

Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers,

This week began with Odd Socks Day, marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week and reminding us all that it's okay to be different. We also enjoyed Positive Noticing Day, focusing on kindness and encouragement and finished the week with Pudsey Day to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you for your generous donations.

Looking ahead, next week we will be holding parent and carer information sessions which designed to help you support your child's learning at home. More details are included in this newsletter – we hope to see you there!

Hope you have a great weekend!

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

St Dennis Stars

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



Nursery	Aurora	Year 3	Lylah
Reception	Oscar	Year 4	Lexi J
Year 1	Nellie	Year 5	Theo H
Year 2	Ivy	Year 6	Amelia



Remembrance

Children showed incredible maturity as we marked Remembrance Day. Classes observed a two-minute silence while watching images of poppies and discussing why this day is so important. Year 5 and 6 gathered at the school's war memorial to honour the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. They stood with the utmost respect to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in war.



We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 17th November

Nursery	We are looking forward to an exciting visit from the police to find out all about how they keep us safe.
Reception	As chefs, we are looking forward to learning new culinary skills and following instructions to make a pizza.
Year 1	As writers, we are looking forward to writing about 'The Snow Thief'.
Year 2	As artists, we are looking forward to exploring working with textiles to learn how to create pom poms!
Year 3	As writers, we are looking forward to innovating our own 'Tale of Fear' story.
Year 4	As scientists, we are looking forward to continuing our science learning on the human digestive system.
Year 5	As geographers, we are looking forward to our visit to the Eden Project.
Year 6	As artists, we are looking forward to developing our skills in macrame.
The Nest	We are looking forward to another visit from Cornwall Youth Choir

Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **94.4%**
This week, the class with the winning attendance is **Year 6**.



Reception	96.8%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	91.6%
Year 3	92.6%
Year 4	89.1%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	96.8%

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



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Leo, Amber-Leigh, Jamie-Lee, Ivy, Alice, Roman and Albert.



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!

Lunchtime Awards

Priscilla, Remi-Mai and Amelia received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Key Dates - Autumn Term 2

- 17.11.25 0930 - 1030 Open Morning
1445 Coffee and Cake - ASD Team
- 18.11.25 0900 Reception Parent/Carer Workshop - RWI
1500 Y1 Parent/Carer Workshop - RWI and Phonics Screening Check
Y3 Truro Museum Visit
- 19.11.25 0900 Y5 Parent/Carer Workshop - Key English and Maths Skills
- 20.11.25 0900 Y3/4 Parent/Carer Workshop - Multiplication Tables Check
1500 Y2 Parent/Carer Workshop - Key Stage 1 Assessment
- 21.11.25 0900 Y6 Parent/Carer Workshop - SATs
- 28.11.25 Non-uniform day for a tombola prize
- 01.12.25 Festival of Trees Visit to St Denys Church
- 04.12.25 Santa's Grotto
- 05.12.25 1400 finish for FOSDA Christmas Fayre
- 09.12.25 1430 Rocksteady Performance
- 10.12.25 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 12.12.25 Over 70s lunch - Y5
- 15.12.25 1500 Nursery - Songs and mince pies
- 16.12.25 1400 Reception Nativity
- 17.12.25 KS2 Carol Service Rehearsal at St Denys Church
1400 Key Stage 1 Nativity
- 18.12.25 1400 Key Stage 1 Nativity
- 19.12.25 1000 Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Denys Church
Special Golden Time - Silent Disco
Special Attendance Assembly
1330 Finish

