

Newsletter



Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

This week, children have explored all things autumn, got to know the Numberblocks to help with number recognition, learnt primary colours through the artist Mondrian, learnt about keeping healthy using Joe Wicks workouts, found out more about the Earth's structure in geography, found out the function of skeletons in science, enjoyed being involved in the MADE 'feeling good' project and invented stories using all the punctuation and grammar we've learnt in this storytelling unit.

We have loved seeing all the home learning challenges the children have been bringing in to share with their teachers and friends. There have been some amazing creations!

On Thursday next week, it is Harvest Festival for children. We are welcoming donations for St Austell Foodbank. Please see the newsletter for further information.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 7th October 2024

Nursery - Oula	We are excited to step into the role of a chef and create our very own autumn soup.
Reception - Kroenek	As artists, we are looking forward to learning new painting techniques.
Year 1 - Sort	As geographers, we are looking forward to carrying out fieldwork on a walk around the village and finding the human and physical features of St Dennis.
Year 2 - Cwiwer	As computer programmers, we are looking forward to becoming quicker and more confident at logging in and using computers.
Year 3 - Brogh	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to starting our new unit next week.
Year 4 - Lowarn	As mathematicians, we are looking forward to adding two numbers with up to 4 digits.
Year 5 - Godh	We are looking forward to learning how to say how old we are in Spanish.
Year 6 - Pedrevan	As technicians, we are looking forward to setting up and exploring our Showbie accounts on our iPads.
The Nest	We are looking forward to being adventurers at Polkerris Beach.

St Dennis Stars

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



Oula	Oscar	Brogh	Jake
Kroenek	Alexander	Lowarn	Georgie & Euan
Sort	Amelia	Godh	Nyla
Cwiwer	Nylah	Pedrevan	Emilie



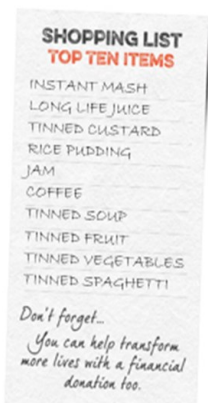
Harvest

On Thursday, we have our Harvest Festival in school for children.



We will be collecting donations for St Austell Foodbank and these will be taken on the day, when Andy from the Foodbank comes and talks to the children about the charity. Please can donations be brought into school during the week leading up to Thursday.

Thank you for your support.



Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **95.7%**.

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



Kroenek	77.1%
Sort	95.7%
Cwiwer	95.9%
Brogh	87.6%
Lowarn	85.5%
Godh	91.9%
Pedrevan	94.0%

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

Lunchtime Awards

Alanna, Myles and Eli received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite and using good manners.



Growth Mindset Awards

Our Growth Mindset certificates were awarded to Kaiden, Esme, Darcie, Ayla, Matilda, Holly and all of Pedrevan Class 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

- 09.10.24 MADE Project in Godh Class (Y5)
- 10.10.24 Harvest Assembly for The Foodbank
- 21.10.24 0900 Godh Class (Y5) Fabulous Finish
1500 Sort Class (Y1) Fabulous Finish
- 22.10.24 0900 Lowarn Class (Y4) Fabulous Finish
- 23.10.24 0900 Pedrevan Class (Y6) Fabulous Finish
1500 Cwiwer Class (Y2) Fabulous Finish
- 24.10.24 0900 Brogh Class (Y3) Fabulous Finish
1500 Kroenek Class (Rec) Fabulous Finish
Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 25.10.24 0900 The Nest Fabulous Finish

Lining Up Tokens

The winning class this week is **Godh Class.**



School Council

On Thursday the School Council unboxed the first delivery of new playground resources. Everyone is keen to organise and distribute the rest of the resources next week when they arrive.



During a debate about ways to improve the school, it was suggested that an open day is held to encourage new pupils to join the school. Miss Stokes is going to discuss the idea with Mrs Brokenshire and hopefully the school council will be able to help arrange and lead a special day to welcome visitors.

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Rosie, Georgie, Luke, Evelyn, Isla, Kendall, Crayson, Ellis, Reuben, Matilda and Holly who all completed the Library Summer Reading Challenge this year! Super readers!



