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Friday 5th September 2025

# Pennoweth News

Hello and welcome back to a new year at Pennoweth Primary.

We have been busy over the summer having some exciting new additions being installed across the school and the opening of another classroom to accommodate our growing school. The new additions include a new Sensory room and 'Widget Way' being installed off our main reception.

Our pupils have returned from a fantastic summer holiday and slipped back into life at Pennoweth seamlessly. We have loved welcoming back our pupils and seeing them begin their new journeys in their respective classrooms.

As a school we have had an influx of new arrivals including our new cohorts in Nursery and Reception alongside a number of additions across the older year groups. We would like to welcome all our new families to Pennoweth and we look forward to sharing more of their learning and experiences over the course of the academic year.

As we embark on a new year at Pennoweth, we would like to remind parents that we have moved from our Marvellous Me messaging platform, and will now be communicating through Arbor. Communications will most likely come in the form of emails and 'in-app' messages. Please ensure that you are signed up and prepared for this change.

Should you have any further problems accessing your Arbor account, please contact the School for further support.

Moving on, we would also like to draw attention to an update relating to Breakfast and Afterschool Care. This can be found overleaf. Please note, that the contents of this letter only applies to our families who have **already secured and have been provided with a place for** Breakfast and Afterschool Care.

Next week, we will begin our usual round up from around the classrooms and we look forward to sharing all the amazing experiences our children take part in.

School Lunches

**Week beginning 08/09/25**

**(Week 3 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](mailto:eyfs@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk) (for Nursery and Reception)

[KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk) (for Years 1 and 2)

[lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk) (for Years 3 and 4)

[upperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:upperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk) (for Years 5 and 6)



Dates for your diary

*Start of*

*Autumn Term (1)*

*Thursday 4th*

*September 2025*

*Inset Day*

*Monday 6th October 2025*

*End of Autumn term (1)*

*Friday 24th October 2025*

*Inset Day*

*Monday 3rd November 2025*

*Start of Autumn term (2)*

*Tuesday 4th November 2025*

*End of Autumn Term (2)*

*Friday 19th December 2025*

*Please view page four of the Newsletter for further term dates.*

# Breakfast and Afterschool Care

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July 2025

## Letter Advising Parents/Carers of Extended Services Charges from September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Croft Education Trust, of which Pennoweth is a member, has recently conducted a review of the charges applied by all the schools in the Trust for Extended Services. Extended Services cover Breakfast Club, After School Clubs and Nursery provisions.

The review was conducted to ensure a consistent tariff is applied by all the schools within the Trust and to also make sure the rates charged cover the associated costs of making these facilities available to the parents/carers. The Trust are also keen to ensure these charges are kept to a minimum.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 the standard charge for each of these services will be:

- Breakfast and After School Clubs £4.50 per hour
- Nursery 2 Year Olds £7.67 per hour
- Nursery 3 & 4 Year Olds £5.65 per hour

*NB: the full hourly rate is quoted, so if a school runs their Breakfast Club for 45 minutes, the actual charge would be £3.38.*

**Please note:** as these charges represent a significant increase on the charges currently in place at Pennoweth, we will be transitioning to the Trust charging rates over the next year. The interim agreed charges for September 2025 at Pennoweth are shown in the table below. We will align with the Trust agreed rates from September 2026.

The charges were also benchmarked against similar provisions and the Trust believe the charges still represent good value for money compared to similar offers in the local community. The average cost of childcare in the UK at the time of writing is £5.90 and in Cornwall £5.32. The charge will also cover any sundry resources provided, including food provided at both the Breakfast and After School Clubs. There will be an additional charge if a Nursery child stays for lunch (the school is charged an additional fee for this provision by a third party).

Parents accessing the Trusts Nursery provision will of course only pay for hours which are greater than their government free childcare entitlement. The Nursery rates are in turn in line with the funded hourly rate that the Local Authority applies.

Overleaf are details of the charges that will apply at Pennoweth from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025:

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## Breakfast and Afterschool Care

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<b>Breakfast Club</b>		
	<b>Length of Session</b>	<b>Charge £</b>
7.45am – 8.30am	45 minutes	£2.50 (Full Trust charge £3.38)
<b>After School Club</b>		
	<b>Length of Session</b>	<b>Charge £</b>
Available from 3.15 – 5.15pm	For each hour, or part of hour	£3.50
	eg Attendance 3.15 – 4.15pm	£3.50
	Attendance 3.15 – 5.15pm	£7.00
		(Full Trust charge for 2 hours £9)
<b>Nursery 3 &amp; 4 Year Olds</b>		
	<b>Length of Session</b>	<b>Charge £</b>
<u>3 hour</u> session (8.30 -11.30am or 12.15– 3.15pm)	3 hours	£12.50 (Full Trust charge £16.95)

In future these charges will be reviewed annually, and parents/carers will be advised of any changes each July.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter, please contact us via [pennowethhelp@croftymat.org](mailto:pennowethhelp@croftymat.org).

Best wishes

Daryl Riches  
Head of School

# 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%
<b>Good</b> -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		<b>Some Concern</b> -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		<b>Worrying</b> -Your child is now classified as a 'per- sistent absentee'  - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely	
		<b>Serious Concern</b> -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			
Loved		DNA and Stars to be awarded next week.	
Responsible			
Learning			
Ready			

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

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel
Restormel	Porthcurno
Gwithian	Newlyn
Mevagissey	Pendeen
Godrevy	Lizard
Levant	Geevor
Poldark	

# Attendance

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

**Overall attendance for this week was**

**95.41%**

**See below for the attendance for each class last week.**

Pendennis	100%
Restormel	86.36%
Tintagel	97.73%
Gwithian	96%
Porthcurno	100%
Mevagissey	94.06%
Newlyn	100%
Lizard	98%
Pendeen	90.74%
Godrevy	100%
Porthleven	100%
Geevor	98.28%
Levant	90%
Poldark	91.38%

**Congratulations Pendennis, Tintagel, Gwithian, Porthcurno, Newlyn, Lizard, Godrevy, Porthleven & Geevor 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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# AI-ENABLED SCAMS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

### PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

### ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

### VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 19-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

### EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2023, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

### INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

### ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

### USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

### SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

### REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



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## Further News and Announcements

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**WANT YOU!**

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE BOUNDLESS ENERGY?  
ENJOYS BEING PART OF A TEAM?  
LOVES TO THROW THEMSELVES INTO SPORT?

**COME AND SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT**

CONTACT UNDER 11S COACH ON 07768343020

**WEDNESDAYS 4PM**



# **REDRUTH RFC MINI JUNIOR *REGISTRATION DAY***

Sunday 7th September

**U7 - U12**

**10am - 11am**

**U13 - U16**

**11am - 12pm**

**Girls**

**U12 - Year 7**

**U14 - Year 8&9**

**U16 - Year 10 & 11**

Fancy playing rugby? Enjoy a team game?

Play with your friends, take on a new challenge. Redruth Rugby Club could be for you, all age grades for both boys and girls all covered - so come and give it a go!