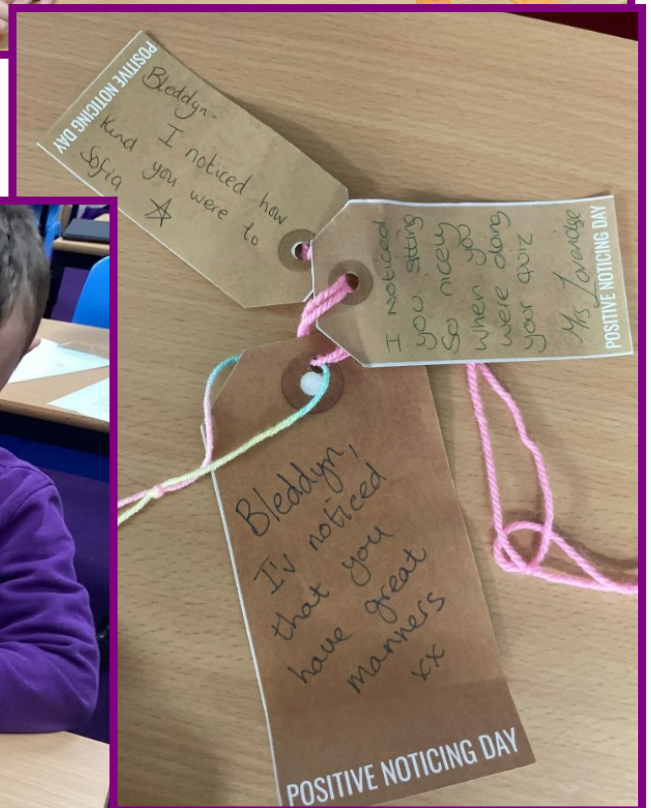
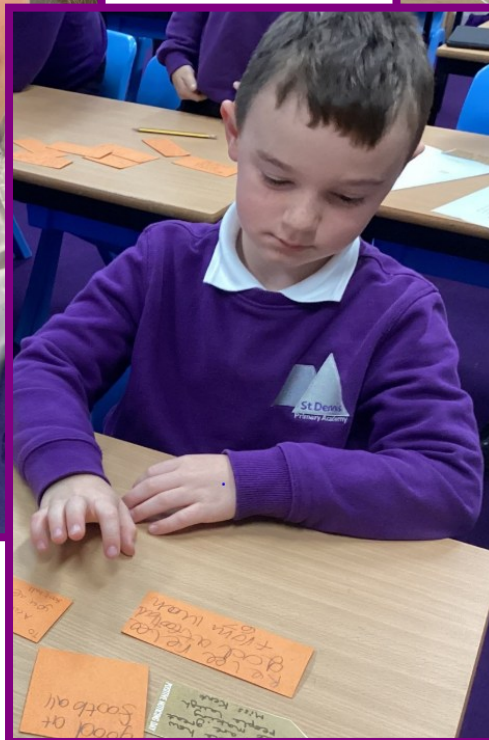
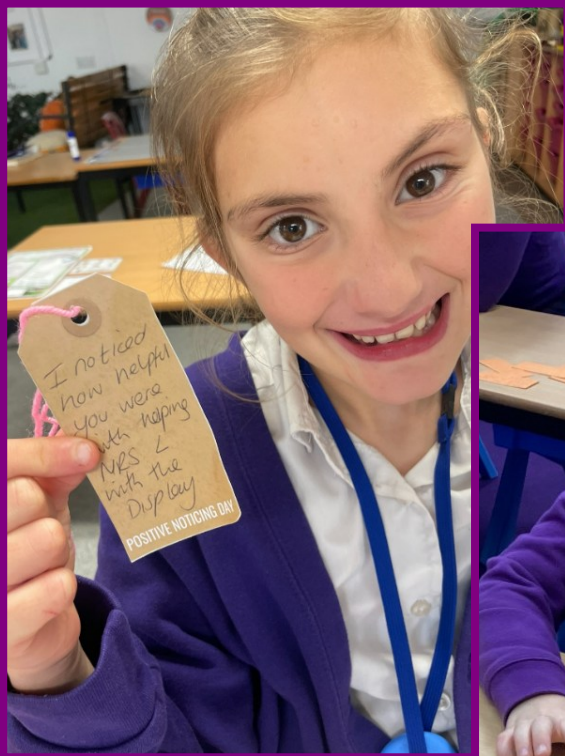
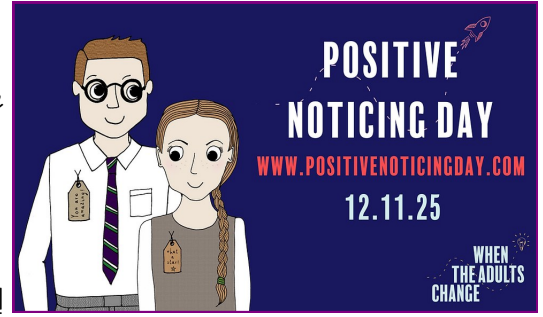
Odd Socks Day

