





#### Friday 12th July 2024

## Pennoweth News

The weeks continue to fly by here at Pennoweth and the end of term is beginning to dawn on another super academic year. This week, much like the others has been action packed with visits from Redruth Library to launch the annual Summer Reading Challenge. Both Keystage One and Keystage Two were introduced to the Challenge by a kind volunteer from Redruth Library who outlined the challenge and what our keen readers needed to do to take part.

As you will be aware from previous newsletters, we had booked class photographs to be taken in March. Unfortunately this date was cancelled. It has proven tricky for us to reschedule this, however, we have managed to secure class photographs for year R and year 6. These will be taken on Monday 15th July. We have scheduled class photographs for all classes next year as usual.

Many apologies that for any upset that this has Caused, unfortunately the Cancellation in March was not something that we could control.

In other news, please keep an eye out on Twitter (X) in the coming week as we will be sharing further photos from the residentials from across the school. Please have a look on page three thus week to see some from Year 5. In addition, we will be sharing more photos of the camps in next weeks issue of the newsletter.

#### Nursery

This week in nursery the children have been noticing how much lettuce has grown in our garden. The children harvested the lettuce for our snack time and took lots to the school kitchen to be added to the salad bar for all the children in school to enjoy.

#### Reception

This week Reception have been reading the story The Singing Mermaid. They then enjoyed Creating their own mixed-up Creatures using switchzoo.com and writing about them. They also loved spending time in their new Classrooms during their transition days.

#### Keystage One

This week the Year 1 children enjoyed visiting Kresen Kernow where they had the opportunity to learn about historic archives and the differences between the seaside today and in the past. The children loved exploring the archive room and enjoyed having a go at making the bookcases move. The children were mesmerised by the largest book in their collection that weighed 20kg. The year 1 enjoyed meeting their new classes and teachers. They all settled in well and are looking forward to next year.

This week Year 2 enjoyed meeting their new Classes and teachers. They all settled in well and are looking forward to next year.

#### Keystage Two

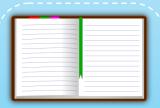
This week, Year Six have been perfecting and tweaking their end of year show in preparation for their performances. It contains a mixture of singing, learning and comedy which has been received incredibly well by the children's parents and wider family. We would like to thank Miss Crane and Miss Haley with their hard work over the last few weeks pulling the show together and making sure the children are prepared and Confident to perform. Well done Year 6!

School Lunches

Week beginning 15/07/24

(Week 2 Choices from the Summer Term Menu)

Chartwells meal menu is on the school website



**Dates for your diary** 

Start of Summer Half Term
Two

Tuesday 4th June 2024

End of Summer Half Term
Two

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Please view page two of the Newsletter for further term dates.

Our phase email addresses are:

eyfs@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Nursery and Reception)

KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 1 and 2)

 ${\bf lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk}~(for~Years~3~and~4)$ 

upperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 5 and 6)

### Key Upcoming Dates for your Diaries

#### Summer 2

#### Tuesday 16th July 2024

Year 6 Leavers Celebration @ 5:45pm

#### Wednesday 17th July

Nursery & Reception Sports Day (AM)

#### Thursday 18th July

Keystage One (Year 1 & 2) Sports Day (AM)

Keystage Two (Year 3—6) Sports Day (PM)

#### Thursday 18th July

Reception trip to the beach

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

#### Thursday 18th July

PTA End of Year Disco



## Pictures from Our Year 5 Camp



Next week we will be sharing more photos from across the school relating to the residentials that have taken place this year. Please make sure to keep a close eye on the Schools X account (Twitter) for more.









#### Attendance changes

New statutory guidelines for attendance have been issued by the DfE, to ensure a consistent approach across the country. As a result, we are updating our attendance policy and this will soon be available on our website. Meanwhile, I wanted to make you aware of the new law linked to penalty notices as soon as possible because it comes into effect on 19th August 2024. All Crofty schools have an aligned, trust wide approach to improving attendance with a commitment to working in partnership with families. Alongside this we have to fulfil our statutory obligations, including issuing penalty notices. We will notify you when our new attendance policy is on our website so that you can get a fuller picture of our approach.



#### Attendance changes

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July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

We wish to inform you of changes in the National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence. Following recent legal amendments, these new regulations will become effective on 19 August 2024 and will change how penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

#### What are the changes?

- There will now be a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within any rolling 10-school-week period when a penalty notice must be considered.
- Under the new rules, taking your child out of school for a one-week holiday (10 school sessions) will now mean that a penalty notice must be considered.
- The penalty fine has increased from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days. If not paid within 21 days, the fine
  will increase to £160 if settled within 28 days.
- If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent/s for the same child within a 3-year period, the fine
  will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
- For a third offence within a 3-year period, the local authority will explore other enforcement options. This could include prosecution.

