

Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

It's been a busy and fun week for our children. They've taken part in quizzes, explored waterproof materials through science investigations and built fires during Forest School sessions. Children have been developing their non-fiction writing skills and singing with enthusiasm as part of the CYC choir. We were pleased to welcome families into school to share in their children's learning during our Fabulous Finishes. The week ended on a high with a special attendance assembly and a bouncy castle treat as part of Golden Time rewards! Thank you FOSDA for the bouncy castle!

Hope you all have a great two-week half term!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

St Dennis Stars

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



- Nursery John Tom Year 3 Priscilla and Harvey
- Reception Luka Year 4 Joshua
- Year 1 Darcie Year 5 Micki-Blake
- Year 2 Serenity Year 6 Ellie





Together for Families

Starting school

September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022



Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that 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.

Information and guidance
Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 3rd November

Nursery	After half term, we are looking forward to finding about who keeps us safe.
Reception	We are looking forward to next term's big question 'What is a hero?'.
Year 1	As historians, we are looking forward to sharing our modern day toys and talking about what materials they are made from.
Year 2	We are looking forward to our Royal Celebration!
Year 3	As historians, we are looking forward to learning about the Roman Empire.
Year 4	As scientists, we are looking forward to learning about the digestive system.
Year 5	We are looking forward to using team-work building igloos!
Year 6	As historians, we are looking forward to an evacuee day.
The Nest	We are looking forward to starting our new topics when learning with our class.

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

Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **95.4%**

This week, the class with the winning attendance is **Reception**



Reception	94.7%
Year 1	88.3%
Year 2	90.7%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	88.8%
Year 5	87.0%
Year 6	88.8%

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 Jack, Lettie, Summer, Willow, Tamara, Archie H, George F 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!

Lunchtime Awards

Jenson, William, Anashe received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



Key Dates - Autumn Term 2

- 03.11.25 Back to school
- 04.11.25 0900 PINS Coffee Morning
Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations
- 05.11.25 Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations
- 06.11.25 Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations
- 10.11.25 Anti-bullying Week
Odd Socks Day
- 12.11.25 Positive Noticing Day
0900 Family Worker Drop-in
- 13.11.25 1430 FOSDA Coffee and Cake - Open to all parents and carers who would like to find out more
- 14.11.25 Pudsey Day
- 17.11.25 0930 - 1100 Open Morning
1445 Coffee and Cake - ASD Team
- 18.11.25 0900 Reception Parent/Carer Workshop - RWI
1500 Y1 Parent/Carer Workshop - 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
1330 Finish

Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings – Appointments Via Video Call

During week beginning 3rd November, we will be holding Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings. These will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's achievements, what their learning targets are and how you can support these at home.

These will be via a 10-minute video call and the booking system this will be live from the end of today.

For children who access time in The Nest, please book with the class teacher and Miss Yorke or Mrs Loveridge will join the appointment.

The screenshot shows the registration form for the Parents' Evening System. It includes fields for 'Your Details' (Title, First Name, Surname, Email, Confirm Email) and 'Student's Details' (First Name, Surname, Date of Birth). A 'Log In' button is at the bottom.

To access the booking process, go to the website: <https://stdennis.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. There is also a link to this on our website. You will then be asked some simple registration details. Simply enter your name, email (this is important for confirmations) and some details about your child.

The screenshot shows the 'Video Tutor Evening' booking page. It features a green header and text explaining the opportunity to book a 5-minute appointment. A date selector shows 'Thursday, 22nd October' with a right arrow. A link for 'I'm unable to attend' is at the bottom.

Confirm the day you would like and then choose your child's teacher.

The screenshot shows the 'Choose Teachers' screen. It includes a warning: 'If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please uncheck them before you continue.' A list shows 'Miss Sophie Niles' with a checked box. A 'Continue to Book Appointment' button is at the bottom.

Now simply find a suitable slot and click **book**. A confirmation box will appear.

The screenshot shows a grid of appointment slots for 'Miss Sophie Niles, Class 75NI'. The slots are 16:00, 16:05, 16:10, 16:15, and 16:20, each with a green '+' button.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Appointment' confirmation screen. It asks to confirm the appointment with 'Miss Sophie Niles at 16:00' and provides a text area to 'Add a message for Miss Sophie Niles'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom.

When you have finished making your appointment, click the link at the top of the page.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office office@stdennis.tpacademytrust.org who will be happy to help.

Attendance

Today, we held our very first Attendance Assembly at St Dennis Primary Academy, and what a fantastic celebration it was!

We were thrilled to introduce Denys the Bear, our brand-new attendance mascot! Denys arrived at St Dennis Primary Academy with a very special story, which Mrs Nash shared with the children during the assembly. He's here to help us all remember how important it is to come to school every day.

Each week, Denys will be spending time in the classroom with the highest attendance.

Congratulations to **Year 2** who were the class with the best attendance this half term. As a reward, they are going to be treated to a visit to the park.

Congratulations also go to all the children who achieved 100% attendance this half term – you are amazing!



Curriculum Topics



Nursery
Who keeps us safe?



Reception
What is a hero?



Year 1
How have toys changed through time?



Year 2
Who were the great monarchs?



Year 3
How did the Romans change Britain?



Year 4
Where does my food go?



Year 5
What is life like in different climate zones?

