





#### Friday 14th February 2025

# Pennoweth News

Hello and welcome back to the final edition of this half terms Pennoweth News!

We would like to start this week's newsletter with a thank you and good bye to Mrs Groucott. Today will be her last day with us and We know you will join us in wishing her all the very best and thanking her for her contributions to Pennoweth.

This week has been action packed with a number of different events taking place both in school and after school with sports events, discos, tree planting and art exhibitions taking place. Pictures can be found from some of these events on the following page. Please make sure to flick across to this page to see some of the ongoings this week.

As we look forwards to the half term break next week, we would like to remind our parents that we have an <u>Inset</u> day planned for Monday 24th February. The school will be closed to pupils. Therefore, we will be welcoming our pupils back on Tuesday 25th February.

#### Nursery

This week in Nursery has been full of creativity, confidence, and teamwork! On Thursday, we celebrated Love Yourself Day, where the children embraced what makes them special. They wore clothes that made them happy, brought in treasured items to share with friends, and created heart-shaped crafts, writing what they love about themselves. To keep our bodies happy and healthy, we made delicious fruit-face snacks. It was a wonderful day celebrating our uniqueness!

On Friday, we wrapped up our topic about building with an exciting Den-Making Challenge! Working in teams, the children planned and built strong structures to hide from the dancing dragon, using skills they've learned throughout the topic. Each den was unique, with creative features like peep-through windows and glowing lights to keep the dragon away. It was a fantastic way to end our learning journey.

#### Reception

This week we had a very exciting visit from Nathan at Kernow Reptiles. Nathan brought in several snakes so the children could see first-hand the reptiles they had been learning about. We loved meeting Balloo and Albie the Royal Pythons, Maverick the Boa Constrictor and a corn snake. We got to get up close with the snakes and find out all about them. Thanks again Nathan.

#### Keystage One

Wow! What a week we've had in Year 1. We've been writing nursery rhymes in English, consolidating our learning on addition and subtraction within 20 in Maths, explored grouping and sorting animals in Science and created Big Cat' collages in Art. However, our highlight of the week was a visit from Jack from the Screech Owl Sanctuary. We were very fortunate to meet 3 owls, 2 ferrets and a polecat. Can you remember the name of one of the owls and their special ways of camouflaging from their prey and their predators?

This week we have learnt all about the life of Henri Matisse and even created some art in the style of his famous 'cut outs'. The children have also explored marbling techniques and bubble painting to create some very eye-catching pieces of work. In science, we have investigated what happens to different substances when they are heated and talked about irreversible and reversible changes.

#### Keystage Two

It has been another busy week in LK\$2! From finishing our class text - Leonora Bolt: Deep \$ea Calamity by Lucy Brandt in our daily reading sessions, to pupils writing their own dilemma narrative based on a sea Creature in the ocean, to interpreting and constructing food chains as scientists. Finally, as artists, children looked at a range of seascape paintings, before choosing one to write a review about, considering: the materials used, the mood, movement 4 depth of the piece and then giving their opinion about what they liked about the piece of artwork. In small tribal groups, pupils then created a seascape of their own on a larger scale, applying some of the techniques they observed in the examples of artworks that they looked at.

School Lunches

Week beginning 10/02/25

(Week 3 Choices from the Autumn/ Winter Term Menu)

Chartwells meal menu is on the school website



#### **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

23rd July 2025

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)

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

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

# Learning from Reception



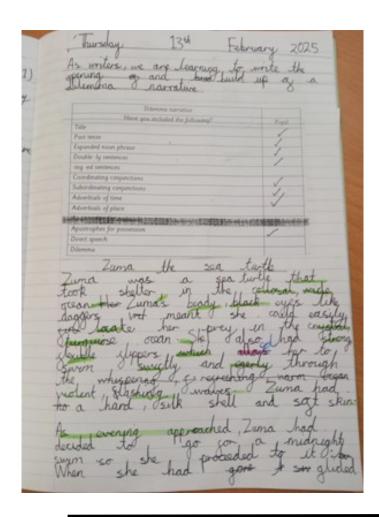




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# Year 1's Owl Sanctuary visit with furry friends.









#### Reception's Art Club

The children have been having a great time participating with the various activities they have done this term.

Week 1- We made jellyfish using a paper cups and a variety of resources, each one was very individual.

Harriet said "it was fun"

Week 2- An exciting and surprising activity this week painting large blocks of ice with watercolours before printing with the ice so they could take home an unusual piece of artwork.

Harper said "I was putting loads of colours on it, it was cold!"

Week 3- We had lots of fun dipping sticks of celery into paint to make pretty flowers for our decorated pots.

