



PENSANS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Update ♥

Dear Parents, Friends and Families,

I wanted to share that unfortunately our lovely school office manager Caroline Watling was taken ill last weekend and will be off school for a little while. I am sure you will join all of us at Team Pensans in wishing her a speedy recovery and are sending our love. Get well soon!

I know that people will be patient with us in the school office whilst we organise cover and I thank you for your understanding in this.

We are now back into the full swing of the autumn term.

The children are really enjoying being able to take part in their weekly forest school sessions once more as we are still enjoying some warm and sunny weather. Look out for pictures.

We have had a great take up of clubs so far and we still have spaces to spare in some. Please do also sign up for the before school and lunchtime clubs. It would be lovely if every child was part of an extra curricular activity to learn new skills, make new friends and have a great time.

Swimming has now started and will be on Thursdays for the first group of Y5/6.

Just a gentle reminder that it is a parent's responsibility to contact the school if your child is going to be absent from school and inform us of the reason why before 9.00a.m each day. You can phone and leave an answerphone message on 01736 363627 Option 1 or email pensans@tpacademytrust.org.

Have a lovely weekend all!

Niki Ambrose



Mrs Ambrose

Mrs Ambrose
Headteacher

*Small steps
make big waves* ♥

Together we shine ♥



Upcoming Dates

WED
17
SEP

Swimming



WED
30
SEP

Porthcurno Class Trip
to Art Gallery



FRI
2
OCT

Parent/Coffee
Morning



FRI
16
OCT

Last day of
Autumn 1



*More information about these events
will follow nearer the time.*

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Class Attendance ♥

Let's keep making every day count!



Sennen
97%

WELL DONE!



Porthcurno
94%



Godrevy
96%



Cape
71%



Porthminster
91%



Porthmeor
83%

Amazing
work
everyone! ♥

Attendance Matters! Autumn Term 2026 ♥

TOGETHER, EVERY DAY COUNTS

Be here
Be brilliant ♥

💡 Did You Know?

Students who attend school regularly are **more likely to achieve better grades** and **build stronger friendships**.

[Read more here:](#)
[The link between attendance and attainment](#)



Here at Pensans CP School, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form.

DfE statutory guidance is clear holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Unavoidable leave of absence requests for school-aged children are generally related to one off events that are rare, significant, unavoidable, and short in duration. Family holidays are **not** considered unavoidable.

Taking your child out of school without permission may result in a **Penalty Notice** being issued.



What this means:

- A **Penalty Notice** may be issued if your child has **unauthorised absences**, including holidays.
- The fine is **£80 per child, per parent** if paid within 21 days, rising to **£160** if paid within 28 days.
- Failure to pay may result in prosecution.
- There is **no right of appeal** – if you believe a notice was issued in error, you must contact the school directly.



We understand that holidays are important for family time, but we are legally required to prioritise your child's education and wellbeing. **Every school day counts.**



"A brighter future starts with being in school today."

📖 Further Information

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1999) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Pensans CP School is committed to enabling every child to reach their full potential and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.



Every day at school
brings new opportunities ♥

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Stars of the Week ♡

Celebrating our amazing pupils!

Small steps
make big waves ♡

Be kind
Be curious
Be your best
Be proud ♡

Amazing
work
everyone! ♡



Sennen Star
Rayna

for always doing
the right thing.



Porthcurno Star
Raeia

for being an all-around
superstar and for always
giving 100% effort!



Porthminster Star
Ella

for showing
thought and care.



Godrevy Star
Kyrenn

for showing
independence in all areas.



Gwithian Star
Lariyah

for following instructions
and listening in class.



Cape Star
Hudson Sim

for being so kind, helpful
and caring to his friends
and the adults.



Proud
moments ♡



SPECIAL AWARDS



Great Reader
EYFS/KS1

Rhys



Great Reader
KS2

Theodore



Maths

Kaeden



Writer

Eli

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



Logan

for being an amazing teacher
when called upon!

