





Friday 17th January 2025

ennoweth News

Hello and welcome back to another edition of the Pennoweth News

Once again the week has flown by here with a number of different experiences happening across the school. We have had visitors from the National Maritime Museum and even been finding treasure in and amongst blocks of ice!

In other news, next week we will be hosting our fourth POP event where we will be sharing our Total Communication approach with as many parents as possible. This will be an informal workshop where we invite parents to participate and ask questions around the developments of the school and in particular around 'Total Communication'. This is open for all parents and we look forward to sharing this with you all next week.

Finally, on Thursday, our Years 5 and 6 boys football team held a fixture against Weeth Primary. A side who has been renowned for having a super football team. In what was an edgy encounter, with plenty of action, our Pennoweth team came out on top in what seemed like an easy victory but it was truly hard fought. The boys secured a 4-1 result which was richly deserved. Well done to the team and a huge thank you to Mr Turner for facilitating the event for the children to take part in.

With our overall round up completed, lets have a look at what has been going on from around the school.

This week in Reception we have been designing our very own dinosaurs on the Interactive Whiteboard. We then wrote about our creations. In Maths we have been finding out about mass using a balancing scale and the Capacity of Containers using water.

Keystage One

We've had such a busy week in Year 1! Writing postCards in English, understanding and using the number line to 20 in Maths. We've used glockenspiels in Music, exploring samba music and practiced nursery rhymes too. Our highlight this week has been taking part in a Samba Dance workshop - a massive thank you to Miss Haley for running this for us! What was your favourite move in the ses-

Year 2 have had an investigatory style week this week, researching blue whales for our information text and how to melt ice to retrieve treasure as part of our 'Love to investigate'! We have completed our maths unit on money and are looking forward to delving into multiplication and division next week.

Keystage Two

This week, Lower Keystage Two have embraced their new art-based project, Blue Abyss! On Wednesday, they had a WOW day where Children observed and sketched some sea Creatures (with real life samples in the Classroom!), adding detail to highlight the external features of the Creatures, such as scales and eyes. Pupils also learned about the sculptor, Antony Gormley, who focuses on the human form and has many installations in outside spaces, before having a go at drawing the human figure themselves. Next, Children Carefully looked at the patterns of different samples of shells before sketching them. After, they learned about artists, such as Georgia O'Keefe, who focus on small parts of an object and draw them on a much larger scale. Children then had a go at this abstract technique in their sketchbooks. Finally, children learned about the five layers of the ocean - Can they name them?

The s	g zone
The $tw_{_}$	ght zone
The mid	zone
The a $_$	у s
The tr	nch

Once they had drawn and labelled a cross-sectional diagram to show the five different layers of the ocean, pupils worked in small groups to make a 3D model to show each ocean layer, its physical features and the living things that inhabit each zone. Can they remember some of the weird and wonderful Creatures that live in each layer of the ocean?

We discovered that we have many talented artists in the phase, here are some of their masterpieces...

Our phase email addresses are:

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

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

lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 3 and 4)

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

23rd July 2025

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

Dates for your diary

Start of Spring term (1)

Tuesday 7th January 2025

End of Spring Term (1)

Friday 14th February 2025

Half term

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

Start of Spring Term (2)

25th February 2025

End of Spring Term (2)

Friday 4th April 2025

Yearly Inset Days

24th February 2025

22nd April 2025

27th June 2025

School Lunches

Week beginning 27/01/25

(Week 1 Choices from the Autumn/

Winter Term Menu)