On Monday, we celebrated Odd Socks Day to launch Anti-Bullying Week. The day is all about celebrating individuality and reminding everyone that it's okay to be different. Children and staff wore their brightest, most mismatched socks to school, sparking conversations about kindness and respect. It was a fun and meaningful way to show that our differences make us unique and special!



Positive Noticing Day

On Wednesday, joined schools across the country to celebrate Positive Noticing Day, a special day dedicated to recognising and appreciating the great things our children and staff do every day. Everyone spent time noticing and sharing positive comments, helping to boost confidence and spread kindness throughout the school. It was a great reminder of the power of encouragement and how small words can make a big difference!



Pudsey Day 2025

We had a fantastic time supporting Children in Need on Pudsey Day today! Children and staff came dressed in spots and yellow to raise money for this amazing charity, which helps children and young people across the UK. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



If you are a parent or carer of a child due to start Reception Class in September 2026, please come and join us at our Open Morning on **Monday 17th 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 with our Year 6 Ambassadors.

Book your visit by scanning the QR code.

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.'

Open Morning 2025



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



Open Morning 2025



If you are a parent or carer of a child due to start in Reception Class in September 2026, we warmly welcome you to our Open Morning on Monday 17th November from 0930 to 1030.

Please come and see the amazing learning our children do and the wide range of activities available to them.

Please scan the QR code to book a place.

We look forward to seeing you!

Autism Parent Cafe

Monday 17th November 2.45pm



Join us at St Dennis Primary Academy for coffee, a chat with the Autism in Schools Team, and tips on coping with change in the lead up to Christmas .

Parent and Carer Information Sessions

Following on from last week's parent and carer consultations, we are committed to strengthening the partnership between home and school.

To support this, we will be offering year-group specific information sessions for parents and carers.

These sessions are designed to provide practical strategies and insights so you can confidently support your child's learning at home.

The times for these sessions next week are listed below – we hope you can join us!

Tuesday 0900 – Reception - RWI

Tuesday 1500 - Year 1 – RWI and Phonics Screening Check

Wednesday 0900 - Year 5 – English and Maths Key Skills

Thursday 0900 – Year 3 and 4 – Multiplication Tables Check

Thursday 1500 – Year 2 – Key Stage 1 Assessment

Friday 0900 – Year 6 - SATs





Art and Design Lead — Miss Rebecca Rollason

At St Dennis Primary Academy, we have been working on our Art and Design Curriculum. Our primary aim is to foster an environment that will engage, inspire and challenge every child, encouraging a lifelong appreciation for the creative arts.

This exciting programme moves beyond basic techniques, focusing on equipping students with the essential knowledge and skills needed to confidently experiment with various mediums, invent original concepts and ultimately create their own unique works of art.

Through a structured exploration of different artists, craftspeople and designers, both past and present, children will develop a deeper understanding of artistic processes and cultural contexts.