Please see the FAQs below for more information about how the new rules may affect you.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring that children do not miss any valuable learning time.

For more information, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Cathryn Andrews Headteacher

#### Attendance changes

#### FAQs

If I received a penalty notice before the 19th August 2024, will it count if another notice is issued after September 2024?

No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

If I have already booked a term time holiday for next year, will I be fined at the new rate?

Yes, if the absence is not authorised by your child's Head Teacher. Only a Head Teacher can authorise an absence in exceptional circumstances.

#### Who can be issued with a penalty notice?

Each parent can receive a fine for each child with unauthorised school absences.

Legally, anyone living with the child and responsible for their day-to-day care is considered a parent, including step-parents and partners.

#### Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?

No, they apply to all unauthorised absences from school, not just holidays. This includes truancy, arriving late after the register has closed, and failing to provide a reason for absence.

#### How do I request leave for my child during term time?

Submit an Exceptional Circumstances / Absence Request form at least 4 weeks before the planned absence. The Headteacher, in partnership with the Safeguarding and Attendance leads will decide if the circumstances are exceptional enough to grant leave. Wait for confirmation from the school before assuming the leave is approved.

#### Do the 10 unauthorised sessions need to be consecutive to issue a penalty fine?

No, from the start of the new school year, the sessions can be any combination of absences over a 10week rolling period, consecutive or non-consecutive, and may span across two terms, including different academic years.

What if I don't pay the penalty fine? Unauthorised school absence is an offence under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The fine allows you to settle out of court. If unpaid, you can be prosecuted for failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

What should I do if I am concerned about my child's attendance? Contact the school for advice on how we can help you improve your child's attendance.

#### More information is available at:

DfE: Working together to improve school attendance

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working together to improve school attendance applies from 19 August 2024 .pdf



Everything we do in school is shaped by our Pennoweth DNA statements. Each week each phase team identifies one child who has done a fantastic job of demonstrating each strand of the DNA. Well done to all the children below.

We are safe.

We feel loved.

We take responsibility.

We are always learning.

We are ready.

Quality	Year R y1 and Y2	Year 344	Year 546	
Safe	Coby (Restormel)	Massen (Pendeen)	Piran (Geevor)	
	Minnie (Mevagissey)			
Loved	Theo (Restormel)	Skyla-Grace (Pendeen)	Archie (Levant)	
	Tyler (Tintagel)			
	Darcy H (Tintagel)			
	Holly (Porthcurno)			
Responsible	Prahaan (Gwithian)	Larkin (Godrevy)	Loki (Geevor)	
Learning	Oscar (Newlyn)	Blake (Godrevy)	Oskar (Poldark)	
Ready	Cassy (Gwithian)	Tiana (Lizard)	Nathan (Levant)	

#### Congratulations to our stars of the week from each class! Well done everyone!

Pendennis	Tintagel	
Daily Awards	Nyla	
Restormel	Porthcurno	
Дуla-Rae	Maria	
Gwithian	Newlyn	
Georgie	James	
Mevagissey	Pendeen	
Miley	Tom	
Godrevy	Lizard	
Noah	Daniel	
Levant	Geevor	
Reese	Year 6	
Poldark	<b>✓</b>	
Year 6		



Headteacher's



## Phonics Star of the Week

Awarded to

Lyle (Tintagel)

12/07/24

Date



C.Andrews

Signature





Headteacher's



## Phonics Star of the Week

Awarded to

Amirah (Gwithian)

JUST KEEP Reading 12/07/24

Date



C.Andrews

Signature



## Attendance

We aim for all our children to have at least 96% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for this week was

95.1%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	91.1%
Tintagel	97.0%
Restormel	86.1%
Porthcurno	91.2%
Gwithian	98.8%
Newlyn	97.8%
Mevagissey	95.2%
Pendeen	96.7%
Lizard	98.5%
Godrevy	96.1%
Levant	95.2%
Geevor	98.6%
Poldark	92.6%

Congratulations Gwithian class!

Unauthorised Exceptional Leave of Absence Information

The law requires parents to ensure their children receive an efficient full time education, and every minute of every day is important. Please help them not to miss any of the valuable time.

We hope that when you read the information outlined on our website, you will consider that your child's education is too important to take on

holidays during term time.

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken, this may incur a penalty

notice being issued under Section 444A and 444B of the education Act 1996. This Carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.

#### Unauthorised Late Information

If your child is arriving late—after the register has closed at 8:50am it will be coded as a  ${\cal O}$  which, is an unauthorised late mark. If your child accrues 10 unauthorised late marks within 100 sessions (10 weeks) you will be

committing an offence under the Education Act 1996.

The School may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you, issuing a penalty notice under section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.

Persistent absences/unauthorised lates, not authorised by the school, may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2500 and/or custodial sentences.



## Online Safety Update

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as 'sexting'. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Naturally, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

17:45

WARNING!

