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Headteacher's Update ♡

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

It has been another wonderful week at Pensans and there have been so many moments that have made me proud of our children. Time and again they have shown **compassion**, **kindness** and **support** for one another, truly demonstrating what it means to be part of a school that cares.

On Wednesday, we came together for our **Remembrance Assembly** and observed the two-minute silence. It was incredibly moving to see children from across the school, from our youngest pupils through to Year 6, taking part so respectfully as we remembered those who gave their lives in war and honoured those who continue to serve. Our children have also created some thoughtful artwork and written reflections, which are now displayed around the school.

This week our **Year 5 and Year 6** pupils have been taking part in **Bikeability** training. The instructors were full of praise for the children, commenting not only on their focus and enthusiasm but also on the encouragement and support they showed one another throughout the sessions. They were a real credit to Pensans, and we are delighted that they have now received their Bikeability certificates and badges. Well done to everyone involved!

As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusion and belonging, I was delighted to see our **Reading Buddies** spending time sharing books and stories with younger children in the ARB. These sessions are always filled with smiles, laughter and meaningful connections, and all of the children gain so much from the experience.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful parent and Local Monitoring Committee member, **Hanri Corona**, for creating the fantastic new display in our hall. The display celebrates the rich diversity of cultures and languages within our school community and is a powerful reminder that everyone belongs at Pensans. It also complements our work towards achieving the **Schools of Sanctuary** Award.

Thank you, too, for supporting **Children in Need Day.** The children looked fantastic in their spotty outfits and your generous donations will help support children and families across the UK.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be another busy and exciting one. Please take a look at the diary dates below, which include **Scooter and Skateboard Day**, our **Anti-Bullying and Friendship Workshop**, **Speed Watch Day** and, of course, **School Photographs** on Thursday. Family photographs will be available from 8.30am.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Niki Ambrose
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates

MON 16 NOV

- Nasal flu immunisations
- Robotics
- Family Learning Group



TUE 17 NOV

- Anti-Bullying assembly & Friendship workshop
- Scooter & Skateboarding Day



WED 18 NOV

Speedwatch Day



THU 18 NOV

School Photos – Family & Individual photos



More information about these events will follow nearer the time.



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Local Attendance ♡

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Sennen	Porthcurno	Godrevy	Cape	Porthminster	Porthmeor	Gwithian
99%	98%	92%	80%	88%	93%	87%

WELL DONE!

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 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.

The 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 1989) and, any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child [illegible] who does it, 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.

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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 ♡

Sennen Star
Hunter
for improved confidence.

Porthcurno Star
Eli
for working well with his peers.

Porthminster Star
Thorin
for being a calming influence on the rest of the class.

Porthmeor Star
Alyssa
for amazing phonics all week.

Godrevy Star
Ophia
for showing great enthusiasm in her reading.

Gwithian Star
Billie
for being kind and following instructions.

Gwithian Star
River
for listening to adults.

Cape Star
Theodore
for making fantastic progress with his communication.

Special Awards ♡

Great Reader KS2
Eden

Maths Award
Alfie L

Writer Award
Ellie C

Star Performer
River G

Citizen Award
Lexi G

Headteacher's Award! ♡

Emma

for supporting peers and showing excellent teaching skills in maths.

House Points Winner!

Crofty House (Red)

Porthcurno Class

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eden project

Sunday 6 December

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, that allows users to send messages, share multimedia, make calls, and participate in group chats. In September 2026, WhatsApp announced new optional parental controls for teenagers, including privacy settings, group notifications, and restrictions on AI content, which parents and educators should be aware of.

NOT RESTRICTED 13+ In the UK

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats help young people stay connected, but can also leave them feeling excluded or overwhelmed.

HARMFUL CONTENT ON CHANNELS

WhatsApp Channels can expose young people to misinformation, harmful ideologies or age-inappropriate material.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers may use WhatsApp to trick young people into sharing personal information, money or images.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

Users can share their live location and profile details, which could be misused by people they don't know.



DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

Features such as disappearing messages and Chat Lock can make conversations harder to monitor.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp includes advertising in certain areas and new AI tools, which may expose young people to inappropriate or inaccurate content.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLORE NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS

WhatsApp's new parental controls can help you manage your child's privacy and interactions.

MANAGE CHANNELS AND AI

Review channel settings and Meta AI to control what your child can see and interact with.

MONITOR GROUP ACTIVITY SAFELY

Be aware of the groups your child joins and look out for changes in their behaviour.

PRIORITISE TRUST AND COMMUNICATION

Have regular, open conversations about online safety, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if something worries them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools.



#WakeUp Wednesday

The National College

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FOR CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS WEEK

IN SIDE OUT DAY



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SUPPORT PENHALIGON'S FRIENDS AND RAISE AWARENESS BY WEARING SOMETHING INSIDE OUT BETWEEN 16TH – 22ND NOVEMBER

BECAUSE SOMETIMES BEREAVED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL DIFFERENT ON THE INSIDE TO THE WAY THEY SEEM ON THE OUTSIDE.

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