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Friday 27th June 2025

Pennoweth News

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

We have had another busy week this week, with Year 6 travelling to Bath to take part in their residential. The children visited the key sights of Bath which included a trip to the Roman Baths and the Herschel Museum of Astrology. All the children behaved impeccably and were fantastic advocates for Pennoweth.

Our Year 5 pupils continued their progress and engagement with an exciting music tech course run by Black and Gold Audio. The children have been taking part in sessions used to understand how to blend different music mediums. These are then used to produce jingles, tracks and sets for adverts, radio shows and other entertainment industries.

Finally, we would like to inform parents that we will be sending out transition information relating to who your child/children's teacher will be next year and the support team around each class on Monday. These will be in letter format and include an 'All About Me' page about your child/children's new teacher for September. Please feel free to talk with your child/children about this to support their transition into their new year group.

Let's see what has been happening from around the school!

Reception

This week we have been reading the story Sharing a Shell and talking about how we can help our friends. We thought about how to solve problems without quarrelling and about our emotions. We also had a look at some real-life fish (sea bream, trout, salmon and sea bass) so we could look at the features of a fish up close. The children donned their aprons and gloves and had a look at their fins, gills, tails and mouths. We really enjoyed seeing the similarities and differences between them. Finally, the children loved exploring the new sensory tiles. We kicked off our shoes and had a barefoot walk across bumpy, spikey and smooth terrain.

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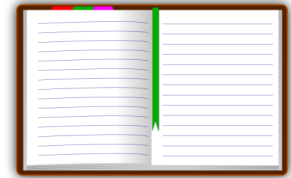
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Keystage One

Year 1 have had a great week this week and have been putting a fact file together about Mary Anning. Can they tell you anything about her? We have also been engaging in some more DT where the children were tasked with creating dinosaurs out of recyclable materials. The children absolutely loved it and were all very proud to show off their finished pieces. Great job Year 1!

Lower Keystage 2

This week, Lower Key Stage Two wrapped up their Misty Mountain Sierra project. As scientists, pupils consolidated their understanding of the three states of matter - solid, liquid and gas - and the processes that cause changes between them, including melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation. To put their learning into practice, the children carried out an evaporation investigation by placing trays of water outside. They measured the water depth at intervals throughout the day to observe how and when evaporation occurs. As geographers, pupils developed their geographical skills by observing physical features in our environment. They used the eight points of the compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and keys to locate and plot places and features on a map. To deepen their understanding, they also explored the topography of our local area by identifying contour lines on a map. A great opportunity to apply map-reading skills in a real-world context!



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Key Upcoming Dates for your Diaries

Summer 2

Monday 30th June

Guitar and Ukulele performance @ 1:30pm

Tuesday 1st July

Meet the 'new' teacher— straight after school in the children's new classes (approx. 3:20pm)

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

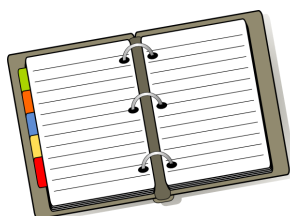
KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Monday 14th July

Summer Music Performance on the steps

Wednesday 16th July

Rocksteady Concert



Year 1 Dinosaur Junk Modelling



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.

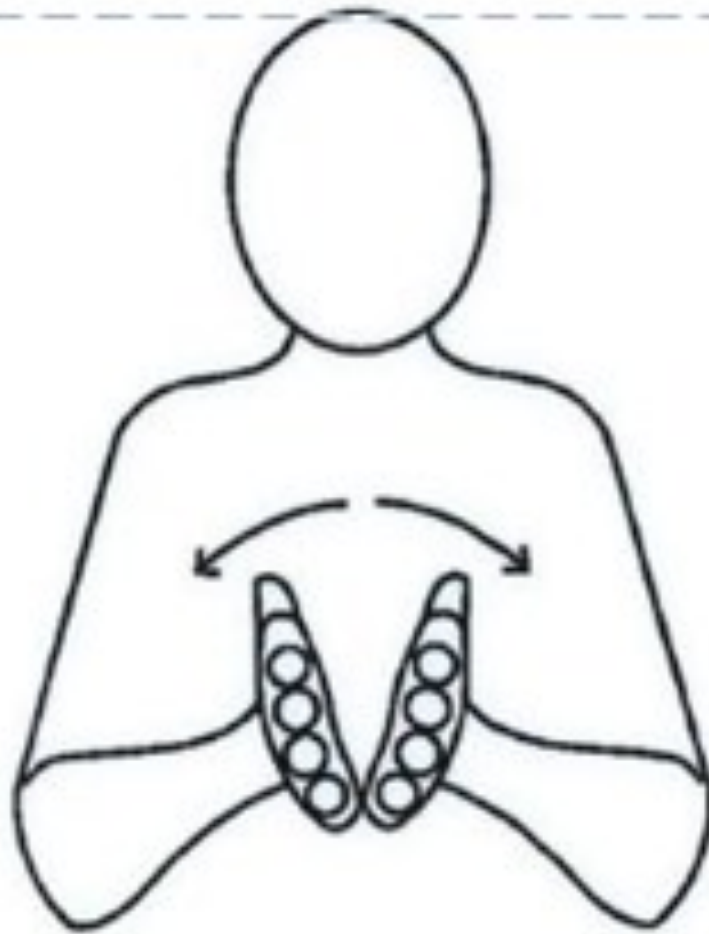
Y6 Leavers Presentation - Wednesday 16th July

End of Term Disco - Thursday 17th July

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Or message via Pennoweth parent Facebook

Makaton Sign of the Week



Book

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 academic 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 illness		Worrying -Your child is now classified as a 'persistent 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.

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Quality	Year R, y1 and Y2	Year 3&4	Year 5&6
Safe	Katia (Porthcurno)	Henry (Godrevy)	To be confirmed next week
Loved	Lynette (Restormel) Hafsa (Gwthian)	Maisie (Godrevy)	
Responsible	Harper (Newlyn)	Enid (Lizard)	
Learning	Gavriel (Newlyn)	Eliza (Lizard)	
Ready	Kaja (Tintagel) Albie (Restornel) Aiya (Mevagissey)	Oscar (Pendeen)	

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

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel Nikita
Restormel Esme	Porthcurno Raife
Gwwithian Mason	Newlyn Marshall
Mevagissey Piran	Pendeen Arianna
Godrevy Willow	Lizard Syrus
Levant To be confirmed next week	Geevor To be confirmed next week
Poldark To be confirmed next week	

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was

93.78%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	90.38%
Tintagel	97.92%
Restormel	92.19%
Porthcurno	84.24%
Gwithian	96.08%
Newlyn	96.3%
Mevagissey	90.57%
Pendeen	95.69%
Lizard	90.74%
Godrevy	90.83%
Levant	94.83%
Geevor	98.28%
Poldark	98.33%
Congratulations Tintagel, Gwithian, Newlyn, Geevor & 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

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 nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT



Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video colling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including ION, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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SilverCloud offers a number of programmes including:

- Supporting an Anxious Child
- Supporting an Anxious Teen
- Supporting a Child with ADHD

For more information and to sign up please use the link below:
<https://cornwallcyp.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>