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Friday 18th July 2025

Pennoweth News

Hello and welcome back to the penultimate edition of the Pennoweth Newsletter for the academic year 2025—2026.

Once again a busy week has taken place here at Pennoweth with the rounding off of many projects and a number of interesting science experiments taking place across the school.

Across the school, we have had a special visit from a tortoise in Nursery and a visit to the beach. We have also had a special visitor join us from the Netherlands through an online workshop. Thomas, who is also Mrs Sadler's son, joined our Year 3's & 4's for a workshop explaining the uses of a particle accelerator and inspired many of our Pennoweth students to get into Science. This truly was an amazing experience!

Finally, our Glendurgan tribe travelled to their Garden this afternoon following the successful tribal win from a previous year. The children spent the day exploring the gardens, weaving through the maze and enjoying their lunches by the seaside. Miss Crane reported that the teachers received plenty of praise from the public about the conduct of our pupils. Well done Team Pennoweth!

Let's jump in to the round up from around the school.

Nursery

This week in nursery, the children had an unforgettable trip to the beach! Our topic has been Our Bodies, and they certainly found lots of different ways to move them on the beach. They used their muscles to dig deep in the sand, worked together to build fantastic sandcastles, and decorated them with treasures they found along the shore. There was lots of laughter as they took turns burying each other's legs and collaborated on big digging projects. The children also had a splash while paddling in the sea and squealed with delight as they jumped over the waves. To top it all off, we used a large parachute to sing action songs together, creating a joyful, shared experience. A massive thank you to all the parents who volunteered—your support made this wonderful trip possible!

Reception

The children have had a busy last full week and have enjoyed getting excited about joining Year 1. We have been following instructions to help draw pirates and thinking about how far we have come as learners. The children should all be very proud of their hard work and progress this year.

Keystage One

This week in Year 1, we've been busy with a range of exciting activities! The children enjoyed an afternoon of sporting fun on the field, where they practiced their teamwork and communication skills through a variety of games. In Design and Technology, we evaluated our superhero masks and came up with some brilliant ideas for how to improve them. We also took part in a fascinating senses challenge—exploring how our senses work when one is taken away. Why not ask your child what they felt, heard, or saw?

Year 2 have had a brilliant week! We have written a beautiful setting description from the perspective of a bug and studied how minibeasts breathe, what they eat and where they live. In maths, we have continued looking at position and direction and are working on getting from point A to B using language such as forwards, backwards, left and right. We also had a super treat in science this week as part of our love to investigate, where we got to hold and touch real octopus and squids! We were studying their bodies, features and adaptable traits.

School Lunches

Week beginning 21/07/25

**(Week 2 choices from the
Spring/Summer Term Menu)**

**Chartwells meal menu is on the
school website**

Our phase email addresses are:

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

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

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Thursday 4th

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Keystage Two

This week, Year 3 and 4 children have had plenty of exciting opportunities to work scientifically as they explored the three states of matter. They began by sorting a range of materials into solids, liquids, and gases, thinking carefully about the properties of each.

To investigate further, the class tested the viscosity of different liquids by observing how quickly they travelled down a ramp — a fun and messy way to see science in motion!

The children were also amazed as they observed a chemical reaction that inflated a balloon using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.

To help them understand how solids, liquids, and gases behave and feel, they manipulated balloons filled with air, water, and ice. This hands-on activity sparked lots of great discussion and curiosity. A fantastic week of scientific discovery!

Upper Keystage 2

It's been a creative and memorable week in Upper Key Stage 2! In writing, the children have enjoyed inventing long-lost relatives and crafting imaginative postcards to them, cleverly linking their work to our current ID project. We also celebrated our wonderful Year 6 pupils at the Leavers' Awards Evening – a heart-felt event full of laughter, memories, and maybe a few tears? They will be truly missed! A special highlight this term has been meeting

Duke, the school dog, who has brought joy and calm to our classrooms. And finally, the Glendurgan tribe had a fantastic time on their recent trip – a well-deserved adventure to round off an exciting week.



