

## Newsletter

Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts

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Dear parents and carers,

What another great week it's been! From exploring the Creation Story, building bird boxes with a real-life builder, to composing music using rhythm grids, children have been busy creating, thinking and doing! Children performed "Livin' on a Prayer" with James accompanying them on his electric guitar. They also took part in NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe workshops, explored screen time with Natterhub and enjoyed their Forest School sessions.

On Friday next week, we have a really exciting day planned! We are starting the day with a special assembly where attendance certificates will be awarded and we will find out which class will win our new mascot for having the best attendance for this half term. To top it off, we have a bouncy castle for this half term's special Golden Time!

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cathy Brokenshire (Headteacher)

### St Dennis Stars



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



- Nursery    Maisy                      Year 3            Archie
- Reception    Esther                      Year 4            Rosie and Bleddyn
- Year 1        Jacob B                      Year 5            Kendall
- Year 2        Myla                          Year 6            Evie



### We are looking forward to...

Week beginning: Monday 10th October

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|-----------|--|
| Nursery   | We are looking forward to learning how to make fruit faces.  |
| Reception | As learners, we are looking forward to sharing our amazing learning this half term with our grown-ups. |
| Year 1    | As designers, we are looking forward to designing and making a windmill!                               |
| Year 2    | As chefs, we are looking forward to making healthy wraps.  |
| Year 3    | As technicians, we are looking forward to using branching databases.                                   |
| Year 4    | We are looking forward to welcoming our parents and carers to our Fabulous Finish.                     |
| Year 5    | We are looking forward to showcasing our work to our parents and carers at our Fabulous Finish.        |
| Year 6    | As designers, we are looking forward to designing and making our own steady hand games.                |
| The Nest  | We are looking forward to our Fabulous Finish next week.   |




The deadline for applications is 15 January 2026

## 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**  
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## Attendance

Attendance for this year is now **95.3%**  
This week, the class with the winning attendance is **Reception**



|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Reception | 96.5% |
| Year 1    | 93.6% |
| Year 2    | 96.1% |
| Year 3    | 95.4% |
| Year 4    | 95.6% |
| Year 5    | 94.1% |
| Year 6    | 96.3% |

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 Piran, Ellis, George, Brody, Walter, Alba and Arthur 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

Aerin, Ronnie and Olivia received Lunchtime Awards this week for being polite, using good manners and showing responsibility.



## Key Dates - Autumn Term 1

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|----------|---|
| 13.10.25 | 0900 Year 5 Fabulous Finish<br>1500 Year 2 Fabulous Finish                              |
| 14.10.25 | 0900 Year 4 Fabulous Finish<br>1500 The Nest Fabulous Finish                            |
| 15.10.25 | 0900 Year 6 Fabulous Finish<br>1500 Year 1 Fabulous Finish                              |
| 16.10.25 | 0900 Year 3 Fabulous Finish<br>1500 Reception Fabulous Finish<br>Nasal Flu Vaccinations |
| 17.10.25 | Special Golden Time   |

## Book Safeguarding Issue

We want to make you aware of an important safeguarding issue concerning a children's book series that may be present in your home or your child's reading collection.

Cornwall Library Service have shared with us that several titles in the Spy Dog/ Spy Pups, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a website link ([www.spydog451.co.uk](http://www.spydog451.co.uk)) printed on the back or inside back cover. This link, which originally directed readers to additional content about the book characters, has unfortunately been compromised and now leads to a website containing highly inappropriate and pornographic material. Critically, this site has no age verification in place.

The publisher, Puffin Books, has confirmed that the domain was recently acquired by an unknown third party and is working with retailers and schools to remove affected books from circulation.

As a precaution, we strongly advise all families to:

- Check if any of these books are in your home.
- Remove them from children's access immediately.
- Avoid visiting the website listed in the books and within this post.

We understand this may be concerning, and we are taking steps within school to ensure these books are no longer accessible to pupils.

If you have any questions or need further guidance, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Brokenshire or Mrs Nash.

“Computers are going to be a big part of our future... and that future is yours to shape” - Barack Obama

Computing Lead — Mrs Sarah Parekh

The computing curriculum at St Dennis has undergone a transformation as we waved goodbye to Purple Mash. We are now embedding the use of ‘real life’ tech tools and skills, equipping children with the skills they will need for secondary school and the world of work.

You can look in detail at our new computing curriculum and the work we are doing here:

[Computing | St Dennis Primary Academy](#)



In the summer term, Year 2 completed a brilliant unit using ‘Chrome Music Lab’. This eBook shows what an amazing job they did at learning how to use a new program. It was great to hear about how many children were using it at home too.

