

Pensans Community Primary School Newsletter

SUMMER TERM: 26TH JUNE 2026

Mrs Ambrose's Weekly Update

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

It's MAZEY DAY weekend! Thank you to all those who have already returned permission slips regarding attendance at the 11:00a.m parade. Dress code this year is to wear anything Blue, White and Yellow and be sparkly and all things Mazezy 😊 Weather is looking just right - a bit cooler and a breeze perfect! Meet at the top of Morrab Road at 10.30a.m

Our wonderful Gwithian children enjoyed a visit to Penlee Gallery & Museum this week building on their 'What is special about where I live?'. They enjoyed a workshop on the Penzance in the past, experiencing Newlyn School Art works and also got to meet a fishwife of Newlyn! They went to Penlee Park for lunch, had ice creams and then walked back to school in the sunshine.

Unfortunately, due to the high temperatures and following Trust and DFE guidance we had to take the decision to cancel Sports Day. The back up date has now been set for Tuesday 7th July at 1.15p.m. Fingers crossed for more suitable weather. Thank you for your patience and understanding. EYFS Nursery Family Fun Sports Day is planned for Tuesday 14th July and we look forward to seeing all our younger children take part.

Our Year 6 children are looking forward to their Secondary School Transition Day next Tuesday 30th June to either Mounts Bay Academy or Humphry Davy School. The children will not be in Pensans School on this day and parents are responsible for ensuring their child gets to and from their new school. I know they will have a great day 😊

It is the time of year when we look at our staffing structure for the following academic year and organise our transition day within school. This will also take place next week on Tuesday 30th June. The following staffing will be in place:

Cape Class (Nursery 2year olds) - Miss Tanja Baldwin & Miss Sammy Symons

Gwithian Class (Y1/Reception/Nursery 3-4year olds) - Miss Holly Catterall - Mrs Ruby Mason & Mrs Amy Vincent

Godrevy Class (Year 1 & Year 2) - Mrs Suzanne Earley & Mrs Mags Pellow

Porthcurno Class (Year 3 & Year 4) - Mrs Louise Preston & Mrs Mary Hessel

Sennen Class (Year 5 & Year 6) - Mr Jack Rutterford & Mrs Siobhan Peart

Porthmeor Class (Rec/KS1 ARB) - Mrs Ella Browning, Mrs Bea Reseigh, Mrs Vicky Cole and TBC

Porthminster Class (KS2 ARB) - Mrs Tracey Rollinson - Miss Melissa Gilbert, Mrs Lisa Farnham & TBC

It is an incredibly busy week for Sennen Class in particular next week so please note:

Mon 29 June - Minack Dance Rehearsal (school)

Tues 30 June - Y6 Secondary School Transition Day (Mounts Bay or Humphry Davy)

Wed 1 July - Y5 Mounts Bay Academy morning (from school, Minack Dance Rehearsal (school))

Thu 2 July - Y5/Y6 visit to Discovery42

Fri 3 July - Y5/Y6 visit to Eden Project

Please check in with Mr R for any details

As always, this half term is super jam packed with activities and events. Please do contact your child's teacher if you need any clarification on upcoming dates/trips etc

Looking forward to seeing many of you this weekend for Mazezy Day celebrations - Big shout out and huge thank you to Sam Johnson & family who have given so freely of their time and energy to build our fantastic Mazezy Day structures - couldn't do it without you! Also thank you in advance to our Marshalls and parent helpers 😊

Best wishes, Niki Ambrose

Headteacher's Award

This weeks Headteacher's Award went to Kacie in Y6 for being a great learning buddy all week and Miss Johnson and her mum Sam Johnson for their amazing artistic work and creativity when making our Mazey Day structure.



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY TO MAKE YOU FEEL PROUD?

Stars of the Week



Class Stars

Cape
Class

Hallie

for settling in to Cape Class and gaining more confidence in exploring the classroom.

Gwithian
Class

Luna

for following instructions with thought and care.

Godrevy
Class

Aessia

for her growing independence and listening in the classroom.

Porthcurno
Class

Lily

for her helpfulness in class and for being a great friend.

Sennen
Class

Skyla

for being helpful and thoughtful all week.

Porthmeor
Class

Levin

for being such a great friend.

Porthminster
Class

Elijah

for having a really positive end to the week. Well done Elijah!

Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 97%

Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June 2026

1st Place: Porthcurno 95.09%

2nd Place: Sennen 95.06%

3rd Place: Porthminster 93.8%

☀ Attendance Matters!

☀ Together, Every Day Counts

💬 Did You Know?

Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better grades and build stronger friendships.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/link-between-attendance-and-attainment>

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.

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.

If you have any questions or need to discuss exceptional circumstances, please contact the school office.
Thank you for your continued support.



Summer Term 2

Tuesday 30th June - Y6 transition to MBA and Humphry Davy, rest of school transition to new classes.

Thursday 2nd July - Sennen to Discovery 42

Thursday 2nd July - Parents invited to view RSE curriculum 3.30pm

Friday 3rd July - Sennen to Eden Project

Monday 6th July - Y5/6 to Minack

Tuesday 7th July - New Sports Day Date

Thursday 9th July PM - Colour Run Event (afternoon)

Tuesday 14th July - 1.15pm - EYFS Nursery Family Fun Sports Day

Thurs 23rd July - EYFS end of term Pirate Party

Friday 24th July - break up at 1pm.

2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September- INSET for whole school

Wednesday 2nd September - additional INSET for ARB

Wednesday 2nd September - Nursery closed for home visits

Monday 4th January - INSET for whole school

Tuesday 5th January - additional INSET for ARB

Tuesday 5th January - Cape Nursery closed for home visits

Monday 12th April- additional INSET for ARB

Monday 12th April - Nursery closed for home visits



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PLAY IN A DAY

CORONATION PARK, HELSTON

THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST

10-4 PM



For all children aged 7-11years.
10am start with the performance at 4pm
£10 per child to take part.

Tickets to watch the performance -
£10 adults, £5 children

Pack your imagination and join the ride!
Zoom across the globe, explore wild faraway lands, and dive into a whirlwind of adventure.
One epic story created by you, one spectacular day, and YOU are the star.

To book visit minack.com or call the box office on -01736 810181
For further information email education@minack.com

Scouts

Penzance-Madron Scout Group

Penzance / Madron Scout Group

Come and join us on our adventures. Whether you are 4yrs or 104yrs there is something for everyone boys and girls.

- Squirrels 4-6yrs meet Wednesday 5:30-6:15pm
- Beavers 6-8yrs meet Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm
- Cubs 8-10 ½ yrs meet Tuesday 6:30-8pm
- Scouts 10 ½ -14yrs meet Monday 6:30-8:30pm
- Explorers 14-18yrs meet Thursday 7:30-9:30pm

If you are interested please send an email to our Group Lead Volunteer Jer Rowe skinyourhat@gmail.com



Are you the parent or carer of a child or young person who is struggling with their mental health or school related issues?

Come along to our coffee morning hosted by the Family Help Team on

**Monday 6th July 2026 at 9:30-11:30am
at St Johns Hall, Penzance.**

Meet with other parents/carers and have a chat with our friendly guest professionals from:

- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)**
- SEND System Navigators**
- SENDIASS**
- Family Information Service**
- Parenting Worker**
- Targeted Youth Worker**
- Family Workers**



No need to book, please just pop in on the day ☺