Chartwells meal menu is on the

school website

Spring 1

Monday 27th January

Imagine project visiting Year 5

28th—29th January

Year 5 & 6 Classes to Tate Gallery St Ives

Wednesday 29th January

Police visiting Year 1 for a workshop

Thursday 30th January

POP event #4—Total Communication & my child

Thursday 13th February

Love Yourself Day—Non-School uniform day
Valentine's disco

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February

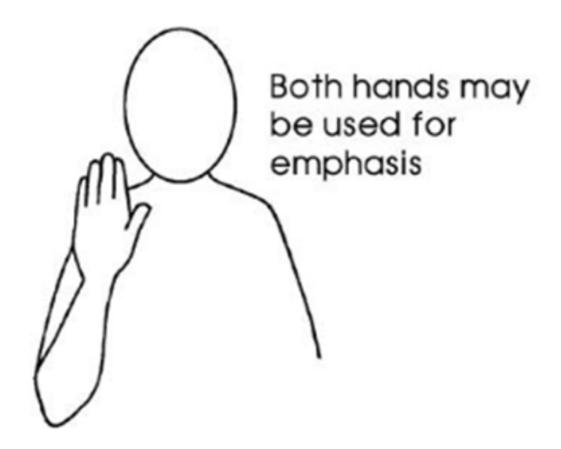
Half term

Saturday 1st March

St Piran's Day



Makaton Sign of the Week



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Friends of Pennoweth

Happy New Year to our amazing community!

We're grateful for all the support for our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) last term, from making-up and purchasing goodies from our stalls, participating in events, and helping out with our fundraising and social events. We raised funds with a successful wreath workshop and other fun activities.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who attended our first online meeting in November and the in-person drop-ins. Your support keeps our group thriving.

Find out how you can help us to continue!

This term we are holding an online drop-in and in person drop-in's where you can find out what we have planned and how you can be involved.

Pop in for a chat and cuppa on Thursday 23rd January 8.50-9.20am & 2.40-3pm members of the PTA will be available

We will be holding another online meeting on Wednesday 29th January at 7.00-7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you cannot attend one of these meetings but would like to find out more, you can email us at pennoweth_pta@yahoo.co.uk or drop one of our members a message.

Join Our Meeting Wednesday 29th January 7-7.30pm



https://bit.ly/426mGoV

Link and instructions will also be sent out via marvellous me and facebook the week of.

Events we are running and may need help with

Love yourself day & Half Term Disco 13th February
Wonka Competition & World Book Day Friday 7th March
Mother's Day sales – W/C 24th March



Being part of Friends of Pennoweth is about getting involved, supporting the school, the children and helping to fundraise. It can take as little time or much time you can spare - even an hour once a year can make a difference.

Important Updates regarding Attendance

There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.

	7 days				
190	absence	_			
school days in each year	183 days in	10 days absence			
190 days for your child's education	school	180 days in school	19 days absence 171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	days in school	
100%	96%	95%	90%	85%	75%
Good		Some Concern	Worrying	Serious Concern	
-Best chance of su -Gets your child of start -Helps their confid	if to a flying dence, social ell as their ac- idered	-Harder for your child to make progress -School starts tracking	sistent absentee' - Education Welfare	-Having a significant your child's education being -Legal Action may be	on and well-



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.

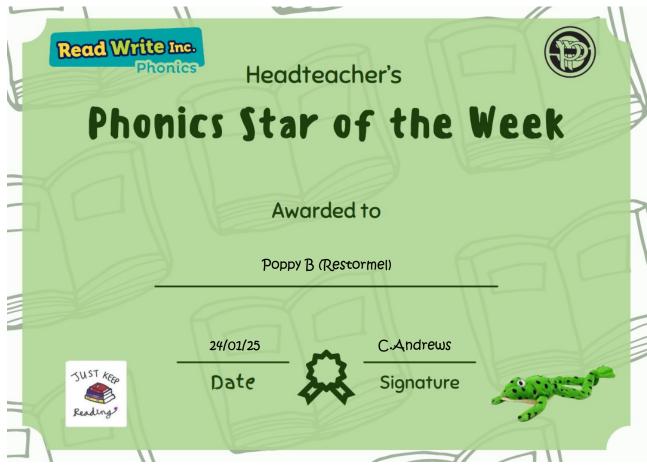
We are safe.
We feel loved.

We take responsibility.
We are always learning.
We are ready.