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### **EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

#### DAMAGE TO REPUTATION

#### **PRIVACY VIOLATIONS**

#### FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

#### LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

#### TRUST ISSUES

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION



#### PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital literacy is incredibly important for children and young people to understand how to protect their privacy online. Teach them about secure online practices, such as using strong passwords, enabling privacy settlings and recognising suspicious behaviour. This empowers them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.

#### **EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS**

#### PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES

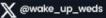


#### Meet Our Expert





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## Attendance Support

er and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate ind wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE Emotionally Based School Avoidance is a term used to refer to reduced attendance or non-attendance at school by a child or young person. It's often rooted in emotional, mental health or wellbeing issues. The rate of children who miss school more than 10% of the time in England has more than doubled since before the pandemic: rising from 10.9% in 2018-19, to 22.3% in 2022-23.

IMPACT OF SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

#### REASONS FOR ABSENCE

School avoidance is sometimes underpinned by several factors rather than one single cause. This could include something going on for the child or young person within the family or at school. A child may have carring responsibilities at home, for instance, or a change in family dynamics; bullying and friendship difficulties at school; pressure to achieve in schoolwork and events or maying from primary school to



#### PATTERNS OF ABSENCE

You may notice patterns in regular absences or children regularly expressing that they don't want to attend school (particularly being reluctant to leave home on school days), if a child or young person is neurodiverse, there is some evidence to suggest there are more aspects of school life which can cause distress—such as changes in the environment, changes of routine and sensory stimuli.

#### LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

#### COMPLAINTS ABOUT PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

There may be an increase in a child or young person's complaints about physical symptoms, particularly on school days or the evening before school. These could include complaining of a tummy ache, headache, or saying they feel ill when there doesn't appear to be a medical cause. Always check with the GP first to rule out medical causes or illness.

#### CYCLE OF ABSENCE

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### **WORK TOGETHER**

If there's a concern about a child's absence and emotional wellbeing, it's importanthat there is clear communication and a consistent approach between the child's parents and the school, so you can take a child-centred approach together towards a plan of support or reintegration. This ensures a consistency of approach from both home and school, creating better outcomes for the child.

#### MANAGING OVERWHELMING FEELINGS

While there may be times you feel frustrated or angry, try to stay calm; acknowleds the child's worries, listen and discuss a range of coping strategies together to help them face the discomfort and overwhelming feelings. These could include mindfulness, deep breathing or going for a walk and practice the strategies in less overwhelming situations first.

#### FOLLOW REGULAR ROUTINES

Children can benefit from a regular and consistent routine. This could be a morning routine, from waking up and having breakfast through to getting dressed, pocking their bag and leaving the house. A consistent evening routin which is calm and limited time on screens can also give children much needed predictability and familiarity. Schools can help create a timetabled routine for the child's school day, if required.

#### REDUCE STIMULATING ACTIVITIES AT HOME

If a child is avoiding school, reduce their access to more stimulating activities (such as watching television, playing games and spending time with friends) during school hours, where possible. This reduces the potential for the child having rewarding experiences at home, which could be interpreted as a positive aspect of avoiding school.

#### Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health

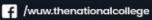




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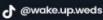
Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/school-avoidance







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#### A message for our Community—Announcements from the Government

The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3rd June 2024 either:

be entitled to Council Tax Support or

have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators.

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/

It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/

#### Why have we made this change?

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with Children of any age, rather than just school age Children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

Hi Young Carers,

Please see details of a Summer Activity for 9-17 year olds:

#### **ANIMATION WORKSHOP led by MOR Media**

Date: Thursday 22nd August

**Drop Off time:** 10am Pick up time: 4pm

Address of Activity: Tremough Innovation Centre, Penryn, Cornwall TR10 9TA

Nature of the activity: Come and join us for this creative workshop in partnership with MOR Media, taking place at the Falmouth Uni-

versity Tremough Campus in Penryn.

You will have the opportunity to create a Claymation character from plasticine and watch it come to life through animation. Your character will begin as a sketch on paper before you begin to transform them into 3D. You will have the opportunity to add sound effects, music, voice-overs, backdrops, etc. For those of you who own a phone, you will be able to animate using a stop motion studio

Requirements to attend: To be registered with Kernow Young Carers Service. You must be happy to work as part of a team and individually.

As Leaders of Barnardo's Kernow Young Carers Service activities it has been our experience that the children and young people have treated each other, staff and members of the public with the upmost dignity, kindness and respect whilst attending activities and residentials. As Leaders we have no reason to expect anything other than this behaviour and conduct from our young people. However, in the unlikely event that an incident, occurrence or disagreement is to happen, it will be dealt with by the most appropriate adult/s to secure a positive and restorative outcome is managed and facilitated for all who may be involved. In the unlikely event that a solution cannot be reached for all parties involved, parents/carers may be contacted and asked to collect their child.