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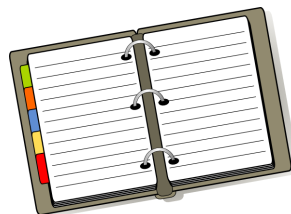
Summer 2

Tuesday 22nd July

End of the Academic Year

Thursday 4th September 2025

Beginning of the 2025 - 2026 Academic year



Makaton Sign of the Week



Calm

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		
			171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	28 days absence	
		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	Max (Gwithian)	Harper (Godrevy)	Loki (Geevor)
Loved	Olivia (Restormel) Runor (Newlyn)	Vinnie (Godrevy)	Jakob (Levant)
Responsible	Chorena (Mevagissey)	Rosen (Lizard)	Aronas (Geevor)
Learning	Lottie (Restormel) Julija (Mevagissey)	Molly (Lizard)	Jacob L (Poldark)
Ready	Tintagel Class Darcey M (Porthcurno)	Teddy (Pendeen)	Isla (Levant)

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

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel Lucas
Restormel Cheyenne	Porthcurno Lyle
Gwithian All of Gwithian	Newlyn Dominic
Mevagissey Elijah	Pendeen Maisie
Godrevy Charlie	Lizard Denas
Levant Isabella	Geevor Dexter
Poldark Josh	

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	83.42%
Tintagel	97.92%
Restormel	94.58%
Porthcurno	92.17%
Gwithian	89.63%
Newlyn	92.96%
Mevagissey	91.48%
Pendeen	99.66%
Lizard	87.31%
Godrevy	95.33%
Levant	97.67%
Geevor	96.21%
Poldark	96.67%
Congratulations Tintagel, Pendeen, Levant, 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

APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently bypass certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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REDRUTH
TOWN
COUNCIL

REDRUTH
THE HEART OF CORNISH MINING

REDRUTH'S FIRST EVER...

YOUTH FEST!

LED BY REDRUTH YOUTH COUNCIL

EAST END PARK

SAT 30
AUGUST 2025
12 - 6PM

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Pop Up Holiday Camps through August

Softball Cricket
For children aged 8-13 years old

- **Activity Days**
- **Competitions**



SCAN HERE

**8 days of softball activity - £20
per child. 10am to 3pm**

Weds 6th Aug - Truro CC
Thurs 7th Aug - Callington CC
Mon 11th Aug - Mt Hawke CC
Weds 13th Aug - St Austell CC
Mon 18th Aug - Grampound Rd CC
Weds 20th Aug - Helston CC
Weds 27th Aug - Bude CC
Thurs 28th Aug - St Stephen CC

**4 Tuesdays of U11 softball
competition (Includes U13
Girls). Teams of six £30.
10am to 3pm**

Tues 5th Aug - Redruth CC
Tues 12th Aug - Werrington CC
Tue 19th Aug - Wadebridge CC
Tues 26th Aug - Penzance CC

**Contact Michelle Kent: admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk
www.cornwallcricket.co.uk**

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SEN Lego Club



Two bookable Lego sessions aimed at children with SEN.

To book a place, please email redruth.library@liscornwall.org.uk

30th July 10:00-12:00

27th August 10:00-12:00

Free to attend.
Email us to book.





 **GWEALAN TOPS**
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Summer Playscheme

• **Thurs 24th July -
Fri 29th August**
[closed BH Mon 25 Aug]
11am - 4pm

**FREE hot meal for
everyone @ 12:30pm**

**AGES
7-16**

If your child is visiting the playground
for the first time, please visit
www.gwealantops.org
for joining steps before your first visit
**School lane - Redruth
TR15 2ER**

**THE CLARE MILNE
TRUST**

**ASDA
Foundation**

 **COMMUNITY
FUND**

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FREE summer fun! Earn rewards, a certificate, a medal and a swim voucher. It's a fun way to help children keep up their reading over the summer. It's open to children 4-11 of all abilities – there are resources for those with dyslexia and visual impairment – just ask! Pop into your local library to sign up!