[Book Creator | Year 2 Making Music - Digital Floor Book](#)

## How music makes us feel

- I can identify simple differences in pieces of music
- I can describe music using adjectives
- I can say what I do and don't like about a piece of music



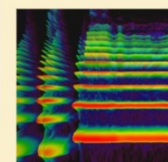
*We listened to some of 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst. We thought about how the music made us feel and discussed what we thought about the different pieces.*



## Learning to use Chrome Music Lab



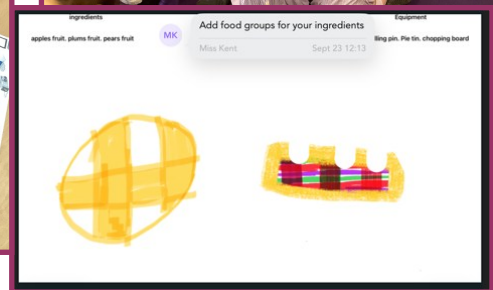
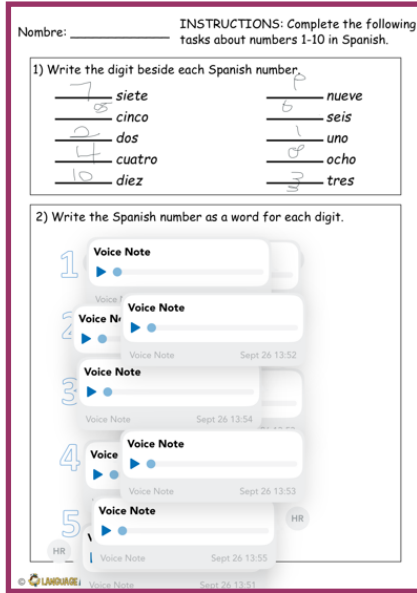
Today we learned how to open the program and find the part that we needed to use. We focused on using ‘Spectrogram’. We explored the different sounds and the patterns they made. We used the drum to try and create some of the rhythms we have learned in music.



We feel very lucky to be part of the **TPAT Advantage Project**, so all our KS2 pupils to have access to an iPad to support their learning.

This is enabling pupils to complete quizzes online, record their learning in digital form, access teaching resources to help remember what they have learned. And respond to feedback We look forward to seeing how this progresses over the next year.

You can find out more here: [Truro and Penwith Academy Trust - Article on TPAT Advantage Programme!](#)



We recognise that the way the world is moving means technology will continue to play an important part in education and the world of work. With that in mind, we know that understanding how to use technology safely is essential for our pupils. We now use an online safety curriculum from 'Natterhub'.

All pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 engage with short sessions that help them understand current issues with technology, such as use of AI and screen time. They listen to stories, take part in polls and quizzes and reflect on their own use of technology.



If you want to know more about how to keep your children safe online, there are some great online resources available.

[Raising digitally smart families - Sustainability - I EGO.com](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

CORNWALL  
CRICKET BOARD

FREE  
*Girls*

DYNAMOS  
Softball  
Cricket

With Roche Cricket club

Fun Skills, drills and game based  
activity

For ages 8 to 11  
at Roche Victory Hall

From 6pm to 7.30pm

20th Oct  
27th Oct  
3rd Nov  
17th Nov  
24th Nov



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October  
Half Term  
Saracens Basketball

Get ready for an action-packed day of basketball fun this half-term!  
Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, our expert coaches will guide you  
through exciting skills sessions, awesome drills, and thrilling mini-games - all in a fun,  
supportive environment.  
Come along, make new friends, and take your game to the next level! Spaces are limited -  
book now to avoid missing out!



Year 5, 6 & 7  
Year 8 & 9



27th October  
27th October



10:00 - 12:00  
12:00 - 14:00



Brannel School Sports Hall  
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The Mental Health Support Team warmly  
invite you to attend...

## Wild Wellbeing

During October half term MHST, in collaboration with  
Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National  
Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Halloween Wild  
Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help  
understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.  
Please book EACH child on to a session

Sessions available at:

Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October

Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October

Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October

Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October

\*Free parking at all sites

Activities will last approx. 2 hours

Please feel free to drop in from 10am, activities end at 1pm

To request a place, complete the online  
form or scan the QR code provided:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv>



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[Cornwall Mental Health Support  
Team \(MHST\)](https://www.facebook.com/CornwallMentalHealthSupportTeam)



Together  
for Families

The  
deadline for  
applications is  
31 October  
2025

## Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place  
in year seven at a  
secondary school



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