Poppy said "Using salad we dipped it into paint to make flowers and then we stuck leaves on and then we put glitter on."

Week 4-Who knew egg boxes could make such cute pirate ships?

Elise said "making a boat, we needed a egg box, some paper and a straw"

Week 5- With spring approaching and hopefully some sunshine, weve made some delightful sun catchers to add some cheer to our windows at home.

We are all very excited about 5 more weeks yet to come of fun Craft activities after the half term break. Lots of questions have been asked about what we will be making next!











#### Be the Change Club

This week, Be The Change club visited East End Park where they joined staff from Resilient Orchards and Redruth Town Council in planting 6 new trees (apple, pear and plum). The children showed commendable enthusiasm and resilience as they worked together during every stage of the planting and were delighted when given the opportunity to name their trees. As a school, we will be invested in the growth of these saplings and are looking forward to seeing them flourish.









# Spring 2

### Monday 24th February 2025

Inset day—School closed to children

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Pupils back in School

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Y5 visit to Tolvaddon Fire Station

Thursday 6th March 2025

Big brush club in to see EYFS

Friday 7th March 2025

World Book Day Celebrations

Wonka Competition (PTA)

Tuesday 25th March 2025—Friday 28th March 2025

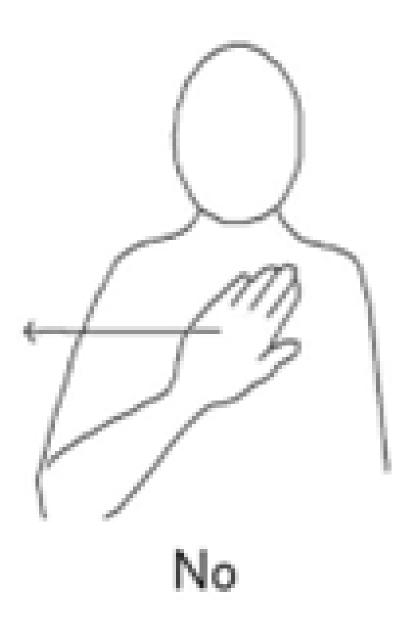
PTA Mothers Gift Shop



# Makaton Sign of the Week



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# Half term Discos

# **THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

# WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE DAY!

**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

we will have our own PTA dj providing music and games

price also Includes a bag of sweets, packet of crisps, drinks, tattoos and glitter (please place money in a named envolope)



CAN YOU BE A VOLUNTEER AND HELP KEEP THESE EVENTS RUNNING?

# Important Updates regarding Attendance

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

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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%
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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.

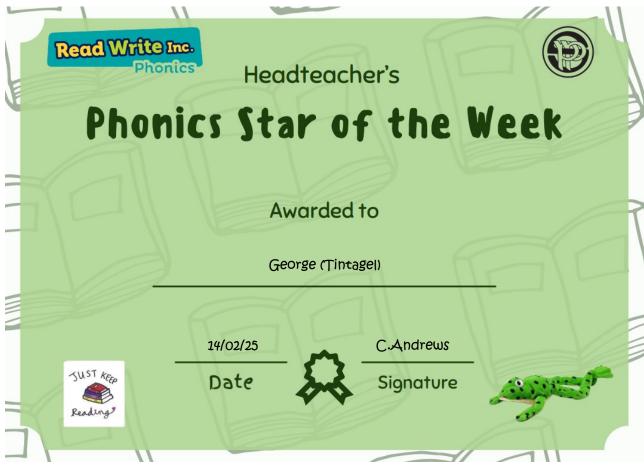
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We feel loved.

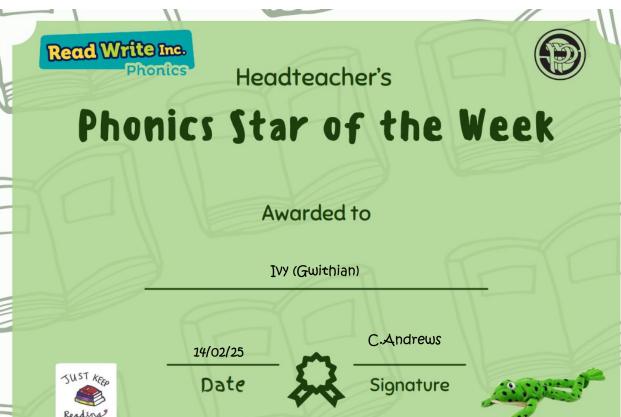
We take responsibility.
We are always learning.
We are ready.