Quality	Year R y1 and Y2	Year 344	Year 546
Safe	Lamourah (Tintagel)	Lucy (Pendeen)	Zach (Poldark)
,	Rowan (Restormel)		
	Isabelle (Newlyn)		
Loved	Amirah (Mevagissey)	Lily D (Pendeen)	Gabriele (Geevor)
Responsible	Kaja (Tintagel)	Shiv (Godrevy)	Cody (Levant)
	Esme (Restormel)		
	Toby (Porthcurno)		
Learning	Darcy H (Porthcurno)	TJ (Godrevy)	Tom (Levant)
Ready	Xander (Gwithian)	Enid (Lizard)	Kingsley (Geevor)

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

Pendennis	Tintagel
Daily Awards	Lucas
Restormel	Porthcurno
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Gwithian	Newlyn
Reuben	Maria
Mevagissey	Pendeen
Vihan	Lola
Godrevy	Lizard
Maisie	Matthew
Levant	Geevor
Harrison	A ela
Poldark	
Caitlyn	





Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was

94.59%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	95.27%
Tintagel	88.08%
Restormel	94.78%
Porthcurno	94%
Gwithian	96.4%
Newlyn	94.42%
Mevagissey	95.19%
Pendeen	96%
Lizard	97.93%
Godrevy	93.44%
Levant	97.41%
Geevor	91.28%
Poldark	94.83%

Congratulations Gwithian, Pendeen, Lizard & Levant 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

THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app - a highly popular social networking platform designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

CYBERBULLYING

SCREENTIME



Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION



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source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justals-kids









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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.

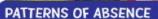
What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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



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.

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.

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

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.

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.

MANAGING OVERWHELMING FEELINGS

While there may be times you feel frustrated or angry, try to stay calm; acknowled; 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.

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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SPACE Supporting parents and children emotionally

SPACE is a new **free** programme for **any parent or carer** who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

This face-to-face programme will cover:

- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress

- Managing different emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in ourselves and our children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing your ability to provide nurturing care

The sessions will be run by Learning mentor, Miss Morsley at Pennoweth Primary School.

Where: Pennoweth Primary School When: Friday mornings 9-11am Dates: 17/01/25, 24/01/25, 31/01/25,

07/02/25, 14/02/25



To register your interest or find out more, please email

rebecca.morsley@croftymat.org













This workshop is open to parents/carers of

primary aged children enrolled in Reception

to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall



to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall



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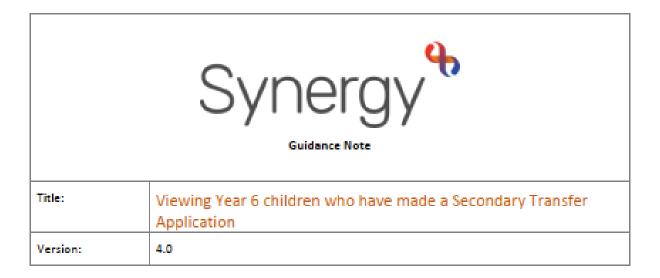








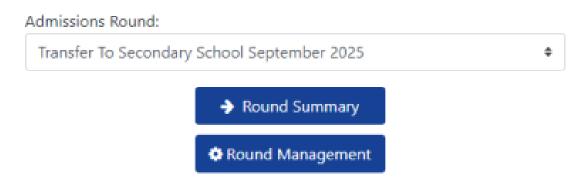




This is a brief guide on how to check daily for year 6 children registered at your school who have made a secondary school transfer application, so that any chasing can be done for non-applicants.

Viewing Year 6 Children who have made a Secondary Transfer Application:

In Synergy SAM - you will need to go to:



Then please click on the Round Summary button.





The deadline for applications is 31 October 2024

Transfer to secondary school

September 2025

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101







The deadline for applications is 15 January 2025

Starting school

September 2025

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021



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.

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for Families

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 preschool 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.







Applying for a reception class place for September 2025

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form.

Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about how you will get your child to school. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your nearest or designated school as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2025

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on National Offer Day: 16 April 2025. Apply on time! Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.