during the day thinking about the power of positive noticing. Being positively noticed by others builds self-esteem, supports behaviour and promotes good mental health. We will be encouraging pupils to positively notice one another.

We encourage families to join in at home too. You can write positive notes for family members on luggage labels, post it notes or pieces of paper. We know that children who are positively noticed by their parents/carers are happier, healthier and more resilient and secure.

You may wish to use Positive Noticing Day as an opportunity to start daily positive noticing in your home. You can create and share positive labels as a family and save them – stick them on the fridge, the back of the door or put them in an old picture frame.

You can find out more about positive noticing and Positive Noticing Day at <https://www.positivenoticingday.com/homeadults>



On **Thursday**, we will be celebrating 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.

At St Dennis, we have children with diabetes and to support them and raise awareness, we are asking children to come to school **dressed in blue clothing** for a donation for the Breakthrough T1D Charity (formerly JDRF).



On **Friday**, Year 5 and 6 have Richard from **The Stay Safe Initiative** visiting to deliver an anti-bullying workshop.

Please follow this link to our website to access the links on this newsletter <https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/st-dennis-primary-academy/UploadedDocument/2bc624a2-ec71-4b5b-98e5-03fa7035c002/online-safety-newsletter-november-2024.pdf>.



Online Safety Newsletter

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How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>
- <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



How to Remove Social Media Access After Granting It

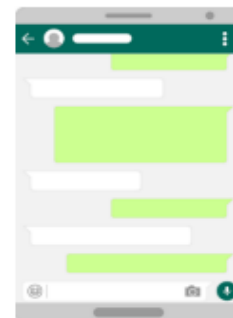
Have you given your child access to social media but are now regretting that decision? Bark have published this article to help you take back control by removing social media:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/removing-social-media/>

WhatsApp

Users should be at least 13 years old to use

WhatsApp. We frequently receive reports of children not using WhatsApp appropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out.



Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on harmful behaviour?

If your child is using WhatsApp, it is crucial to have regular conversations with them. Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group privacy settings to see who can add them to groups. Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, and they know how to report users. Find out more here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>

- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use and the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

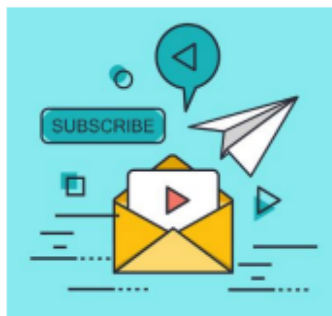
Further information

Internet Matters have produced a how to guide available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

1. Public: anyone can view the video.
2. Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuber-weighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

Further information

- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/youtube>

Among Us

This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. **However**, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.

Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:

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

Screen time and your family

Vodafone discuss screentime and what you should consider when setting your own rules in this useful article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/screen-time-and-your-family-a-guide-to-what-works-and-what-doesnt/>

Band Runner Game

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safer online. Your child can play it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>

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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

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/Y4dwOCWxCl>.

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



CYC Voices

CORNWALL
Youth Choirs

Come and sing with us!

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

From 10 – 11:15am

Sat 5th Oct @ St Stephen Community Centre Social Club

Sat 9th November @ Nanpean School Community Hall

Sat 14th Dec @ St Augustine's Church, St Austell

TEXT LEANNE on 07733888641 to sign up

FEAST

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