HOUSE POINT WINNERS



Porthcurno Class
and **Crofty House**
(Red)

Well done! ♡

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Local Events ♡

Get involved!
Opportunities for our
children and families



**CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET CRICKET
WEEKLY SESSIONS**

HOSTED BY CORNWALL CRICKET

- AGES 8-15
BOYS & GIRLS
- EVERY WEDNESDAY
WEEKLY SESSIONS
- 5:30PM - 7:00PM
JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL!
- HUMPHREY DAVY SCHOOL
TR18 2TG
- NO EQUIPMENT REQUIRED
JUST TURN UP & PLAY!
- PLAYER-LED SESSIONS
HAVE YOUR SAY & LEAD THE GAME
- DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS
CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK,
RESPECT & MORE!

IT'S FREE!

PLAY CRICKET | DEVELOP SKILLS | HAVE FUN!



IT'S FREE!



SIGN UP HERE!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
KELLIE WILLIAMS
kellie.williams@cornwallcricket.co.uk
07842 765 445



IN PARTNERSHIP



MBFDC TRIALS 2026/27

Join the exciting Cornwall Player Pathway!
In partnership with Plymouth Argyle, Cornwall FA & Cornwall Schools FA!

TRIAL TIMES:
U8S, U9S, U10S : 5PM - 6:15PM
U11S, U12S, U13S : 6:30 - 7:45PM

- Enhanced coaching & provision - UEFA/FA staff!
- Player(s) & goalkeeper specific training, plus fixtures!
- Play at a level suited to your ability!
- Proven pathway for players to progress!

PHASE 1 - OPEN TRIAL
MON 14TH SEP 2026
New players only!

PHASE 2 - INVITE TRIAL
MON 21ST SEP 2026
Invited players only from Phase 1 & returning players from the 2025/26 season!

MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G PITCH
Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor,
Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Registration Link
Via QR Code



www.mbfdc.co.uk
Please visit the MBFDC website for further details!



Sport Builds Confidence
Creates Friends
Have Fun ♡



PLAY
LEARN
GROW
BELONG

School Clubs ♡

Try something new... there's a club for everyone! ♡

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School 8.00 - 8.30	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40)	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40) KS2 TT Rockstars Club - JR (15)	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40)	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40)	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40) KS2 TT Rockstars Club - JR (15)
Lunchtime 12.30 - 1.00	Colouring Club - JA (15)	KS2 Chess Club - SC (10)	KS2 Makaton Choir - TR/EB (10)	KS1 Library Club - SC (10)	Colouring Club - NA (15)
After School 3.10 - 4.00	KS1 Read & Create - SE (15) KS2 Comic Club - LP (15)	Lego Club - HC (15)	DT Coaching tbc	KS2 Art Club - EB (10) Dance Club - EB (10)	

Clubs help us discover what we love ♡

Places can be limited - please sign up via Arbor.
We encourage all children to find a club that interests them!

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More opportunities for children and families in our local area.

*Get involved!
Support local events
and try something new!* ♥



**MINACK
ADVENTURERS**
AT THE CENTRE
NEWLYN

FREE CREATIVE ARTS CLUB
THEATRE, MOVEMENT, ART & MUSIC
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS

From 21st September 2026
Every Monday 4-5pm (term-time)
The Centre - Newlyn

**MINACK
THEATRE**

For more information and sign up email - education@minack.com

**Cornwall's
BABY
Show**

**FREE
ENTRY**

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 10AM - 2PM
PENWITH COLLEGE, SAINT CLARE ST, PENZANCE, TR18 2SA

**CORNWALL'S
REWIND RADIO**
ON DAB - SMART SPEAKER - APP & ONLINE

NHS
Cornwall and
Isles of Scilly

*Sport
Builds
Confidence
Creates
Friends
Have Fun* ♥

CONFIDENCE TODAY. CHAMPION TOMORROW.