Arrangements for food and drinks: Please bring a packed lunch and drinks with you.

Transport provided: Yes, but all Young Carers are encouraged to make their own way to and from the activity. Transport can be provided for those who do not have access to a vehicle. Transport is provided by a third party and is subject to availability and funding.

Please note that by completing this form you are registering your interest to book a space on this activity. Spaces will be allocated after registration closes. Registration closes Sunday 23rd June 2024

You will be notified if a space has been allocated to you by 12th July 2024.

We are expecting a high demand for this activity. Please be aware that there are limited spaces available.

Please use this link to register your interest in this activity: Animation Workshop August 2024

Best Wishes,

#### **Kernow Young Carers | Part of the Cornwall Carers Service**

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FRIENDS OF PENNOWETH

# Summer Discos THURSDAY 18TH JULY

RECEPTION & KS1 3.15-4.20

COLLECTION FROM THE KS1 CLASSROOMS TO THE RIGHT
OF RECEPTION

KS2 DROPOFF 4.20-5.30

DROP OFF TO MAIN RECEPTION

COLLECTION FROM THE KS1 CLASSROOMS TO THE RIGHT OF

RECEPTION

## £3 PER TICKET

DJ RONNIE WILL BE COMING TO PROVIDE MUSIC AND GAMES

PRICE ALSO INCLUDES A BAG OF SWEETS, PACKET OF CRISPS, DRINKS, TATTOOS AND GLITTER (PLEASE PLACE MONEY IN A NAMED ENVOLOPE)









# SUMMER WELLBEING Festivals

Our wellbeing festivals are happening

across Cornwall this summer.

Why not attend one close to you?

- Redruth Rugby Club and CN4C at The Elms Saturday 3 August
- Park House Centre, Bude Saturday 3 August
- 3 Humphry Davy School and Trelya, Penzance Friday 9 August.
- Poltair Park and CN4C at The One and All Bank, St Austell Saturday 17 August

- 5 Town Hall, Launceston Saturday 17 August
- 6 Hayle Recreation Ground Saturday 14 September
- Basset Centre, Camborne Saturday 14 September
- 8 Newquay Orchard Saturday 21 September

Enjoy free activities and try new things Find out about local wellbeing support

Health checks and advice from the NHS

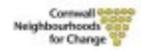
Fun for all ages!

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly



Healthy Cornwall





Scan to find out more and sign up to be kept informed on latest news and events happening near you!





## **Parenting Support Summer Open Sessions**

Join us for tea, coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to speak to our friendly parenting team, who can offer support, advice and information. It will also be a chance to meet and chat with other parents. All are welcome.

Venue	Date:	Time:	Session:	
Helston	Tue, 30 July	13:30-15:00	Craft, Chat and Chill: Managing Anxiety & Staying Calm	
Family Hub	Mon, 5 Aug	09.30-11.30	Wellbeing Walk	
	Wed, 7 Aug	09.30-11.30	Craft, Chat and Chill: Making Memories	
	Mon, 12 Aug	09.30-11:30	Wellbeing Walk	
	Tue, 13 Aug	13:30-15:00	Craft, Chat and Chill: Support with Routines and Boundaries	
Redruth	Tue, 6 Aug	12:30-14:30	Craft, Chat and Chill: Making Memories	
Family Hub	Tue, 20 Aug	09:30-11:30	Craft, Chat and Chill: Staying Safe Online	
Camborne	Wed, 14 Aug	14:00-15:30	Wellbeing Walk	
Family Hub				

Contact us Telephone: 01872 326756

Email: Kerrier.Familyhub@cornwall.gov.uk









Knights Arcade, Redruth, TR15 2BP (opposite the cinema)

tina@artroomredruth.co.uk artroomredruth.co.uk/kids

Online booking

CHILDREN & FAMILIES SUMMER SCHEDULE 2024

Wed 7th Aug 10.30 - 12pm Fabric Wrap Bangles



Fri 2nd Aug 10.30 - 12pm Silk Painting

Wed 14th Aug 10.30 - 12pm Comic book making



Fri 4th Aug 10.30 - 12pm Printmaking

Wed 21st Aug 10.30 - 12pm Free range art



Fri 16th Aug 10.30 - 12pm Rock Art

Wed 28th Aug 10.30 - 12.30pm Wire & Plaster Sculpture,



Fri 23rd Aug 10.30 - 12pm Marbling





Fri 30th Aug 10.30 -12pm Clay Play





## September 2024 places

Do you have a child born between 01-04-21 and 31-08-21?

If so, they will be eligible for 15hours free education here at Pennoweth Nursery.

To apply for a place in September please pick up a nursery admission form the school office.

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact Miss Booth on 01209 215671 or email pennowetheyfs@croftymat.org