The curriculum is designed to build progressively on their abilities each year, ensuring they are well-equipped to express themselves creatively and articulate their artistic choices with



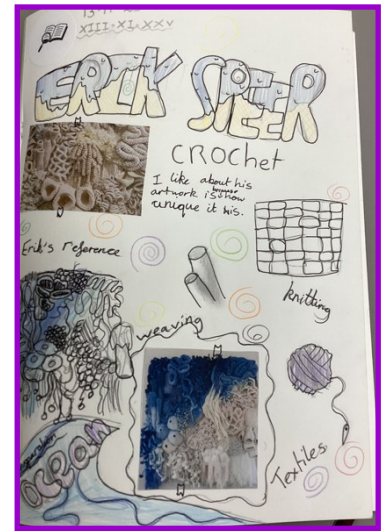
Year 2 children have been exploring the fascinating world of artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo as part of their 'What do I need to be healthy?' topic.

The children learned how Arcimboldo created portraits using natural objects like fruit and vegetables. This inspired them to create their own unique, healthy-eating self-portraits.

They engaged in hands-on activities, experimenting with collage techniques using colourful paper representations of healthy foods and incorporating printing methods to add texture and detail.

The resulting vibrant and imaginative artworks wonderfully showcase the children's creativ-





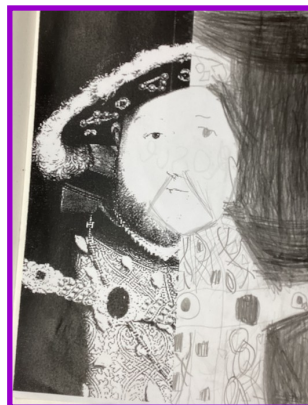
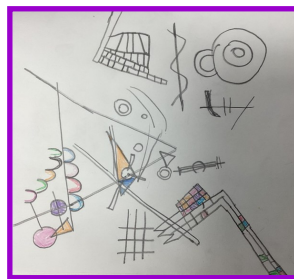
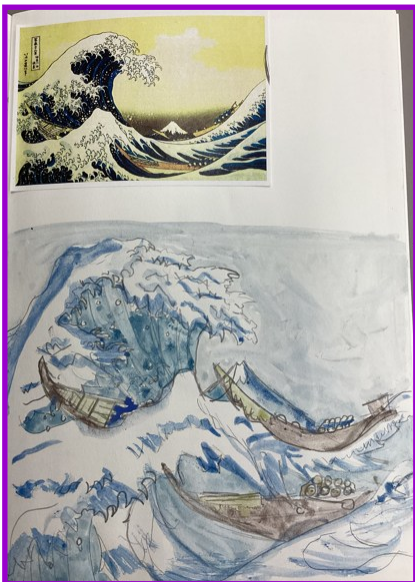
We are excited to share the progress in developing our whole-school approach to using sketchbooks as a vital tool within the Art and Design Curriculum.

Children across all year groups have embraced their sketchbooks as personal creative journals, moving beyond simple drawing pads to spaces for recording ideas, research, and experimentation.

Children have been actively learning to creatively share their knowledge of diverse artists, designers and craftspeople, using the space to analyse and document different styles and techniques.

They are confidently using their sketchbooks to imitate inspirational artwork, experiment with new

books to imitate inspi-



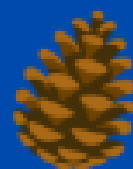
Autumn Nature Art Competition!

Create your very own Autumnal Scene using treasures from nature to win a £20 Amazon Voucher!

We invite all students to explore the outdoors and collect natural materials such as:



- Leaves
- Moss
- Acorns & Conkers
- Bark & Twigs
- Pinecones



Use them to design a beautiful autumn scene, it could be:

- A woodland animal
- A forest landscape
- An autumn tree
- A seasonal themed picture



Be creative! No paint or store-bought decorations, just nature's colourful autumn gifts!

Remember: Only collect items that have already fallen, respect nature and keep wildlife safe!

Deadline: Friday 21st November

Scan or Photograph work and send to:

molly.rundle@zeneducate.com

Please include your name, class and school within the email!

Winner announced: Wednesday 26th November.

We at Zen Educate can't wait to see your wonderful creations!