

Pensans Community Primary School Newsletter

SUMMER TERM: 17TH JULY 2026



Mrs Ambrose's Weekly Update

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

So many amazing things to share this week!

We are immensely proud of all our Y6 pupils who have done incredibly well in their SATs this year. The combined data for Reading, Writing and Maths has exceeded the national average. What an amazing accomplishment 😊 Congratulations to all the children for their outstanding effort and commitment. Thank you to Mr Rutterford and the staff team for their unwavering support, and to parents and carers for the encouragement and support you provide every step of the way.

We kicked off the week with the outstanding Minack performance the children involved from Y5 & Y6 took part in on Monday evening. The dedication of the children to practising the songs and choreography over recent weeks absolutely paid off in this once in a lifetime experience for your children to perform on a world renowned theatre and stage. The experiences many actors would love to say they have had the opportunity to have. The strength of our singing and dancing skills amongst all the other schools involved was commented on by audience and organisers alike. We are immensely proud of your achievement. 😊

A group of Y3 -Y6 pupils attending the Exploding Words festival at Penwith College this week celebrating all things literary. The love of books and reading was shared and the children came back to school so excited to tell me of the stories they had listened to, books they had seen and of course the brilliant goodie bag complete with their own book to take home. Mrs Crummay said it was a brilliant event and enjoyed by all.

Super progress has been made by all our Y6 children that have taken part in the intensive swimming programme this week. Their skills have improved greatly and we feel confident that this very important life skill has been a success for the pupils involved.

Another beautiful sunny afternoon on Tuesday was just what we ordered for our Nursery family sports day. It was lovely to see our youngest children having so much fun with the parachute games being a firm favourite together with the many, many balls! All the time being encouraged along the way by family and friends.

Next week:

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Y6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY Thursday 23rd July @ 2.00p.m and Y6 sleep over

EYFS Pirate Party Thursday 23rd July

SCHOOL FINISHES 1.00p.m Friday 24th July

Have a great weekend all 😊

Niki Ambrose

Headteacher's Award

This weeks Headteacher's Awards went to Tamima, Soria, Rahman, Ruben, Eli, Blake, Tinaye, Haruki for the fantastic effort shown in their intensive swimming course.



WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE TODAY TO MAKE
YOU FEEL
-PROUD-

Stars of the Week



Class Stars

Cape
Class

Billie B

for always bringing joy to Cape class by being so kind and caring.

Gwithian
Class

Max

for always being a kind friend and always being respectful

Godrevy
Class

Raeia

for always being a superstar and giving her best.

Porthcurno
Class

Lottie,
Elsie,
Rayna,
Phoebe and
Madison

for their participation and enthusiasm at the Exploding World Festival.

Sennen
Class

Ava P

for always being helpful and lovely to anyone who needs help.

Porthmeor
Class

Levin

for putting 100% into his phonics all week.

Porthminster
Class

Thorin

for his amazing performance at the Minack

Attendance

Our school
target for
attendance is
97%

Monday 13th July- Friday 17th July 2026

1st Place: Porthcurno 98%

2nd Place: Porthmeor 96%

3rd Place: Sennen 95%

☀️ **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

Thurs 23rd July - EYFS end of term Pirate Party

Thursday 23rd July - Leavers Assembly 2pm and Y6 sleepover

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



DID YOU KNOW?

During summer months, students lose an average of 39% of their school year learning gains.

Source: American Educational Research Association

PLAY IN A DAY

CORONATION PARK, HELSTON

THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST

10-4 PM

For all children aged 7-11 years.
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