If you would like some ideas with how you can support your child with routines and boundaries, please come along to school next Wednesday for a session with the Together for Families Parenting Team.

Please book a place here <https://forms.office.com/e/5gaziZ9NCi>



Bitesize Session – Routines and Boundaries.

This session is run by a member of the Together For Families Parenting Team. We will look at how you can support your child and tuning in to your child's needs around routines and boundaries. This session will offer an introduction into what we offer in our 10 week programs, a look at ways to support your child, and a focus around boundaries. Join us for tea, coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to speak to our friendly parenting team, who can offer support, advice and information.

When?

Wednesday 9th October
1.15-3.15pm

Where?

St Dennis Primary School

Contact us Telephone: 01872 324323 | Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk



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for Families

 www.cornwall.gov.uk



Attendance

As you know, we are working hard as a school to have good levels of attendance for all of our children.

Mrs Nash has now taken over as Attendance Lead and analyses attendance every week with the support of our new Trust Education Welfare Officer.

For further information on our policy, please follow this link to our website <https://st-dennis-primary-academy.secure-primariesite.net/attendance/>.

Attendance Awards

Autumn Term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15

Spring Term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Week 11	Week 12			

Summer Term

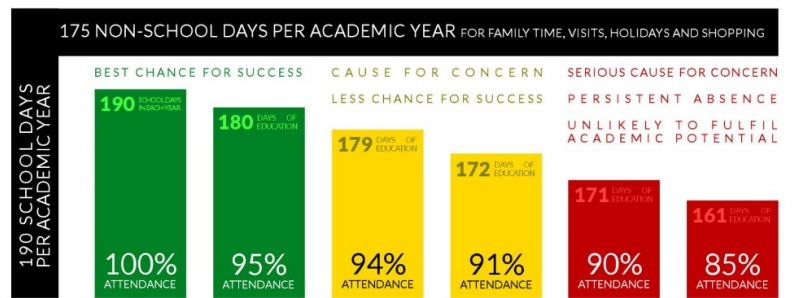
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Every week in school, where a child has attended every day, they are having their individual passport stamped.

In the next few weeks, we will be launching our new prizes that children can cash their stamps in for, or save up for something really special! Watch this space!

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS

BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 95% OF THE TIME (BETWEEN 180 & 190 DAYS)



A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, has been introduced following changes to the law.

There is a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.

There has been an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

If you are concerned about the attendance of your child, please get in touch with us.

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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Online Safety Newsletter

Oct 2024

iOS 18 Launch

Apple have recently released their latest operating system, iOS 18. iOS 18 offers lots of new features (some are restricted to newer phones) but one feature that you should be aware of is the ability to now lock and hide apps.

When an app is locked, Face ID, Touch ID or your passcode will be required to open it. This also means that notifications will no longer be shown for that app. Additionally, apps can now be hidden so they can only be accessed through a hidden apps folder that is also locked. This new feature illustrates the need to have regular chats with your child about what they are using their phone for.

Vault (secret) Apps

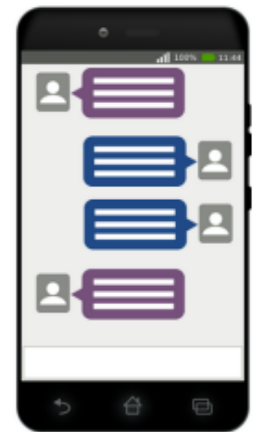
Have you heard of Vault Apps? They are basically secret apps that are concealed by looking like a normal, less conspicuous app. For example, one of these apps looks and works like a working calculator when opened, but when a passcode is entered, it reveals photographs, videos, documents and contacts. One way to prevent your child from using these apps is to ensure parental controls are set up so you can review all app purchases. You can find out more here:

- <https://www.bark.us/blog/hidden-apps/>
- <https://www.safes.so/blogs/vault-apps/>

Mobile phones: do you know the risks?

We know that children having access to a smartphone can expose children to risks including:

- Viewing inappropriate content
- Excessive screen time/use, which in turn can affect their mental health and sleep pattern.
- Contact from inappropriate people/grooming
- Cyberbullying
- Spending money on in-app purchases/scams



What effects do mobile phones have on children's mental health?