Year 6
How was the Battle of Britain a turning point in WWII?

Our 'Big Questions' after half term!

Special Golden Time

We've had a brilliant end to the half term, celebrating all the amazing effort our children have shown over the past few weeks.

To mark the occasion, we held a special Golden Time for all the children who moved up their Recognition Boards in class – a fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work, positive attitudes and brilliant behaviour.

What better way to celebrate than with a bouncy castle!

A huge thank you to FOSDA for generously funding this special treat. Their support helps us create magical moments and lasting memories for our children.

Watch this space! We've got even more exciting plans in store for the Golden Time on the last day of next half term – and we can't wait to share what's coming next!



Personal Development Newsletter

PSHE - "Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable." - Unknown

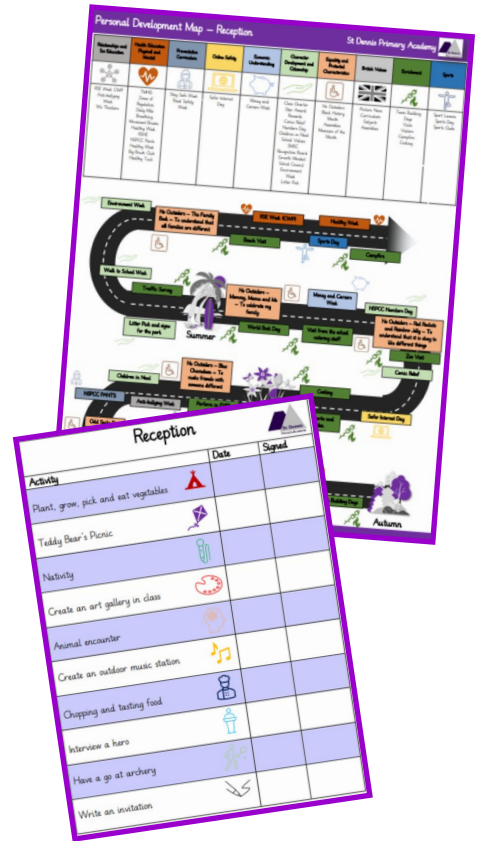
Welcome to the first Personal Development Newsletter

What an exciting first half term! Since September, children have been part of team building days, completed their first sets of PSHE lessons, been involved in Black History Month learning and some classes even took part in NSPCC Speak Out stay Safe workshops.

What is Personal Development?

Each class has their unique Personal Development mapped out for the year. This ensures children are exposed to a range of experiences and lessons that help prepare them for life in the wider world. Activities cover a wide variety of topics including fundraising, volunteering, exploring how to manage money, caring about the environment and learning how to keep themselves and others safe.

Each class also has an enrichment passport which they complete throughout the year. It's so exciting to see the children challenge themselves and experience something new! Both the personal development roadmaps and enrichment passports can be found on our website on your child's class page.



NSPCC PANTS

Children across the school learn the NSPCC PANTS rule. This is a fun way to learn about appropriate touch, respecting the privacy of others and how to seek help if they feel uncomfortable.



HELP!

We would love some family members to come into school to talk about their careers for an Aspiration Day. Do you have an exciting job that our children would love to hear about? Please get in touch with Miss Stokes if you would like to visit us.

Miss Stokes is the PSHE Lead and is always happy to answer any questions about what your child is learning. All curriculum information is available on the school website here: [PSHE and RSHE | St Dennis Primary Academy](#)

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!



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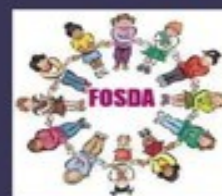
St Dennis WMC

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 4PM - 6PM

UNDER 12'S ONLY ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

ENTRY £2 PER CHILD

Event hosted by FOSDA - all proceeds go to
St Dennis Primary Academy



St Dennis Primary Academy School Calendar 2025/26

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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School holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Bank Holidays highlighted in pink

INSET Days highlighted in yellow

School Holidays highlighted in grey

Autumn Term

1st September – 19th Dec 2025
(Half Term 20th – 31st Oct)

Spring Term

5th January – 2nd April 2026
(Half Term 16th – 20th Feb 2026)

Summer Term

20th April – 24th July 2026
(Half Term 25th – 29th May 2026)

St Dennis Primary Academy INSET Days (highlighted in **Yellow**) school closed:

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Monday 20th – Friday 24th October 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 26th January 2026



HALLOWEEN PARTY

2PM-4PM

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

@ THE PITCH AFC, ST DENNIS

FEATURING MARK'S
 ARCS ANIMALS
 ARTS & CRAFTS AND GAMES
 FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
 DECORATED PUMPKIN
 COMPETITION WITH CASH PRIZE

RAFFLE AND MORE
 ALL MONEY
 RAISED WILL GO
 TO ST DENNIS
 FIREWORK FUND

Tickets will be £5 prebooked and £7 on the door. WhatsApp Claire on 07710489551 to book your ticket!

ST DENNIS COMMUNITY FIREWORKS

7TH NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN 6PM

£1 PER PERSON ON GATE

INDOOR & OUTDOOR BARS

FOOD STALLS

INFLATABLES & MORE

LIMITED ON SITE PARKING

📍 THE PITCH SPORTS BAR, ST DENNIS, PL268DT