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Friday 20th June 2025

Pennoweth News

Hello and welcome back to another edition of the Pennoweth News.

Once again, we have been busy this week with residential taking place, our Year 6 production beginning to get into full swing and Science workshops taking place at Redruth School.

With all this excitement, it is clear that it has brought some beautiful weather with it. With this in mind, we would like to remind and encourage all of our children to bring in sun hats, sun cream (if children are able to apply this themselves) and water bottles to ensure that we are staying safe in the sun with the ever improving weather. This enables us to support the children understand the importance of sun safety and establish positive routines ahead of the summer months.

In addition, we would like to remind parents that next Friday (20th June) we have a planned Inset day for staff training. Therefore the school will be closed to pupils. We will endeavour to send reminders home to all families in the run up to Friday.

To finish, we would like to thank our wonderful PTA and community for their time and donations ahead of our Summer Fair being held today. We hope that you have a wonderful time and are able to enjoy the many stalls and activities that have been kindly organised by our wonderful PTA.

With that all in mind, let us see what has been happening across the school.

Reception

This week Reception have been reading the poetry book Commotion in the Ocean. We used this as inspiration to create our own under the sea poems. First, we chose a sea creature and then made a bank of descriptive words. We then used these to create our descriptive poem. Finally, the children made a picture of their chosen animal. We have loved hearing them.

Keystage One

Year 1 have done a great job this week in DT. They started by making a prehistoric landscape using a canvas of clay. We found a selection of leaves, sticks, flowers, bark and stones outside, which we then stuck into the clay. We were able to explain the different elements we had included like volcanoes, caves and trees. We then made sock puppet dinosaurs using socks and other materials found in the classroom. The children showed great planning, creativity and resilience when constructing their designs.

Year 2 have had another busy week. They have been classifying things that you find at the beach into living, were alive and have never lived categories. In DT, they have designed their own beach hut, which they will be building next week. In writing, we have been looking at descriptive language in preparation for writing our own historical narratives in the coming week

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Lower Keystage 2

This week, the children in Year 3 & 4 have continued their exciting Misty Mountain Sierra project.

In geography, pupils explored the fascinating world of mountains, learning about the different types and how they are formed. These included fold, fault-line, volcanic, and dome mountains.

In science, the focus shifted to famous mountains from around the globe. Pupils researched their locations and heights in metres, deepening their understanding of the natural world.

Ask your child:

Can they name the highest mountain in the world?

Can they tell you about other famous mountains and where they're located?

Keystage Two

What a busy week it has been in 5/6! Our lovely year 5 children had an amazing time away on camp and were blessed with the weather. The children who did not go on camp had an exciting few days full of cream tea making, pyjama parties and junk modelling! In the world of year 6, we have been busy preparing for our end of year production. Somehow, in just a few days, we are already looking like a professional West End theatre team! We look forward to sharing the production with parents and students in the coming weeks. Next week, year 6 are off to Bath for their final residential camp of Pennoweth, we wish them luck getting to the train station at 6.25am!

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Key Upcoming Dates for your Diaries

Summer 2

Tuesday 24th June—Thursday 26th June

Year 6 Camp

Friday 27th June

Inset day

Monday 30th June

Guitar and Ukulele performance @ 1:30pm

Tuesday 1st July

Meet the 'new' teacher—more information to follow

Tuesday 2nd July

Transition 1hr with new teachers and staff

Thursday 3rd— Friday 4th July

Year 4 Camp

Monday 7th—Friday 11th July

Tribal Week

Monday 7th July

Yr 6 production taking place @ 2pm & 5pm

Tuesday 8th July

Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Wednesday 9th July

Transition Day with 'new' staff and teachers

Thursday 10th July

KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Monday 14th July

Summer Music Performance on the steps

Wednesday 16th July

Rocksteady Concert



FRIENDS OF PENNOWETH PTA **EVENTS 2025**

Mother's Day sales - W/C 24th March

Children can bring in cash Tue-Fri in a named envelope to buy a gift.

Easter Tuck Shop - Friday 4th April

After school on the grass - come grab some Easter sweet treats!

Colour Run - 17th May

Come and join us in the morning of the 17th May for our 2nd colour run - get messy and have fun!
Bookings open at the end of the term.

Father's Day sales - W/C 9th June

Children can bring in cash Tue-Fri in a named envelope to buy a gift.

Summer Fair - Friday 20th June

Join us after school for raffles, bouncy castles, tombola's and games.

Y6 Leavers Presentation - Wednesday 16th July

End of Term Disco - Thursday 17th July

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Or message via Pennoweth parent Facebook

Makaton Sign of the Week



Small arched
movement -
placement
can be varied
to suit context

Home

Important Updates regarding Attendance

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

190 school days in each year 190 days for your child's education	7 days absence				
	183 days in school	10 days absence			
	180 days in school	19 days absence	28 days absence		
	171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	162 days in school	47 days absence		
			If it 85% each year, your child is missing the equivalent of a year of education over their time at pri- mary school		143 days in school
100%	96%	95%	90%	85%	75%
Good -Best chance of success -Gets your child off to a flying start -Helps their confidence, social development as well as their ac- ademic progress -Over 97% is considered excellent attendance		Some Concern -Harder for your child to make progress -School starts tracking your child's attendance closely, Medical evidence may be required to authorise further absences linked to ill- ness		Worrying -Your child is now classified as a 'per- sistent absentee' - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely	
		Serious Concern -Having a significant impact on your child's education and well- being -Legal Action may be taken			

Our DNA

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 3&4	Year 5&6
Safe	Talia (Gwithian)	Amelia (Pendeen)	Braxton (Poldark)
Loved	Cheyenne (Restormel) Sol (Newlyn)	Lucy (Pendeen)	Elsie (Geevor)
Responsible	Samuel (Mevagissey)	Mason B (Godrevy)	Mason (Levant)
Learning	April (Restormel) Peter (Mevagissey)	Alexi (Godrevy)	Bliss (Poldark)
Ready	Harper R (Tintagel) Rogan (Porthcurno)	Rubi (Lizard)	Layla (Levant)

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

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel Agnes
Restormel Ashanti	Porthcurno Darcey M
Gwithian Sophia	Newlyn Ovie
Mevagissey Darcy	Pendeen Connie
Godrevy Seb	Lizard Rosen
Levant Darcy	Geevor Cory
Poldark Harry	

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was

93.73%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	93.44%
Tintagel	97.08%
Restormel	96.67%
Porthcurno	96.06%
Gwithian	97.2%
Newlyn	97.41%
Mevagissey	87.69%
Pendeen	94.48%
Lizard	83.33%
Godrevy	90%
Levant	94.48%
Geevor	95.17%
Poldark	96.33%
Congratulations Tintagel, Restormel, Porthcurno, Gwithian, Newlyn & Poldark 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 U 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 YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
4+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS
18 CENSORED

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING
BUY NOW!

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

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- Supporting an Anxious Teen
- Supporting a Child with ADHD

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<https://cornwallcyp.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>