Compass discuss the research around this important topic, outlining the positive and negative effects that mobile phones have: <https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

EE launches Age Guidance

EE has launched age guidance for smartphone usage to improve children's digital wellbeing. In summary, they recommend that children under 11 should use non-smart devices, for children aged 11-13, they advise that if a smartphone is used, then parental controls should be enabled and access to social media restricted. Finally, for 13-16-year-olds they still recommend that parental controls are implemented and appropriate restrictions set up. You can read the full guidance here: <https://newsroom.ee.co.uk/ee-launches-age-guidance-for-smartphone-usage-in-drive-to-improve-childrens-digital-wellbeing/>

Could you delay when your child is given a smartphone with Smartphone Free Childhood?

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

What device?

When you think it is the right time for your child to have a phone, then Which? provide an overview of some options available: <https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/mobile-phones/article/buying-a-first-mobile-phone-best-dumb-phones-and-smartphones-for-kids-aA03C3Y8aTzr>

Instagram: new Teen account features

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account.

Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls and send disappearing messages. Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).



Teen accounts – NEW feature

Instagram have introduced Teen Accounts to try and create a safer experience for them. With a Teen Account, who they can contact is limited and the content they access will be set to the most restrictive setting to reduce exposure to sensitive content. If a teen would like to override any of these settings, then they will need their parent's permission by setting up parental supervision. These changes will be in place for all new users straightaway so any users that sign up that are under 16 will automatically be given a Teen Account. Existing users will be moved over to Teen Accounts over the next couple of months (in the UK).

Supervision settings – new features

Instagram already offers a supervision facility, but they have added to the features to include:

- The ability to see who your child has messaged in the past week (you will not be able to see the contents of these messages)
- The option to block your child from accessing Instagram at certain times e.g. during school or at night.
- The ability to see what topics your child has chosen to see.

Read the press release from Instagram, which outlines all the upcoming changes: <https://about.fb.com/news/2024/09/instagram-teen-accounts/>

You may not be seeing everything!

Did you know that you can hide your stories and live videos from specific people so your child could be uploading content but restricting your account from viewing it?

Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here:

<https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

More information

- Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.meta.com/uk/>

Learn Through Play with Sesame Street

The Sesame Street website has a whole host of resources, activities, and games from supporting with learning ABCs to discussing tough topics such as grief.

<https://sesameworkshop.org/>

Expert Approved Apps for Learning at Home

On the Google Play Store, you can find a list of expert approved Apps for learning at home suitable for children up to the age of 12.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/category/FAMILY>

Be aware of what you share

Get Safe Online have produced a set of tips to help you avoid oversharing and outlines what the consequences might be if you do:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/whatdo youshare/>

Staying safe online with Google Families

Google have a one stop resource to help you and your family stay safe online. It includes how to set up parental controls and important steps on how to keep your children safe online. You can find out more here:

<https://families.google/>



CYC Voices



Come and sing with us!

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

Next session on Saturday 5th October, from 10 – 11:15am
@ St Stephen Community Centre Social Club



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The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2025**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2025 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2025**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



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Cornwall Partnership
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Come and join us
at our **FREE Wild
Wellbeing
sessions**

Join Us for a **FREE Wild Wellbeing Outdoor Session** during
the **October Half-Term!**

MHST invites parents and carers along with their primary
aged children (ages 5-11) to participate. No mental health
concerns are necessary to join; the sessions will
emphasise the **Five Ways to Wellbeing** through engaging
nature-based activities.


Please ensure to register **EACH** child for a session below.

In collaboration with Natural England

Monday 28th October - Goss Moor
Tuesday 29th October - Golitha Falls
(with a Halloween theme)
Sessions at 10am or 1pm

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

Limited spaces available, book early to avoid disappointment

To request a place,
complete the online form
[HERE](#) or scan the QR code
provided: 



HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

INSTANT MASH
LONG LIFE JUICE
TINNED CUSTARD
RICE PUDDING
JAM
COFFEE
TINNED SOUP
TINNED FRUIT
TINNED VEGETABLES
TINNED SPAGHETTI

*Don't forget...
You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*



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