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Loved	Holly (Newlyn)	Maisie (Pendeen)	Layla (Levant)
Responsible	Elise (Tintagel) Caya (Mevagissey)	Charlie (Godrevy)	Daniel (Levant)
Learning	Evelyn (Mevagissey)	Henry (Godrevy)	Tegen (Geevor)
Ready	Harper (Tintagek) Luca (Restormel) Raife (Porthcurno)	Michelle (Lizard)	Harry (Poldark)

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

Pendennis	Tintagel
Daily Awards	Рорру
Restormel	Porthcurno
Şuleiman	Harper
Gwithian	Newlyn
Gracie	Isabelle
Mevagissey	Pendeen
Mia D	\$kyla-Grace
Godrevy	Lizard
Mia	Marshall
Levant	Geevor
Larkin	Kingsley
Poldark	
Isabella	





### Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was

91.84%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	90.4%
Tintagel	97.31%
Restormel	85.65%
Porthcurno	87.39%
Gwithian	95.2%
Newlyn	92.08%
Mevagissey	92.96%
Pendeen	89.66%
Lizard	89.66%
Godrevy	95.79%
Levant	89.25%
Geevor	90%
Poldark	96.56%
Congratulations Tintagel & Poldar	k 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

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and 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 national college.com.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over

#### "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

### SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such ploys often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

#### YOU'RE A WINNER!

#### FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

#### PANIC MODE

#### **FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS**

# Advice for Parents & Educators

#### STAY INFORMED

#### **ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM**

#### TALK TOGETHER

#### **BE PROACTIVE**

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fake-news-and-scams







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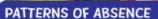
# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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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We have a limited number of morning sessions available for children born between 01-01-22 and 31-03-22.

For an admission application form please call in to the school office.

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



Resilient Orchards Cornwall CIC

# HALF TERM TREE PLANTING

# Wed 19th Feb, 1-3pm

### **East End Park, REDRUTH**

Please join us to plant a **new community orchard** including
plums, pears, apples and quince
trees, with Resilient Orchards
Cornwall & Redruth Town Council.

This event is part of the **Redruth**Orchard Project and we are also seeking local people who want to help care for these trees over the next few years.





For more info:
resilientorchardscornwall@gmail.com
Resilient Orchards Cornwall









www.resilientorchards.org.uk



Help create a
NEW community
orchard!

East End Park, Redruth

Wed 19th Feb 1-3pm

We will be planting a new Community Orchard at East End Park including apple trees, pears trees, a quince, and plums. Drop in. Please join Resilient Orchards Cornwall and Redruth Town Council facilities team. Part of the Redruth Orchard Project.











www.resilientorchards.org.uk





# 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











# Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Morning

#### You are invited to our Kerrier Coffee Morning

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 9.30am until 11.30am at Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, Redruth, TR15 1NA Family Workers and Youth Workers available for advice and guidance along with Guest Speakers.

The Literacy Trust- for families to be supported with reading locally.

Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change- support and advice on achieving your education, employment or personal development goals.

SEND Navigators – for advice on how to find SEN support in Cornwall Healthy Cornwall -for all your general health advice

Smarter Smiles - advice about your families' dental health

Community Energy Plus- helping households to enjoy more energy efficient homes. Come along and see if you are entitled to some support.

Southwest Water -for tips on how to save water.

SENDIASS – Support and advice for parents who have a child with an additional need ALL WELCOME

Coffee, Tea and Cake provided.

# For any further information please contact:

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000





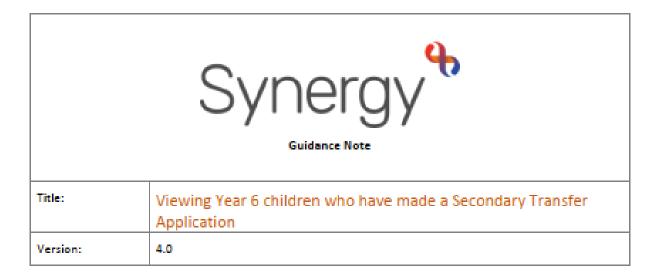








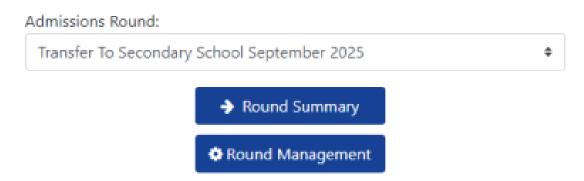




This is a brief guide on how to check daily for year 6 children registered at your school who have made a secondary school transfer application, so that any chasing can be done for non-applicants.

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 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.

### 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



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Together ♥
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

# 1 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.