



PENSANS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning today, brighter tomorrow ♥

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CURIOSITY
RESPECT
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A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

18TH SEPTEMBER
2026
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Headteacher's Update ♥

Dear Parents, Friends and Families,

As the weather is getting a little more autumnal now, please do make sure your child has a jumper/cardigan and in school every day (named 😊) and also a coat. We do have a few of these items on our **swap rail** in the school reception entrance. Please feel free to have a look and take an item if it is what you need. Also, if you have clean, pre-loved uniform at home that your child has grown out of we are always pleased to take these as donations to keep our swap rail well stocked.

We are nearly halfway through this first half term can you believe! Many children will come home today with a **100% attendance** certificate and I am hoping by the half term (finish Friday 16th October) that even more of our pupils will be receiving these. Well done to all those children who received certificates today and thank you families for your continued support in maintaining great attendance.

Sennen class parents - Look out for information regarding this year's residential trip for Y5/Y6 pupils. We are lucky enough to still be able to subsidise part of this opportunity using the Clore Duffield Foundation Legacy Fund, however, we will be asking for parental contributions to go forward with the trip. We are making arrangements early so that a payment plan over time can be put in place to help cover the costs in the most affordable way.

Have a wonderful weekend all and see everyone back in school on Monday 😊



Mrs Ambrose
Mrs Ambrose
Headteacher

*Small steps
make big waves* ♥

Together we shine ♥



Upcoming Dates

THU
24
SEP

Swimming



FRI
25
SEP

Gwithian
Bagel and Book



WED
30
SEP

Porthcurno Class Trip
to Art Gallery



FRI
2
OCT

Parent/Coffee
Morning



TUE
13
OCT

Sennen Class
Art Trip



FRI
16
OCT

Last day of term



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



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Class Attendance ♥

Let's keep making every day count!



Sennen
95%



Porthcurno
94%



Godrevy
99%!!

WELL DONE!



Cape
77%



Porthminster
92%



Porthmeor
77%



Gwitian
85%

*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 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. 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 ♡



**Sennen Star
Indianna**

for helping others
and doing her best.



**Porthcurno Star
Emme-Mae**

for being a great
role model.



**Porthminster Star
Harley Brown**

for listening
in phonics.



**Godrevy Star
Kayleigh**

for showing enthusiasm
in all her learning.



**Gwithian Star
Brodie and Billy**

for following
instructions.



**Cape Star
Myla**

for her super independence
and enthusiasm while joining
in with group activities.



Amazing
work
everyone! ♡



SPECIAL AWARDS



**Maths
Kaeden**



**KS1 Reading
Rive & Kyrenn**



**KS2 Reading
Raeia**



**Writer
Lowen**



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



Well done! ♡

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



Sabit
for outstanding
handwriting.

Well done! ♡

KIND PEOPLE

BRIGHT MINDS

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and try something new! ♥



Small changes make a big difference!

CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK 2026

05 - 09 October 2026!

Take a step (or pedal) in the right direction!

Healthier happier brighter futures!

SPEND LESS

On average in the UK, the school run costs families £109 per year*. Pedal power requires a one-off investment with minimal running costs - no fuel, no tax, and no parking fees. A simpler way to get from A to B... by Cycle!

RUSH LESS

The school run can take up nearly 100 hours* across the school year. That's time lost to congestion and drop-off queues. The average primary school journey is just a 15-minute cycle. Less rush, more ride!

STRESS LESS

Bring some fun to the school run! Cycling helps children build confidence and independence while starting the day in a calmer, more active way. Helping pupils arrive at school energised and ready for the day ahead.

POLLUTE LESS

Every short car journey adds to congestion and air pollution around schools. Switching the school run from car to cycle for a whole school year could save around 30Tkg* - helping create cleaner air and healthier streets for children.

Let's make our school a cleaner, greener, happier place! ♥

EVERY PEDAL COUNTS!

Supported by NatWest Rooster Money

Healthier ♥ Greener ♥ Happier ♥ Together ♥

*Figures are national averages based on UK data.

Gwithian Class

Parent/Carers & Child Book and a Bagel Morning

8.40am - 9.00am Every Friday Morning

Come along, enjoy a book with your child and grab a bagel!

Read ♥ Share ♥ Explore ♥ Together ♥

♥

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)	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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The
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applications is
15 January
2027

Starting school September 2027

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2022 and
31 August 2023



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



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The
deadline for
applications is
31 October
2026

Transfer to secondary school September 2027

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

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Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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Sport
Builds
Confidence
Creates
Friends
Have Fun ♥

Applying for a reception class place for September 2027

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name three preferences on the application form. Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about how you will get your child to school. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the admission arrangements on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your nearest or designated school as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed admissions information on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2027

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on National Offer Day: 16 April 2027. Apply on time! Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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*A brighter future
together*

CO-OPTED LOCAL MONITORING COMMITTEE VACANCY

Pensans School has a vacancy for co-opted committee members.

Pensans School is an academy and part of the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT).
Local Monitoring Committee (LMC) meetings are held 4 times per annum.

Committee members are asked to be prepared to play an active part in the LMC,
successful candidates would be asked to visit school at least once per term.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Help us continue
to provide the best
for our pupils.



MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

Share your skills,
experience and
perspective.



TRAINING PROVIDED

Training is available
for all committee
members.



4 MEETINGS PER YEAR

Plus at least one
school visit
per term.



If you have any queries or would like to find out more
about the role, please contact Mrs Ambrose on

📞 01736 363627



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Information Classification: CONTROLLED

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. Working in a neuro-affirming way, we would like to help you to navigate this through championing autistic strengths and differences.

Come and join us if you would like to ...

... ask questions
based around
your child's
needs



... speak with
other parents
who have autistic
children



... explore a
range of
strategies which
could support
your child



We run parent sessions for parents and carers of children and young people with a diagnosis of autism up to the age of 16. We offer sessions for families of young people in both mainstream and specialist settings.

We also offer specific sessions for families of children whose needs significantly impact cognition, language and communication, and who may be non-speaking or minimally speaking.

To look at dates and book please visit our website, scroll down to Autism Information Sessions and click the button to visit our booking page.



[Autism Information Sessions »](#)
[Cornwall Council](#)



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Coffee Club



Join us for a coffee and a
catch up.

Friday 2nd October 9-10am

Everyone welcome!



Coffee Club



We would like to offer a range of supportive workshops
in our Friday morning Coffee Club.

Please tick which of these you would be interested in attending, and if you have anything you would like to see added as a workshop please let Mrs Miles know.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Phonics | ☐ Keeping your child safe in the community |
| ☐ Cooking | ☐ SPACE course (Supporting Parents And Children Emotionally) |
| ☐ Supporting your child to sleep | ☐ Police - keeping your child safe in the community |
| ☐ TT rockstars | ☐ Trelya |
| ☐ E-safety/ipads | ☐ Your suggestion... |

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