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WHAT'S ON SUMMER 2025

JUL

30

FREE ACTIVITY

Storytime at
The Buttermarket
14:00-14:45
Drop-in open to all

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

AUG

4

FREE ACTIVITY

Art session with Sam
Bradbury
10:00-12:00
Drop-in open to all

AUG

6

FREE ACTIVITY

Family
crafting session
10:00-12:00
Drop-in open to all

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

AUG

6

FREE ACTIVITY

Family
Board Game Club
13:30-16:30
Drop-in open to all

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

AUG

11

£2.50 PER TICKET

Flowerpot making with
Leach Pottery
session 1 10:00-12:00
All ages booking required

AUG

11

£2.50 PER TICKET

Flowerpot making with
Leach Pottery
session 2 14:00-16:00
All ages booking required

AUG

13

FREE ACTIVITY

9+ Book Chat
10:30-11:30
age 9+ booking required -
scan QR code below

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

AUG

20

FREE ACTIVITY

Fun at the Park
at East End Park
10:00-12:00
Drop-in open to all

AUG

27

FREE ACTIVITY

Storytime at
The Buttermarket
14:00-14:45
Drop-in open to all

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Scan the QR codes below for booking the Book Chat & Leach Pottery Flowerpot sessions or ask in Redruth Library for details on individual events.



Book
Chat



Flowerpot
session 1



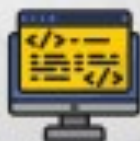
Flowerpot
session 2



New workshops aimed at parents and carers of children aged 7-11



Keeping up with the children in Maths 16:00-17:00 on 14th July.



Scratch coding - learn to code with your child 17:30-18:30 on 14th July.



Smartphone photography making the best of your phone camera 16:00-17:00 on 21st July.

Visit the Redruth Library events page on Facebook page for booking details.

Sessions run by Family Learning and hosted by Redruth Library.

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The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During the summer holidays MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session** at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book **EACH** child on to a session

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

- Golitha Falls**
- Dipping Pond, Goss Moor**
- Tehidy Woods**
- Penrose Estate**
- Heamoor Primary School**
- Hayle Family Hub**

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/NRrN3NXSvH>



Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Further News and Announcements

Activity Day

with Memory Making Workshop at Wheal Martyn

Sun, 20 July 11am - 3pm

For families with children when a parent/carer has a terminal illness

Come and join us!

Our Activity Day includes access to the museum and grounds as well as a Memory Making Workshop, where you can create a memory book to take home.



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gunnerskids.org



WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH WALK FOR TERMINAL ILLNESS WALK FOR HOPE

Raise money to support families affected by mental health and families affected by the terminal illness of a parent

Sunday September 7th
11am Start
Tehidy Country Park, Camborne, TR14 0TS

Adults £6 plus one child free
Additional Children £3 Each
Prizes for the highest sponsorship and best fancy dress!



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Register Today: <https://www.givengain.com/event/steps-for-hope>

MONTHLY DROP-INS

AT

EHC

Edward
Hain
Centre

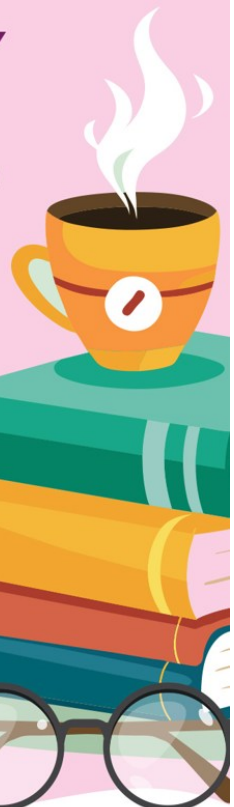
Edward Hain Centre, St Ives

Third Tuesday of every
month 2pm to 4pm.

Refreshments provided.

Open to families looking
for support or anyone
wishing to find out more
about our services.

For families with children
when a parent/carer has
a terminal illness



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