TAEKWONDO

STRONG BODY. STRONG MIND. BRIGHT FUTURE

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

FOCUS IN CLASS
DISCIPLINE EVERY DAY
RESPECT FOR OTHERS
CONFIDENCE FOR LIFE

**NEW SKILLS.
NEW FRIENDS.
NEW YOU!**

**KICK OFF A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!
JOIN TAEKWONDO TODAY!**

**PENZANCE
TAEKWONDO CLUB**

**FREE
TRIAL
PERIOD!**

WUKITF

GET FIT HAVE FUN **LEARN SELF DEFENCE** **ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS** **BUILD STRONG CHARACTER**

BE RESPECTFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE YOUR BEST.

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discover what
we love* ♥



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Important Information for Parents & Carers ♥

Useful information, support and guidance for families.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER AI

Character.AI is an artificial intelligence chat platform that allows users to create avatars and chat with virtual characters. While it can be a fun and educational tool, it also presents several risks that parents and educators should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** Users can generate content that is inappropriate, offensive, or harmful.
- BLURRED BOUNDARIES:** The AI characters can become overly attached to users, leading to emotional dependency.
- UNRELIABLE ADVICE:** The AI characters can provide advice that is incorrect or potentially dangerous.
- PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Users may share personal information with the AI, which could be used for marketing or other purposes.
- PRIVACY CONCERNS:** The AI platform collects user data, which may be stored and used in ways that are not fully transparent.
- EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY:** Users may become emotionally dependent on the AI characters, leading to social isolation.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- READ CONVERSATIONS REGULARLY:** Check in with your child to see what they are talking to the AI.
- SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES:** Establish rules about when and how the AI can be used.
- DISCUSS REAL-WORLD RELATIONSHIPS:** Help your child understand the difference between AI and real people.
- MONITOR AI USE TOGETHER:** Use the AI platform with your child to guide their interactions.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Claire Sutcliffe, a specialist in digital wellbeing and child protection, will be speaking at the Wake Up Wednesday event.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

Social Media:
@wake_up_weds | www.thenationalcollege | @wake.up.wednesday | @wake.up.weds

OUR SCHOOL NOW HAS AN ANAPHYLAXIS KITT

We are pleased to be prepared and caring for pupils with severe allergies, as our school now has an Anaphylaxis Kitt, supplied by the NHS and Cornwall Council.



WHAT IS IT?

The Anaphylaxis Kitt comes with four adrenaline auto-injectors and clear instructions for use in a medical emergency. It provides a ready-to-use treatment for severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis).

Adrenaline in the first few minutes can make a big difference and save lives.

WHY DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE ONE?

- Severe allergic reactions can happen anytime, even in a child without a known allergy.
- Not everyone who needs treatment will have their own adrenaline injector with them.



WHO CAN THE KITT BE USED FOR?

Any pupil, staff member or visitor at the school who is experiencing a suspected anaphylaxis reaction, including individuals without a known allergy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

- If your child has a diagnosed allergy:
 - Please continue to provide their prescribed adrenaline auto-injectors.
 - Inform the school of any changes to medical needs.
 - The school Anaphylaxis Kitt does not replace a child's own medication.

Learn more at www.anaphylaxis.org.uk

Autism Information Sessions

Supporting parents and carers of autistic children and young people



We understand that raising an autistic child in a neurotypical world can be challenging. We would like to invite you to a series of information sessions to support you through this journey and to share advice, strategies and local services.

Come along if you would like to...

...ask questions about autism and what it means.



...speak with other parents who have similar experiences.



...explore a range of strategies to support your child at home and school.



We run parent sessions for parents and carers of children and young people diagnosed with, or on the pathway for, an autism diagnosis. The sessions are a chance to share experiences, gain practical advice and find out about services available locally.

To book a place and for more information, please visit our website, speak to a member of the school team or follow the QR code below.



Scan here for further information

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www.cornwall.gov.uk

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